



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, August 1, 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.

- Peter Brandon, City of Hillsboro
“Municipal High Speed Fiber for Hillsboro Residents”

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:00 a.m. Action Item

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:05 a.m.

- Adopt Annual Work Plan for A Road Home Action Item
- Adopt CoC Planning Calendar for 8/2018 through 7/2019 Action Item
- Adopt the CoC Program Administrative Plan Action Item
- FY2018 CoC Program NOFA. Application due by 9/18/2018 requesting \$3,369,507 to renew project funding, with additional funds available for new competitive projects. The CoC Program RFP was published 7/5/2018, with scoring by the HSSN at the 8/1/2018 meeting and ranking and rating of new and renewal CoC Program-funded projects at the 8/10/18 HSSN Workgroup (the CoC Board) meeting. See meeting details

New Project Proposal Presentation(s) and Scoring:

1. Shelter Plus Care Chronic Expansion - Komi Kalevor, Washington County Housing
2. Rapid Rehousing for People Fleeing Domestic Violence – Rowie Taylor, DVRC

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Guest Speaker(s): Jeanne-Marie Ritter, Bianetth Valdez and Yvette Potter, Outreach Program Presentation

This meeting 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
June 6, 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:

Adams, Jessica—Community Action Organization
Auslander, Jay—Washington County Mental Health
Blaylock, Mark—Bridges to Change
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program
Carnell, Kathryn—Boys & Girls Aid
Carver, Cee—Mental Health Assoc. of Oregon
Cervantes, Maria—DHS Tigard
Cockeram, Tami—City of Hillsboro
Coppiano, Zoila—Community Action Organization
Eckhardt, Kristy—Washington County Housing Services
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services
Fellger, Vara—Washington County Housing Services
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization
Garcia-Gomez, Abelmar—Hillsboro School District
Gonzales, Adriana—Virginia Garcia Memorial Health
Groesz, Joshua—Salvation Army Veterans & Family
Hand, Judy—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Heaton, Lukas—City of Hillsboro
Hester, Pam—CareOregon
Kalevor, Komi—Housing Authority of Wash. Co.
Kreml, Bill—LifeWorks NW
Loch, Toni—Family Justice Center
Ludwig, Anya—Cascade AIDS Project
Mari, Tim—Community Action Organization

Martinez, Omar—City of Hillsboro
Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development
McMahan, Emma—Community Action Organization
Palma, Victor—CPAH
Pearson, Juli—Washington County HHS
Pero, David—McKinney-Vento Liaison/Homeless Ed. Net.
Pinard, Cary—Care Oregon
Potter, Yvette—Washington County DAVS
Reinhardt, Chad—DHS-SSP
Ritter, Jeanne-Marie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Rodriguez, David—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Rogers, Pat—Community Action Organization
Ruiz-Hom, Elise—SafePlace for Youth
Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Schimmel, Brian—FG Temporary Emergency Shelter
Schnitzer, Cole—US Department of Veteran Affairs
Sell, Wendy—LifeWorks NW
Sepulveda, Mary—Care Oregon Virginia Garcia Health
Smelley, LeeAnn—DVRC MMH
Smith, Gary—U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
Stavreva, Silvia—Bridges to Change
Stirnaman, Danielle—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries – Second Home
Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living/DEAR
Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton CDBG
Yokoyama, Kelly—Housing Independence

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 SPEAKER

Tami Cockeram and Lukas Heaton, City of Hillsboro
“Mapping Resources in Washington County – StreetRoots”

Tami Cockeram and Lukas Heaton provided an overview of Lukas’ fellowship research project at the City of Hillsboro. The project focused on the Washington County services listed in the back of *Street Roots*, a resource guide for programs and services available to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless within the tri-county area. The project’s goal was to develop a supplemental document to the *Street Roots* listing, titled, *Next Steps*, that would provide realistic expectations of programs and services being offered by agencies in Washington County. The document is intended to be used by agencies

referring people to programs and services within Washington County, and individuals looking for programs and services in the area. Lukas hoped to have the *Next Steps* document finalized and sent to Annette Evans for distribution to the HSSN membership by June 15. He suggested agencies review and update their listing in *Street Roots* and/or request to be added if not already listed and urged agencies to help distribute the publication and support the local *Street Roots* vendor. With regard to *Next Steps*, he recommended agencies become familiar with the document in order to set realistic expectations of programs and services being offered to clients. He also urged agencies to review the barriers listed for their organizations as part of the document and work toward making it easier for clients to access programs and services, and to work with each other to make the process less cumbersome from the client's perspective.

Questions & Answers:

What is included in the *Next Steps* guide?

Each Washington County agency listed in *Street Roots* would have a corresponding listing in *Next Steps* that would include information in four categories: Timeframe, Eligibility, Process, and Possible Barriers.

Is there an online version of *Street Roots* available?

Not currently. That is something the vendor is working to provide.

Do 211 and *Street Roots* work together?

The organizations do work together to coordinate programs; however, 211info will utilize *Street Roots* information to complement their resource database.

Who will continue with this project once Lukas' fellowship ends?

Hopefully another intern will be able to continue this project.

Did you speak with homeless outreach workers to get their input on barriers?

Lukas only spoke with individuals from organizations. He acknowledged in future, it might be beneficial to solicit input from people accessing services, outreach workers and include more qualitative data to gather more in-depth information.

There was general consensus by September each agency would: 1) Review/update their information as published in *Street Roots* and request to be added if not already listed in an effort to ensure the January *Street Roots* publication has accurate information; and 2) Work toward removing the barriers listed in *Next Steps* for their organization within the constraints of funding and capacity.

Kathryn Carnell, Boys & Girls Aid

"Foster Care Program"

Kathryn Carnell provided a brief history of Boys & Girls Aid and the services they currently provide which emphasize building lifelong connections with a focus on permanency and trauma-informed care. She gave a brief synopsis of the dire state of the foster system in Oregon and introduced a pilot foster program being launched in Washington County, "The Neighborhood." The program is modelled after the Mockingbird Family Model in Seattle which piloted in 2006 and is designed to mimic traditional extended family networks in order to build strong connections between foster youth and foster families. A "Hub Home," surrounded by satellite foster homes within a 30 minute radius would provide services to the surrounding foster homes such as after school supervision, on-call crisis support and respite. The anchor home would also be in charge of planning community outings/cultural enrichment activities, facilitate group therapy and provide support for foster parents as well. The initial program is only available for male-identifying youth age 12 and over, who can stay for a period of 9 – 24 months. Satellite homes can receive a stipend of \$1550 per month per youth. They are actively seeking foster parents and she urged members to get the word out among family and friends.

Questions & Answers:

Where is the anchor home located and which school district would the foster children attend?

The home is located on the edge of Beaverton/Aloha and the foster children most likely will go to an alternative school.

How long does it take for someone to become a foster parent?

The State of Oregon requires the family to provide a bedroom for the foster child, be at least 21 years of age, be able to provide transportation and pass a background and child abuse/neglect check. Individuals have the option of applying to become a foster parent through the State of Oregon, or through a private agency such as Boys & Girls Aid. Boys & Girls Aid applications take 2-5 months, during which time parents receive extensive training and review of backgrounds.

Will additional programs still be population specific and do you have plans to expand to Western Washington County?

Boys & Girls Aid will always focus their programs to serve youth populations that have the greatest need. Where they expand their programs will be determined by the availability of funds and resources within a reasonable radius.

Is the length of stay (9-24 months) a hard and fast rule?

They try to prepare a permanency plan whether the child is returning to biological family or not. If not, the contracts are available for renewal.

Do you provide culturally specific activities for the foster youth?

The foster parent in the anchor home is responsible for organizing and planning activities. Kathryn is hoping to have her join the HSSN to help her become more aware of the culturally specific activities that are available in this area.

