



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

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.**
 - Juri Hobbs, Portland Rescue Mission
“The Rescue Mission Continuum of Programs”
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:00 a.m.**
 - Approve the February 6 meeting minutes Action Item
- IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES: 9:05 a.m.**
 - Subcommittee Reports
 - Homeless Education Network
 - Youth
 - Homelessness
 - Permanent Housing
 - Developmental Disability (DD) Dialogue
 - Veterans/Seniors
 - “Community Connect” Oversight Committee
 - HSSN Workgroup [the CoC Board] – April 12 at 8:30 am
 - Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC) – April 18 at 2:30 pm
- V. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:20 a.m.**
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) consultation with the CoC
Approve Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Allocation Methodology Action Item
 - Public Services Pre-Visioning Process (Update)
 - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awards \$3,853,943 in FY2018 CoC Program to Washington County OR-506CoC, see details online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/2018-oregon-coc-grants.pdf>
 - Tri-County Equitable Plan for Permanent Supportive Housing (Update)
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2019

The HSSN is open to the public and all are invited to join. Comments regarding the agenda can be directed to Annette Evans, Homeless Program Manager, at 503-846-4760.



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Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
February 6, 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:

Bonvino, Cecilia—Community Action Organization	Percy-Marston, Karla—Beaverton SD Help Center
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Pero, David—McKinney-Vento Liaison/HEN
Calfee, Bridget—HomePlate Youth Services	Petros, Cadence—City of Beaverton
Carnell, Kathryn—Boys & Girls Aid	Potter, Yvette—WC Dept of Aging & Veteran Services
Cervantes, Maria—DHS Tigard	Ram, Sarala—CODA Inc.
Cockeram, Tami—City of Hillsboro	Rizo, Regina—Veteran Affairs HUD-VASH
Coppiano, Zoila—Community Action Organization	Robert, Lydia—Housing Independence
Cottrell, Tonia—Citizen-Vose NAC	Rogers, Nicholas—Community Action Organization/SSV
Donner, Crystal—Community Action Organization	Salisbury, Susan—Community Action Organization
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services	Salo, Jenny—Impact NW
Fellger, Vara—Washington County Housing Services	Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Garcia-Snell, Amanda—WC County Administrative Office	Schimmel, Brian—Old Town Church
Gibb, Courtney—Hillsboro School District	Sell, Wendy—LifeWorks NW
Greene, Jacen—PSU-Impact Entrepreneurs/HRAC	Shuey, Kemp—Community Action Organization
Hartye, Chris—City of Hillsboro	Solares, Ellie—Project Access Now
Hawkins, Ann—WC Office of Community Development	Sparr, Nina—Veteran Affairs HUD-VASH
Hobbs, Juri—Portland Rescue Mission	Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries-Second Home
Koch, Ali—Mental Health Association of Oregon	Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living/DEAR
Koulax, Ashley—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Trinh, John—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Lee-Anderson, Jennifer—Beaverton Social Justice League	Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton CDBG
Loverin, Robert—Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc.	Tucker, Erica—REACH CDC
Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund	Tutor, Marianne (O’Neille) Mental Health Assoc. of Oregon
Martinez, Omar—City of Hillsboro	Vakkai, Rose—Citizen
Mohamed, Roukia—REACH CDC	Valdez, Bianetth—HomePlate Youth Services
Nash, Fletcher—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Weller, Sarah—Write Around Portland
Palestino, Sara—Beaverton SD Help Center	Wilson, Shannon—Housing Authority of Washington County
Palma, Victor—CPAH	Zapata, Marisa—PSU-Urban Planning/HRAC

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:

Marisa Zapata, Associate Professor, Urban Studies & Planning, PSU
“Homeless Research and Action Collaborative”

The Homeless Research and Action Collaborative (HRAC) was one of two Centers of Excellence chosen to move forward from an applicant pool of 28 entities from Portland State University (PSU) and awarded \$1.5 million over three years (\$500,000 per year). Their goals are to conduct interdisciplinary, university-wide, and community based research;

reframe public discourse and understanding; inform local and state policymaking and programs; produce evidence-based research to reduce healthcare and public safety costs; and identify opportunities to achieve racial equity. Their research will focus on the following areas: 1) Reduce homelessness at PSU. They will look at the geographical makeup of residents on campus to learn what PSU as an institution (internally) can do and what it could do to become a better anchor institution (externally); 2) Change the narrative to create action through education and information. Inspired by the OPB documentary “Unprepared”, their dream is to create a documentary that would provoke thought about societal consequences of not being prepared to deal with homelessness; 3) Develop innovative approaches for unsheltered communities. The homeless definition they have adopted not only includes those who are unsheltered, but those doubled and tripled up as well. The research will focus on tiny home/pod villages to learn what they can look like, how they can function, topology, governance, and their impact on neighbors and neighborhoods. They also hope to develop a regional plan (Tri-County) to address waste management and hygiene; 4) Position housing as healthcare. This research will look into health costs to the homeless individual as well as to the community. Fuse studies are being conducted in Multnomah and Clackamas counties to identify high utilizers of public services (health care and criminal justice systems) to learn whether public expenditure is reduced when housing is prescribed as a health remedy. She noted a fuse study in Washington County may be beneficial in light of cross jurisdictional issues; 5) Policy and program evaluation. Identify the policies (structural issues) that enabled the current state of homelessness and the innovative policy approaches that are needed to address the issue long term. They hope the research will help non-profits understand what they are doing well, where they need help and to share knowledge across groups. For more information, contact Marisa Zapata at mazapata@pdx.edu or Greg Townley at gtownley@pdx.edu.

Questions & Answers:

Do you plan to provide periodic updates on your research findings?

The funding they received requires an annual report in some form. Also, the HRAC is considered a permanent research center and they have obtained philanthropic support to exist for the next five years. The preferred method of reporting their findings would be through continual contact with groups. Annette Evans will invite PSU to provide annual updates at future HSSN meetings.

Washington County did a cost study of chronically homeless individuals and families about five years ago and found costs for families increased upon re-housing. How do you plan to address an increase in costs if your research makes a similar finding?

Marisa admitted not being compelled by cost arguments to address issues. It is very difficult to capture all of the real costs to a program. Often, cost savings may be funneled to different regions and not reflected in the jurisdiction in question. Lifetime costs also need to be considered. She gave the example of the study showing children who had experienced displacement had lower lifetime earnings than those who had stable housing.

What is the funding source?

The HRAC will receive \$500,000 per year for three years from PSU, received a \$1 million contribution from the Boyle family and secured several other philanthropic gifts as well. They will also be looking for government funding (National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Mental Health and National Institutes of Health).

What kind of participation are you looking for from municipalities and non-profits?

They are putting together a local advisory board and will be looking for 20-25 people to serve, as well as a national research board to bring together people throughout the country to guide the work of the NRAC. Before selecting the Centers of Excellence, PSU sent out proposals to researchers throughout the country to determine if the ideas included were credible and could be scaled nationally. Affinity/Caucus Groups will also be created to bring people together from different areas (non-profits, lived experience, persons of color). Marisa

offered to speak to as many groups as her schedule allowed to learn how the issues presented themselves in Washington County specifically, and what role research could play. **In terms of regional planning, waste management, hygiene centers and looking at currently existing villages, are you looking for input from homeless advocates?**

Yes. They are running an Open House model and want advocates in attendance. They acknowledge they will have to meet people where they are if they are looking for input from people with lived experience. They have several people who have experience with “village” work. The hygiene and waste management piece is in the formative stage is open to anyone that is interested. It will include participation from METRO and possibly developers of the Compassionate Change District on the Portland Eastside.

Will you be looking to a different first responder model in terms of mental health responders, given the recent incident where a person experiencing a mental health crisis was shot and killed by a first responder from Portland Police?

They do have an area looking at criminal justice issues and interactions between police and people who have lived experience as homeless and how to address negative encounters. They are working with the police at PSU who had been involved with a similar incident, and are looking forward to being involved in coming up with a solution.

Cadence Petros, City of Beaverton; Chris Hartye, City of Hillsboro; and Amanda Garcia-Snell, Washington County

“Community Engagement for Metro Affordable Housing Bond Phase I”

Cadence Petros provided an overview of the \$652.8 million Metro Affordable Housing Bond (Bond) passed by the voters in November 2018 which is projected to develop approximately 3900 units of affordable housing, 1600 of which will be dedicated to those with $\leq 30\%$ area median income (AMI). Metro will provide oversight and overall compliance (covenants and agreements of the Bond); however, implementation/construction of the units will be determined by local jurisdictions to include the three housing authorities (Home Forward, Washington County Housing Authority and Clackamas County Housing Authority) and four Community Development Block Grant entitlement cities (Hillsboro, Beaverton, Gresham and Portland). The Constitutional Amendment which also passed in November that allows non-government entities to use bond funds. Units are allocated by assessed values, as follows: Hillsboro (\$40 million) 284 units, 117 of which allocated to individuals $\leq 30\%$ AMI; Beaverton (\$31 million) 218 units, 89 to $\leq 30\%$ AMI, and the remainder for Washington County (\$116 million) 814 units, 334 $\leq 30\%$ AMI. Jurisdictions have committed to using a racial equity lens in the implementation planning process to make sure Bond funds serve those they are meant to serve and includes feedback from the community in the development of local implementation strategies.

All jurisdictions have been meeting regularly at Metro for the past three months. Metro Council adopted a Work Plan which outlines roles and responsibilities for the Bond's implementation. They also approved and adopted a Regional Oversight Committee charged with overseeing bond compliance for the next few years. They recognize Project-based Housing Choice Vouchers (PBV) are a critical piece to achieving the depth of affordability of the Bond and have been working at the county level to determine how PBV's will be allocated across jurisdictions, how those jurisdictions will work together on community engagement, and to ensure residents receive the social services they need to be most successful. A consultant has been hired to develop the framework of local implementation strategies which will be the operative document that will describe how jurisdictions plan to spend their allocated Bond funds. It is in the development of those local implementation strategies that they will need the most help from the community.

Amanda Garcia-Snell noted, through an equity lens and limited time, they are looking to existing groups and intend to use existing data to help identify who is missing from the

conversation, who traditionally has not been at the table. Following the Question and Answer period, participants broke into four smaller groups to provide feedback to two questions: 1) What community based organizations, service providers, advocacy groups, and communities should we connect with for input about Metro Bond implementation strategies; 2) What questions do we need to ask to better understand access and barriers to permanent housing. All feedback provided will be compiled in one document and shared with the HSSN membership via the Listserv. For more information or additional feedback, contact Cadence Petros at cpetros@beavertonoregon.gov; Chris Hartye at chris.hartye@hillsboro-oregon.gov and Amanda Garcia-Snell at Amanda_Garcia-Snell@co.washington.or.us.

Questions and Answers:

Why was only 41% of the bond funds allocated to individuals with incomes at ≤30% AMI? Why not all?

The rents at the deeply affordable rate are not enough to cover ongoing operations. PBV's are needed to make the projects sustainable over time. Also, there are many people who are unable to find affordable housing in our region with ≤60% AMI. They want to be able to provide housing for those folks as well. To add to the financial challenges, these affordable housing units will be built at a time when the costs of their construction are high.

Will there be a priority for the most vulnerable (those with disabilities or homelessness issues)? How many units will be allocated to the most vulnerable?

They are looking for feedback to figure out how to best serve a variety of individuals including those most vulnerable (those with mental illness and chronic homelessness). There is also a need for additional funding. The Bond funds can be used to build the buildings to house individuals, but cannot be used for supportive services necessary to keep them housed. Part of the reason they want to be closely aligned with Washington County is to better understand the existing network for funding, how they can connect people to the service providers within the network and how they can use the network to help identify and fill gaps. The Metro Bond framework does not specify the number within the deeply affordable units to be designated for PSH or other need. It will be difficult to determine need and viability with service providers prior to the community engagement piece.

Annette Evans shared an update on the Metro funded Tri-County Housing Equity Plan for Permanent Supportive Housing to be released to the Metro Policy Advisory Council (MPAC) at 5:00pm on February 27 and the Washington County Board of County Commissioners on April 9. [NOTE: The Tri-County Equity Plan presentation to MPAC was rescheduled to March 13.] The Tri-County Equity Plan identifies 226 units of Permanent Supportive Housing is needed in Washington County to serve chronically homeless and homeless individuals and families, and includes the Metro bond model calculations to include percentage of acquisition vs. build, service and operation costs.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the January 2, 2019 HSSN meeting minutes.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Cecilia Bonvino

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Survey (Survey)

Ann Hawkins reported the development of the Consolidated Plan is an 18-month process to gather, prepare and submit information to HUD. She noted the Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Survey submission deadline has been extended to February 22 and provided an alternate way to access the survey (via Community

Development website) other than the Survey Monkey link provided on the agenda. She encouraged agencies to complete multiple surveys to needs. Contact Ann at Ann_hawkins@co.washington.or.us for additional questions. Alan Trunnell added the Consolidated Plan drives the county and city funding and is based on the input provided by the community.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annette Evans reported HUD funding awards for renewal projects were announced on January 26 and Washington County was awarded \$3,557,415. She was awaiting the announcement for new projects, of which Washington County was hoping to receive an additional \$488,000.
- Regina Rizo introduced Nina Sparr who recently joined the Veteran Affairs HUD-VASH team.
- Courtney Gibb of Hillsboro School District announced the Homeless Education Network (HEN) meeting on February 21 that will include presentations from Mt. Hood Community College Bridge Program and Job Corp, and a discussion on the Point-In-Time (PIT) count in the districts.
- Kathryn Carnell of Boys & Girls Aid announced The Anchor Home program serving teen boys needing more specialized support than DHS foster care has launched and is doing well. They are; however, still in need of foster parents and asked anyone interested in fostering or providing any kind of support services, to contact her directly at kcarnell@boysandgirlsaid.org.
- Bianeth Valdez announced HomePlate was accepting applications for an Opportunity Navigator position (26 hours per week) to help youth navigate goals. Also, HomePlate is holding their annual fundraiser, Stand Up for HomePlate, on April 23 at PCC-Rock Creek; 5:30pm-7:30pm.
- Sarala Ram announced CODA, Inc. was rapidly expanding and had many open positions at several sites. She directed anyone interested to go to their website, codainc.org and to use her name as a reference.
- Alan Trunnell inquired about the number of people who were aware of Beaverton's Housing Options meeting that was recently held. A few people raised their hands.
- Ali Koch of Mental Health & Addiction Assoc. of Oregon announced a PeerZone Workshop Facilitator Training on March 18-21, 2019 in Portland. She offered to provide similar training on-site to any organization that might be interested.
- John Trinh announced Luke-Dorf was partnering with National Alliance of Mental Illness of Washington County (NAMI) to hold a comedy show fundraiser on April 2 at the Broadway Rose Theater in Tigard to fight stigma, one joke at a time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Vara Fellger, Washington County Department of Housing Services

Handouts:

- Flyer, PeerZone Workshop Facilitator Training March 18-21, 2019

To be added to the HSSN email list, contact Annette Evans at Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us