



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 ~ 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 SPEAKER: 8:35 a.m.**
 - Ms. Kimberly Armstrong, Housing Authority of Washington County
- Opening of Section 8 Housing Choice Program Wait List
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:00 a.m.** Action Item
- IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES: 9:05 a.m.**
 - Subcommittee Reports
 - Children
 - Youth
 - Homelessness
 - Permanent Housing
 - Income Support/Workforce Development Workgroup
 - DD Dialogue
 - Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee
 - Veterans
 - Washington County Reentry Council
 - Seniors
 - “Community Connect” Oversight Committee
 - Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup [the CoC Board]
 - Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC)
 - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- V. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:25 a.m.**
 - CoC Endorsement of Subgrantee’s Oregon Emergency Solution Grant
(ESG) 2015-17 Work Plan – Katherine Galian Action Item
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:45 a.m.**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Guest Speaker(s):

Kristen Khamnohack and Molly Taylor, Oregon Department of Human Services
“Child Welfare Differential Response”

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Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County

Beaverton Building
March 4, 2015 at 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:

Baker, Melissa—Community Partners for Afford. Housing	Orr, Patrick—HomePlate
Blackford, William—Community Partners for Afford. Housing	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Bransford, Philip—Washington County Administration	Peck, Walt—Washington County Administration
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center	Pero, David—Homeless Education Network (HEN)
Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Resource Center	Ram, Sarala—CODA, Inc.
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Rittenhouse, Ron—Goodwill Industries - Job Connection
Burton, Valerie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Rodriguez, Adriana—Virginia Garcia Health Center
Canne, Taylor—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Clevidence, Veronica—Wash. Co. Housing Services	Schwab, