



**HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK**

*Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County*

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

**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.**

- Ms. Sherrie Byrnes, Executive Director  
“Community Hands Up”
- Mr. Destin Ferdun, Senior Project Manager  
“BRIDGE Housing”

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

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

- HSSN Governance – Election of Positions ..... Action Item

<b>Positions (HSSN Workgroup)</b>	<b>Current Slate of Nominees</b>
Workgroup: Mainstream Resource Provider (Term ends 6/2021)	Mellani Calvin, ASSIST
Workgroup: Housing Authority (Term ends 6/2020)	Jill Smith, Housing Authority of Washington County

- A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.
- *Congratulations* to our HSSN partners on \$3,467,881 FY2017 CoC Program grant award to renew existing CoC Programs.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Guest Speaker(s):

Sven Gatcher, Mercy Corps NW Community Investment Trust  
Amanda Caffall, The Commons Law Center

Comments or questions regarding the agenda can be directed to Annette Evans at 503-846-4760



**HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK**  
**Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County**  
Beaverton Building  
January 3, 2018, 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:**

Auslander, Jay—Washington County Mental Health  
Becker, Emily—Oregon Food Bank  
Brouse, Renee—Good Neighbor Center  
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center  
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.  
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program  
Cervantes, Maria—DHS Tigard  
Earp, Eric—Bridges to Change  
Eckhardt, Kristy—Washington County Housing Services  
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services  
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization  
Groesz, Joshua—Salvation Army Veterans & Family  
Hester, Pam--CareOregon  
Martinez, Omar—City of Hillsboro  
Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development

Nelson, Barbara—Veteran Family Resource Center  
Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counselling Center  
Potter, Yvette—Washington County DAVS  
Ram, Sarala—CODA, Inc.  
Ritter, Jeanne-Marie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.  
Rogers, Pat—Community Action Organization  
Ruiz-Hom, Elise—Boys & Girls Aid  
Salisbury, Susan—Community Action Organization  
Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton  
Schimmel, Brian—FG Temporary Emergency Shelter  
Smith, Gary—U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs  
Stavreva, Silvia—Bridges to Change  
Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living/DEAR  
Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton CDBG  
Weller, Sarah—Write Around Portland  
Yerotr, Erin—Family Promise of Washington County

Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative [annette\\_evans@co.washington.or.us](mailto:annette_evans@co.washington.or.us)  
Co-Chair: Katherine Galian, Nonprofit Agency Representative [kgalian@caowash.org](mailto:kgalian@caowash.org)

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

**II. GUEST SPEAKER**

**Pat Rogers, Community Action and Jeanne-Marie Ritter, Luke-Dorf, Inc.  
“2018 Point-In-Time Homeless Census”**

Pat Rogers and Jeanne-Marie Ritter spoke to the HSSN about the upcoming Point-In-Time count. HUD requires continuums across the country to report the number of people who are homeless at a particular time of the year. The annual homeless count facilitates the need for continuums to collect data and report on the number of homeless. The data is used for (1) housing and service planning, (2) demonstrating need, (3) raising public awareness, (4) accurately identifying the needs population, e.g. chronically homeless, and (5) measuring performance in reducing/ending homelessness.

The 2018 PIT will take place the week of January 24 through January 31. The county has been divided into regions, within those regions the focus will be on areas known to have homeless people such as; bottle drops, libraries, freeway onramps, and campsites. Severe Weather Shelter and Meal Sites will also be included in the count.

The PIT as helped to raise public awareness of the homeless problem facing Washington County. This increase in awareness has led to several new programs including; Severe Weather Shelter Network, Community Connect, Just Compassion, and Project Homeless

Connect. In addition to programs, the PIT has led to the allocation of County General Funds that help finance the programs that service this population.

For more information on the 2018 PIT contact Pat Rogers or Jeanne-Marie Ritter or visit the Homeless Counts and PIT Resources page at:

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/homeless-data-and-point-in-time-activities.cfm>

### III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

**Motion:** Approve the December 6, 2017 HSSN meeting minutes.

**Action:** Gordon Teifel

**Second:** Pat Rogers

**Vote:** Approved, unanimous.

### IV. Reports and Program Updates

**Children (Homeless Education Network):** Alma Hernandez [hernanda@hsd.k12.or.us](mailto:hernanda@hsd.k12.or.us)

**Next Meeting:** January 16, 2018

Annette reported the next HEN meeting will be at 10:00 a.m., Hillsboro School District Offices. There will be a presentation on the school participating in the 2018 PIT count.