Is the stipend the same whether the foster child is higher needs or not?

Children enter the foster system through Oregon Department of Human Services who then refer them to a private agency such as Boys & Girls Aid when they determine the child has higher needs. Boys & Girls Aid stipends are higher because many of their foster children require more support.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the May 2, 2018 HSSN meeting minutes with the spelling correction of Matt Mattia's name.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Katherine Galian

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

HSSN Governance – Election of HSSN Workgroup (CoC Board) positions through 6/2022. Nominees and positions include: Federal ESG/CDBG/HOME – Matthew Mattia; Victims of Domestic Violence – Toni Loch; Developmental Disabilities – Gordon Teifel; Citizen At-Large – Ellen Johnson; and Faith-based Agency – Brian Schimmel.

Motion: Approve the slate of nominations as presented.

Action: Pat Rogers.

Second: Mellani Calvin

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

Approve the revisions to CoC policy 578.7a Community Connect. Annette Evans provided an overview of the revisions made to the policy, and noted a weblink to the draft policy was sent to the HSSN prior to this meeting. No edits or concerns voiced by the membership.

Motion: Approve the Community Connect policy changes as presented.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Katherine Galian

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

Adopt Phase 35 Allocations of Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP).

Agencies recommended a reduction in funds for Food/Meals from 23% to 20% and shift these funds to the Rent/Mortgage Assistance. It was noted the Oregon Food Bank and HomePlate Youth have been applicants in previous funding cycles, with the Oregon Food Bank providing agencies a reduced cost on bulk food orders. After discussion, the allocation of the Washington County EFSP funds would be as follows:

20%	Food/Meals
30%	Shelter
1%	Off-Site Lodging (revert to Rent/Mortgage Assistance if not used)
49%	Rent/Mortgage Assistance

Motion: Approve the Phase 35 allocations as presented.

Action: LeeAnn Smelley

Second: Joshua Groesz

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

Year 10 Work Plan Updates from Subcommittees and Agencies.

Annette reported she still needs work plan updates from workgroups for inclusion in the Year 10 Outcomes and Challenges report. Updates should be emailed to her as soon as possible. She will provide weekly updates through June as to the status of updates received and those that are still outstanding.

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

Annette Evans and Komi Kalevor presented *A Road Home* to the Washington County Commissioners at the Board of County Commissioner work session on June 5. The Commissioners acknowledged and commended the HSSN on their partnerships and collective work to analyze the gaps in resources and develop strategies that will address the prevention and ending of homelessness using local and national best practice models. Komi commented the only issue raised was the different definition of homelessness used by the school districts which resulted in confusion in the number of people homeless. The Commissioners will take board action to approve the new homeless plan at their meeting on June 19.

Guest Speakers for CoC Planning Calendar 8/2018 through 7/2019.

The HSSN Workgroup will be meeting on Friday, June 8, to review the CoC Planning Calendar. Annette invited the membership to send guest speaker recommendations to her for the upcoming year.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annette Evans urged the membership to attend the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting in support of the Metro Tri-County Housing Equity Planning Grant meeting scheduled on June 28 at 1:30p.m., Beaverton City Hall, Third Floor Training Room, to

provide input in determining the local need within each community for the development of permanent supportive housing addressing people at or below 30% AMI.

- Jean-Marie Ritter announced the hiring of Nikki Swearingen, a new Outreach Worker at Luke-Dorf, Inc.
- Gordon Teifel announced the Family Promise of Beaverton program is growing, with 9 people in their program this week and a limit of 14.
- Annette Evans reminded the membership there was no HSSN meeting in July.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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

Handouts:

- City of Hillsboro slide presentation
- "street roots" Rose City Resource, January-June 2018
- Boys & Girls Aid, "Become a Foster Parent" brochure
- A Road Home 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Washington County, Oregon, Year 10: July 2017-June 2018

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