



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, June 5, 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.

- Jennie Proctor, Washington County Office of Community Development
“Results of CDBG Non-Housing Needs Assessment – Review Objective Statements”

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

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

- Election of HSSN Co-Chair and HSSN Workgroup (CoC Board) positions Action Item

Positions	Slate of Nominees
HSSN At-Large Co-Chair	*Katherine Galian, Community Action
Federal Programs: ESG/CDBG/HOME	*Mari Valencia Aguilar, Office of Community Development
Victims of Domestic Violence	*Rowie Taylor, Domestic Violence Resource Center
Chronic Homeless Populations	*Lindsay Downen, Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Families With Children	*Renee Brouse, Good Neighbor Center
Community Corrections/Jail	*Undersheriff Shawn Fischer
McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Liaison	*David Pero, Forest Grove School District

- Solicitation for Guest Speakers for CoC Planning Calendar 8/2019 through 7/2020, with adoption of the CoC Planning Calendar at August 7 meeting.
- FY2019 CoC Program Grant Application: Pending release of HUD NOFA with tentative project presentation and scoring at August 7 HSSN meeting.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:45 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

No Meeting in July - Observance of 4th of July Holiday

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 7, 2019

Guest Speaker(s):

*PENDING HUD RELEASE: Hold the date for NOFA Bonus Project Presentations and Scoring

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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HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
May 1, 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:

Alexander, Allie—Good Neighbor Center	Ludwig, Anya—Cascade AIDS Project
Axe, Melody—Homewatch 1915i Program	Matti, Vera—Lutheran Community Services
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Nash, Fletcher—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program	Penney, Darcie--DVRC
Cervantes, Maria—DHA-Tigard	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Chavez-Hernandez, Saul—Community Action Organization	Potter, Yvette—WC Dept of Aging & Veteran Services
Cockeram, Tami—City of Hillsboro	Powers, Amy—Oregon Food Bank
Cox, Laurence—Homewatch 1915i Program	Prestoon, Jeremy—DHS-Beaverton
Daniels, Amanda—LifeWorks NW	Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization
Donner, Crystal—Community Action Organization	Sheller, Gayle--DVRC
Dowty, Matt	Smith, Gary—U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
Evans, Annette—WC Housing Services	Solis, Ely—LifeWorks NW
Fellger, Vara—WC Housing Services	Swearingin, Nicole—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Flood, Jessica—Community Action Organization	Taylor, Rosemary "Rowie"—DVRC
Franco, Magali—Tuality Alliance	Teifel, Gordon—Families for Ind. Living & DEAR
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Valdez, Bianetth—HomePlate
Heart, Annie—Family Promise of Washington County	Valencia, Mari—WC Office of Community Development
Herrejon Chavez, Andres—Hillsboro SD-HEN	Vervynck, John--CPAH
Herron, Carol—Just Compassion SWS	Weller, Sarah—Write Around Portland
Koulax, Ashley—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Williamson, Drew—Boys & Girls Aid
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. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the April 3, 2019 HSSN meeting minutes.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Katherine Galian

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

III. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Children (Homeless Education Network): *Andres Herrejon Chavez*

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No report.

Transition-Age Youth (TAY): *Drew Williamson* dwilliamson@boysandgirlsaid.org

Drew reported Beaverton School District's Club Hope volunteers were participating in the subcommittee and are navigating through confidentiality issues that arose in attempts to include participation by youth with lived experience. They are looking at creating a youth handbook and offering a presentation on Youth Rights for runaway homeless youth.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 10, 2019 at 4:30pm, SafePlace Youth Shelter

Homelessness: *Pat Rogers* progers@caowash.org

Pat reported they did not meet last month.

Next Meeting: May 20, 2019 at 3700 SW Murray Road, #195, Beaverton

Housing and Health: *Annette Evans* Annette_evans@co.washington.or.us

Annette reported she recently sent an invitation for the first meeting. Co-Chairing meetings will be Greg Watson, Washington County Mental Health Supervisor. The subcommittee is a combination of the previous Permanent Housing Subcommittee and Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium. She noted convening the combined group was timely, given the Metro Affordable Housing Bond and Tri-County Equitable Housing Strategy work to create supportive housing for vulnerable populations with physical and mental health needs.

Next Meeting: June 24, 2019 10:00am-12:00pm, Juvenile Building, Rm 258

Developmental Disability (DD) Dialogue: *Gordon Teifel* dearinc@me.com

Gordon reported the Coalition of Housing Advocates (CHA) was advocating for good legislation in Salem to support living wages for DD professionals, to fully fund DD case management and protect the Fairview Trust Fund which helps to improve the daily lives of people experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Next Meeting: May 2, 2019 (first Thursday of each month) at 8:30am, Tualatin Room, Beaverton

Veterans: *Gary Smith* gareth.smith@va.gov

Gary reported they are working on "Functional Zero" status, Salvation Army's capacity and room renovation, the Stand Down event and, with the addition of new Case Manager, Nina Sparr, more focus on VASH vouchers.

Next Meeting: To be announced

Seniors: *Yvette Potter* Yvette_potter@co.washington.or.us

Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services (DAVS) were experiencing a large increase in homeless seniors. Funding has run out before the FYE June 30 which severely limits the services they can provide. Yvette would like to create a subcommittee to focus on supporting homeless seniors and invited anyone interested in participating to contact her.

Community Connect Oversight Committee: *Annette Evans*

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Annette reported the next meeting will include continued work on a reset of the system to address changes in community resources and homeless demographics, report on the status of system training, and review the results of the agency survey.

Next Meeting: May 3 at 10:00am, 111 NE Lincoln Street, Room 258, Hillsboro

HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup (the CoC Board)

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At the last meeting, the Board reviewed the 2019 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count methodology and data results, as well as the Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) with discussion on challenges and barriers experienced in meeting bed utilization goals. Both the PIT and HIC data was approved for submission to HUD by April 30. Annette also presented System Performance Measurements (SPM) outcomes for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 to be submitted to HUD by May 31.

Next Meeting: June 21 at 8:30am, 111 NE Lincoln Street, Room 258, Hillsboro

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

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At the April HPAC meeting, partners from Multnomah and Clackamas Counties shared their implementation efforts of the Tri-County Equitable Housing Strategy. In the HPAC Board's effort to engage the business community in the affordable housing conversation, there was a presentation on the Business West Expo event held on April 4 and information presented about the upcoming Building Community for Affordable Housing event through Business Academy on April 25. On April 9 a presentation on the Tri-County Equitable Housing Strategy to Expand Supportive Housing for People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness was presented to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board supports leveraging the Metro Housing Bond and asked that the permanent supportive housing units for homeless outlined in the Tri-County report be included in the Bond Local Implementation Strategy (LIS) plan. The first draft of the LIS is available with public hearings on May 7, May 28 and June 11. The public is invited to review the LIS online at

<https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/AffordableHousingBond/implementation.cfm>

Next Meeting: July 18, 2019 at 2:30pm, 3700 SW Murray, Rm 195, Beaverton

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

HSSN Governance – Term Expiration and Resignations.

The HSSN Governance policy outlines the election process for the Chair/Co-Chair of the HSSN At-Large, and the representative positions on the HSSN Workgroup (the CoC Board). Annette opened nominations for position to include Co-Chair (nonprofit representative) to the HSSN, and Chronic Homeless Population, Families with Children, Community Corrections or Jail, and McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Liaison for the HSSN Workgroup due to terms ending June 30, 2019. Positions representing ESG/CDBG/HOME and Victims of Domestic Violence were both vacated due to resignation. Nominations were open and will continue through May 20 with a slate of nominees to include Katherine Galian, HSSN At-Large Co-Chair; Lindsay Downen, Chronic Homeless representative; Renee Brouse, Families with Children representative; David Pero, McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Liaison; Mari Valencia, ESG/CDBG/Home program presentative; Undersheriff Shawn Fisher, Community Corrections or Jail position; and Rowie Taylor, Victims of Domestic Violence position. All nominees accepted their nominations. The HSSN membership will vote on the nominations at the June 5 meeting.

Dialogue: CoC 2018 System Performance Measurements (SPM).

Annette presented SPM data outcomes for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 to be submitted to HUD by May 31, 2019 and included data for the two years prior. Data was derived from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), a program used by all CoC projects and programs. She posed questions to enable a discussion of challenges and barriers in meeting performance goals and solicited possible solutions that might improve the CoC's system performance for the next reporting period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. She noted SPM outcomes affect the CoC's score on the grant application and stressed the critical importance of improving data quality.

Performance data was reported for Street Outreach (SO), Emergency Shelter (ES), Safe Haven (SH), Transitional Housing (TH), Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), and Permanent Housing (PH).

Katherine noted the strategies we consider should include those that we have control over that make the homeless system more effective and efficient, and those that inform policymakers in areas we do not have control over and provide clear messaging of gaps and unmet need in the homeless system. The Community Connect Oversight Committee is currently addressing some of the systemic and structural processes to improve how programs are engaging with the homeless system.

Gary Smith noted, overall there was a high need for more affordable and supportive housing, specifically for seniors who don't meet the age and disability standard for a foster home or a higher level of care. The struggle at the Salvation Army was client debt and finances, not just housing. He noted a high number of clients on disability, with only 20%-30% employment eligible.

Yvette noted landlord rental criteria often required income of 2-3 times rent which limited seniors primarily on Social Security whose income was \$700. After screening for other income (401k retirement, pension, spousal Social Security or retirement) many have no other income options. Also, in most cases, they were capable of self-care and did not qualify for Medicaid-type care.

Anya Ludwig shared they have had success with increasing income using HUD's "Earned Income Disregard" program which helps incentivize people to go back to work by postponing the decrease in housing benefits due to the increased income for a period of 1-2 years. The grace period gives them time to build and maintain stability. Also, in Multnomah County, they have seen success with Outreach working to assist clients to be "document ready" upon reaching the top of the wait list. She noted it was a tall order to expect clients to be document-ready on their own when the system was ready to accept them.

Fletcher Nash shared, often people couldn't afford to leave their job to take additional training, or classes that could increase their income. WorkSource offered a program where they would pay housing as long as the client had a plan in place. Annette suggested having WorkSource do a presentation at a HSSN meeting.

Annette felt the Continuum should have a discussion and consider adopting a policy around exits to permanent housing when there was a return to shelter in less than 30 days (change exit destination from "permanent" to "temporary" housing). This issue seems to be more prevalent within the youth population, but applied to other populations as well. Drew Williamson acknowledged disagreement with HUD's definitions of exit destinations. For youth, permanent housing was "permanent" until the next fight with a parent or guardian, or the next bridge is burned with the person on whose couch they were sleeping. For other populations, the exit destination might be "permanent" until the next drug relapse, mental health crisis or domestic violence incident. Boys & Girls Aid builds respite into their plans as an option for youth even after exiting from the youth shelter. They also offer Family Reunification services to families where youth returned home, but those are not accepted very often.

Nicole Swearingin shared Multnomah County programs are seeing success in keeping people in housing by having Retention Specialists work with re-housed individuals for a period of time upon gaining housing to help them build stability. Jeff Burnham agreed the retention piece was key to keeping people in housing and also to honor commitments made to landlords who agree to house clients.

An issue was raised regarding seniors, who were not eligible for SSI/SSD, whose primary income was Social Security finding themselves severely rent burdened with rent at over 75% of income and no options for increased income. Mellani Calvin felt there was still room to expand the SSI/SSD channel to identify eligible individuals. She encouraged the membership to contact ASSIST to help clients with the SSI/SSD application process.

Anya raised an issue, when someone is incarcerated for ≥ 30 days, they may lose their Cascade AIDS Project's Voucher and case management. She felt it set them up for failure and re-entry into the homeless system upon exiting the jail. Drew suggested if traditional

fundes mandated termination of services upon incarceration, programs might look for alternative funding that would enable them to continue to provide services to clients in the interim. Yvette Potter suggested programs contact the Washington County HOPE Deputy, Chad Gravely, whenever they need a resource in the Sheriff's office/Jail.

Going forward, the HSSN Subcommittees will review the SPM data to see where changes could be made to programs and projects that might positively affect outcomes for the period ending September 30, 2019. Annette suggested a status report might be provided at the September HSSN meeting.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annette announced that Kristy Eckhardt is hosting a training "HMIS Data Quality Clinic" on June 19 to address common data quality issues. All HMIS Users engaged in the homeless system are encouraged to attend.
- Katherine announced Community Action was in the process of completing the state Work Plan for the biennium for EHA/SHAP funding and don't anticipate any decreases in funding dollars.
- Maria Cervantes announced the Oregon Food Bank have partnered with DHS-Tigard Self-Sufficiency to house a Free Food Market which will be open the third Thursday of every month starting in June.
- Bianeth Valdez announced HomePlate will again have a Wednesday Drop-In for youth beginning in June, now located at the Aloha Church of God across from Aloha High School on Kinnaman Road. Also, HomePlate has hired an Opportunity Navigator who starts May 2, to help young people find employment, education support, housing and childcare.
- Melody Axe introduced HomeWatch 1915i, a Medicaid funded program serving the mental health population whose sole purpose is to help keep people stay in their homes. A Direct Support Specialist is made available for up to 20 hours per week to help with services that will prevent people from being evicted. Services provided may include budgeting, supported employment, ADLs and medication management.
- Tami Cocheram announced Westside Q Resource Center's first community event at the Hillsboro Library was a success with over 50 people attending. She invited anyone interested in engaging to contact her.
- Amy Powers announced with the opening of the DHS-Tigard Self-Sufficiency location, the Oregon Food Bank will now have 13 Free Food Markets in Washington County. Anyone can access fresh produce and pantry staples with no documentation requirements. Flyers are available in 9 different languages at flyers.oregonfoodbank.org.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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

Handouts:

- Oregon Food Bank Free food Market Flyers

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