**Youth:** Drew Williamson [dwilliamson@boysandgirlsaid.org](mailto:dwilliamson@boysandgirlsaid.org)

Nothing reported.

**Homelessness:** Pat Rogers [progers@caowash.org](mailto:progers@caowash.org)

**Next Meeting:** TBA

Pat reported this group currently is not meeting for this purpose. It has branched off to committees surrounding the upcoming PIT count and planning for A Road Home. This group will meet in February.

**Permanent Housing:** Jeff Salvon [jsalvon@beavertonoregon.gov](mailto:jsalvon@beavertonoregon.gov)

**Next Meeting:** January 4, 2018

Jeff reported this group is involved in the strategy planning for A Road Home. They are working on a Housing Inventory that lists affordable units at or below 50% AMI to include in the next phase as well as strategies for addressing housing.

**DD Dialogue:** Gordon Teifel [dearinc@me.com](mailto:dearinc@me.com)

**Next Meeting:** Not announced

Gordon shared his support for Measure 101. If this measure fails, it could mean cuts to Oregon Health Plan and services for people with developmental disabilities. His group is advocating for voters to pass this measure. Gordon also reported on upcoming Oregon Legislative schedule; February 14, 10 am-2 pm, February 27, 10 am-2 pm, and March 6 12 pm-2 pm.

**Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee:**

Annette Evans [annette\\_evans@co.washington.or.us](mailto:annette_evans@co.washington.or.us)

**Next Meeting:** January 22, 2018

Annette reported this committee is involved in the work surrounding A Road Home. Currently the focus is on the linkage between discharge from institutions to assistance programs and support services. This group is discussing how to fund services to help people access housing.

**Veterans:** Cole Schnitzer [cole.schnitzer@va.gov](mailto:cole.schnitzer@va.gov)

Next Meeting: Not Reported

Cole Schnitzer reported the successful opening of Pomeroy Place in December. The project has 20 units with veteran preference, currently there are 4 families and 4 individuals leasing that have moved into Pomeroy from the Salvation Army Veteran and Family Center.

**Washington County Reentry Council:**

Nothing reported.

**Seniors:** Yvette Potter [yvette\\_potter@co.washington.or.us](mailto:yvette_potter@co.washington.or.us)

Next Meeting:

Yvette Potter reported the State of Oregon is changing its service priority levels which will decrease the number of senior and disabled clients that qualify for Medicaid assistance. This is likely to affect around 1,100 Medicaid clients state wide. In Washington County, Disability, Aging, and Veteran Services (DAVS) is working with Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) to provide Options Counseling, Benefit Enrollment Center services and Veteran Services for those that are impacted by this change.

Washington County DAVS has also partnered with Community Action on the Elderly Rental Assistance Program (ERA). The ERA program assists elderly over 58 years with rental assistance for up to 18 months. Allowing the client time to access other income supportive services and housing option, to establish a more long-term, stable solution. DAVS works to provide these types of supportive options with housing waitlist applications, veteran compensation benefits, Options Counseling services, and assistance with securing other wrap-around services.

DAVS is in the process of hiring two new case managers. The jobs will provide service coordination to Oregon Project Independence, Options Counseling and Care Transitions programs. These programs can provide services to homeless clients or those clients that are at risk of homelessness.

**Community Connect Oversight Committee:** Annette Evans

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Next Meeting: February 23, 2018

Annette reported the committee is currently reviewing how its policy aligns with HUD CPD Notice 17-01. She has asked HUD for technical assistance to ensure compliance by the HUD deadline set for January 23, 2018.

The possibility of changing to a VI-SPDAT model is under review by the Community Connect Oversight Committee; however, the Fair Housing Council of Oregon has provided written concerns for this assessment model due to potential for discrimination.

**Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup:** Annette Evans

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Next Meeting: February 9, 2018

Annette reported that Matt Mattia will make a presentation at the February 9 meeting on the Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) Budget Consultation with the Continuum of Care. Other items on the agenda include review of the PIT count.

**Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC):** *Annette Evans*

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Next Meeting: April 19, 2018

Annette reported the January 18 HPAC meeting has been cancelled due to most members attending the *Addressing Homelessness: A Dialogue between Faith and Government* forum being held by Vision Action Network and Project Homeless Connect.

At the April meeting, the HPAC will review and formally approve the draft version of A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, to then be submitted to the County Board of Commissioners in June.

**Homeless Management Information System:** *Annette Evans*

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Kristy Eckhardt reported the updated version of the HMIS User Manual is nearly complete and includes 4 sections; Basic Training Guide, Intermediate Data Entry, Agency Administrator Information, and FAQ's. The manual will be uploaded to the HMIS page on the county website at [www.co.washington.or.us/homeless](http://www.co.washington.or.us/homeless).

**V. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**HSSN Workgroup (CoC Board)—Nominations Open For Vacant Positions**

The HSSN Workgroup board has vacancies for a Mainstream Resource Provider and Housing Authority Executive Director. Katherine nominated Mellani Calvin from ASSIST to fill the Mainstream Resource Provider position. Mellani accepted the nomination. Annette nominated the newly appointed Executive Director of Housing, Jill Smith. Additional nominations for Mainstream Service Provider should be submitted to Annette or Katherine no later than January 22 to be included on the agenda. The Workgroup will vote on nominees at the February meeting.

**A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness**

Each of the four workgroups has 2 meetings left to finalize strategies. All planning work will be completed by end of February so the draft plan can be prepared in March and presented to the HSSN and HPAC at their April meetings.

The Housing, Homeless, and Human Support workgroups presented updates during the Reports and Updates portion. The Economic Support workgroup, led by Katherine Galian, is in the process of developing strategies focused on cash and non-cash sources of income and how to connect people to mainstream benefits as soon as possible. The next meeting is January 17<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 4 pm at Community Action.

A copy of the results from the Survey Monkey that Katherine sent out to agencies is available along with meeting agendas and notes for all workgroups online at:

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/a-road-home.cfm>

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Katherine Galian announced the Energy Assistance Line is once again accepting calls. High call volumes the last few months. Email line is always open the link is on the Community Action website <http://caowash.org> . Persons do not have to be behind or in fear of shut off in order to receive this budget relief.
- Matt Mattia announced the Fair Housing Council of Oregon is holding their annual poster design contest. March 16 is the deadline for entries. Participants must be in grades 1-8. The grand prize is \$100. Matt will bring copies of winning posters to the April meeting. He provided the HSSN with an informational brochure.

- Gordon Teifel shared a story about an Eagle Scout community service project to collect hygiene bags for the homeless. When asked why he wanted to do this, the boy shared that he had been adopted from a homeless mom and he just wants to help the homeless.
- Pat Rogers announce the recent hiring of a Community Connect Coordinator to oversee the daily operations and focus on resolving gaps and issues in the system.
- Josh Groesz announced the upcoming front desk receptionist job. Position is part time and weekends.
- Sarah Weller reported that Write Around Portland is looking for partners to participate in the Spring 2018 Creative Writing Workshop. Interested persons should contact Sarah or visit the Write Around website at: <https://writearound.org>.
- Maria Cervantes announced the development of a food pantry at the Tigard DHS Self-Sufficiency office. The food will be given to persons coming into the office to help them out until they receive assistance. She is looking for donations to build inventory.
- Elise Ruiz-Hom announced that Safe Place is hiring a part time and an overnight relief staff person. Information on the Boys & Girls Aid website: <https://www.boysandgirlsaid.org>.
- Emily Becker announced Oregon Food Bank now open to one time donations to events that will benefit low-income persons. They are also seeking more partners within the community in an effort to get more food out to those in need. Interested agencies should contact Emily.
- Barbara Nelson announced the opening of the Washington County Family Justice Center will be in February.
- Renee Brouse announced Good Neighbor Center is hiring a weekend Resident Support and an on-call person. Just Compassion has purchased a building on Hall Boulevard in Tigard to be used as a day center.
- Jeanne-Marie announced the outreach position has been posted on the Luke-Dorf website: <http://www.luke-dorf.org>.
- Jeff Salvon announced the deadline of January 12 for applications to the tax exemption program for non-profit affordable housing projects.
- Yvette Potter announced DAVS will be holding a 6 week workshop for caregivers “Power tools for Caregivers” beginning February 1.
- Mellani Calvin reported on the outcomes ASSIST has seen in the year since receiving a Meyer Memorial Trust grant and a CDBG grant. These grants funded two programs that help disabled persons get connected to SSI and SSDI. In the first year they received 246 referrals, of those they enrolled 40 people. They had a first year goal of having 10 complete decisions; they exceeded that goal with 18. One person used their money to make a down payment on a home and three others, who had been at risk of losing their homes, were able to pay their mortgages.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kristy Eckhardt, Washington County Department of Housing Services

Handouts:

- Brochure: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Housing Poster Contest, Spring2018

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