



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

>>> The Beaverton Building at “The Beaverton Round”, Third Floor Training Room <<<
12725 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton, OR 97005-1641

AGENDA

I. INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.

II. GUEST SPEAKERS: 8:35 a.m.

- Marc Czornij, U.S. Census Bureau (20 minutes)
“Service-based Census Enumeration 3/30/20 through 4/1/20”
- Tyler Richardson, Customer Resources -Portland General Electric (15 minutes)
“Changes to PGE Payment Options”
- Philip Bransford and Erin Calvert, Washington County Administration (15 minutes)
“Public Safety Levy Measure”

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:25 a.m. Action Item

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:30 a.m.

- \$3,651,999 FY2019 CoC Program Grant Award announced 1/14/2020 for Tier 1 Priority Projects; awaiting HUD announcement for Tier 2 Project
- *Built For Zero* Implementation Update <https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/by-name-case-conferencing.cfm>

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2020

The HSSN is open to the public and all are invited to join – see website for additional information and past meeting agenda, minutes and handouts at <https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/hssn.cfm> Comments regarding the agenda can be directed to Annette Evans, Homeless Program Manager, at 503-846-4760 or email Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us



HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
December 4, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

Goal: Housing and supportive service agencies working to bring a broad spectrum of organizations together as partners in the community to secure funding and other resources needed in providing a continuum of care for individuals and families who are homeless or with special needs.

ATTENDEES:

Anderson-Peoples, Kathy—City of Beaverton	Palma, Victor—CPAH Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Angeles, Nic—Housing Independence	Ramage, Marie—Washington County Vet Treatment Court
Auslander, Jay—WC Mental Health	Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization
Barnes, Sierra—Bridge Meadows	Ruiz, Ally—Community Action Organization
Bittinger, Phyllis—WC Housing Services	Schaeffer-Bisht, Blair—Worksystems
Blaylock, Mark—Bridges to Change	Sell, Wendy—LifeWorks NW
Brownell, Amy—Ecumenical Ministries-Second Home	Sheller, Gayle—DVRC
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program	Smith, Mikaila—Providence
Cardinal, Jessica—4D Recovery	Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries-Second Home
Cockeram, Tami—City of Hillsboro	Trinkle, Jamie—Oregon Law Center
Cohen, Megan—City of Beaverton	Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton CDBG
Emrick, Hannah—Boys & Girls Aid	Valdez, Bianetth—HomePlate Youth Services
Evans, Annette—WC Housing Services	Valencia, Mari—WC Office of Community Development
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	VanTersch, Meghan—CAP
Kasim, Bashar—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	VanVleet, Emily—City of Beaverton
Knutson, Jennifer—Boys & Girls Aid	Weller, Sarah—Write Around Portland
Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund	Williams, Natalie—Washington County
Martinez, Omar—City of Hillsboro	Vezina, Tony—4D Recovery
Pagalan, Mike—Providence St. Vincent	

Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative annette_evans@co.washington.or.us
Co-Chair: Katherine Galian, Nonprofit Agency Representative kgalian@caowash.org

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. GUEST SPEAKERS

John Wheeler, Washington County Cooperative Emergency Management "Shelter Planning in a Disaster"

John explained the urgent need to be planning now for disaster sheltering, given the limited resources available for emergency sheltering in Washington County, and Oregon's lack of experience with major disasters. A major earthquake will result in tens of thousands of disaster victims needing shelter and services; relying solely on federal assistance would be disastrous as well, with help likely delayed for two weeks or longer. The Washington County Emergency Sheltering Framework Project was begun in earnest in August of this year. Hagerty Consulting was hired as the contractor. The core planning team held a kickoff meeting in October and they conducted a stakeholder identification workshop in an effort to make it a whole community effort. Development of a GIS tool to support shelter distribution is in progress. The core planning team will conduct another workshop on December 10, 2019. Current planning considerations include mission, vision and values; planning scenarios; roles and responsibilities; and models for shelter operation. Opportunities for engagement and involvement include facilities, personnel, services, equipment/supplies/food, subject matter expertise, and advocacy/representation. The

current project phase includes development of a framework for disaster sheltering, which will be completed in April; after that is completed, operational planning considerations will be examined. There are tentative plans for a sheltering exercise to take place in Spring 2021 and a multi-day exercise is planned for June 13-16, 2022. Additional information about the Washington County Emergency Sheltering Framework Project can be found at https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/upload/WashCo_EShelterFramework_1-Page.pdf.

Marisa Zapata, PhD, Portland State University "Governance, Costs and Revenue Raising to Address and Prevent Homelessness in the Portland Tri-County Region"

Marisa pointed out that 38,000 people experienced homelessness in the tri-county area in 2017, according to the U.S. Department of Education's numbers. Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) reports were used to base estimates for the costs of housing and supporting the homeless population over a 10-year period at a range of levels, looking at construction, rent assistance, administration, system support and employment services. The results showed that it would cost \$2.6 billion to \$4.1 billion over a period of ten years, without assuming any ongoing support levels. Another area examined was the cost to prevent homelessness. In 2017, approximately 107,000 households were housing insecure, while 82,576 households paid more than half of their income towards rent—HUD definitions were not used to determine these numbers. The estimated costs to address housing insecurity are \$10.7 billion to \$21 billion.

Despite best-case scenarios for funding, there are not enough units available to house everyone. In the event federal funding to address homelessness diminishes, a range of revenue options should be explored collectively. These options could include payroll taxes, income taxes on the highest earners, bond measures, increasing commercial property tax values, real estate transfer taxes, corporate taxes, business license taxes/fees, gross receipt taxes, sales tax, luxury item taxes and flat rate taxes on individual income. A tri-county/regional approach to governance is an effective option for working together to identify opportunities to address homelessness.

Tony Vezina, 4D Recovery "Recovery Drop-in Center Opening in Hillsboro"

Tony provided details about 4D Recovery, which is a recovery community organization that offers a variety of recovery support services to people between the ages of 18-35, in partnership with systems, communities and individuals. 4D implements the Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) approach, which involves a coordinated network of community-based services. The system is person-centered, with the goal of achieving abstinence, better health/wellness and improved quality of life for those experiencing, or at risk of, alcohol and drug problems. Partners in the ROSC include DHS, the criminal justice system, hospitals, the education system, alcohol and drug treatment systems, and the surrounding community. Recovery Community Centers serve as recovery hubs. 4D is operated by people who are in recovery and provides peer-based support services while advocating on behalf of recovery communities. Recovery support services free and are nonclinical and can be provided prior to, during and after treatment; services include housing, peer support, the community center, recovery meetings/events, and civic engagement. In addition to a location in Portland, a 4D community center recently opened in Hillsboro, at 362 SW Oak Street.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve November 6, 2019 meeting minutes.

Action: Katherine Galian

Second: Meghan VanTersch

Vote: Approved, unanimous

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

2020 Point-in-Time Homeless Count - Pat Rogers.

Pat explained that they have been meeting for about six months, beginning with a debriefing for the previous year's Point-in-Time Count (PIT) process, with an eye towards implementing any necessary improvements. They have been in the planning process since July, with monthly meetings. The 2020 PIT will take place on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Four of the Washington County municipalities—Forest Grove, Beaverton, Tigard and Hillsboro—will be counting on the same day. With the exception of Forest Grove, each municipality has the involvement of their municipal police departments. There are point persons from each area that are part of the planning process. In addition to counting all four of those municipalities, during subsequent days in January, they will also be conducting PIT counts of outlying areas that were not able to be covered on the 22nd. These areas include Tualatin, Sherwood, Gaston, and other outlying areas. The schedule for those days has not yet been determined. There is a volunteer Web-based sign-up tool for anyone interested participating in the PIT count. Training sessions are provided before participation. Links to the tool can be found online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4ea4ae28a4f49-2020>. The next planning meeting is scheduled for December 16th.

Local Implementation Update on *Built for Zero* - Annette Evans and Katherine Galian

Annette reported on the *Built for Zero* initiative to reduce homelessness to zero. Kaiser Permanente paid for Washington County to participate in the *Built for Zero* initiative, and Community Solutions is the non-profit that is leading it nationally. The primary focus in Washington County will be on chronic homelessness through the initial phase, but once they get chronic homelessness ended or reduced, they will be looking at families and youth to leverage and expand this work. The effort will bring together real-time data of people in the community using a by-name list with homeless individuals contacted within the last 90-days. The case conference stakeholder convening scheduled for December 4 is to organize with housing and service providers to ask the executive directors to make a long-term commitment of staff who will attend meetings at least twice a month and work outside of those meetings to help individuals who are identified as chronically homeless to get them into housing. The timeline is aggressive for this effort: to end chronic homelessness within 12-18 months, which translates to housing approximately 10 chronically homeless individuals per month. In order to get the by-name list, outreach work needs to be enhanced.

Katherine reported that Community Action is leading the outreach subcommittee effort and stated they have three primary tasks: 1) have a process to track those who are not currently engaging in the system; 2) have a coordinated plan to ensure the entire geography of the continuum is covered; and 3) have a process, system and plan for engaging with that unsheltered population. The street outreach group will be meeting on December 11th at 9 am at the Community Action office in Hillsboro. Anyone who is aware of homeless individuals who are not engaging with the system are encouraged to attend or share that information. Monthly outcomes of the *Built for Zero* progress will be reported to Community Solutions and progress updates will also be posted on the Washington County Website. More information on *Built for Zero* can be found online at <https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/by-name-case-conferencing.cfm>

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Boys and Girls Aid transitional living program is looking for a male identified person aged 18-24 years old for the homeless/at risk of homelessness program.
- The City of Hillsboro is accepting applications for public services funding, and the date for that is Friday, December 6th and will be open for approximately 35 days. Workshops will not be provided, but any interested agencies can schedule an appointment to determine eligibility status. A network announcement will provide further details.

- The City of Beaverton CDBG NOFA will come out in early January, and the workshop will be held January 8th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Beaverton City Hall Training Center with mandatory attendance without a waiver. Alan Trunnell will be retiring in two weeks, but Kathy Anderson-Peoples will be the acting CDBG coordinator until the City makes a more permanent decision.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Phyllis Bittinger, Washington County Department of Housing Services

Handouts:

- Scale, Scope and Cost-PSU
- Case Conference Stakeholder Convening for *Built for Zero* Initiative

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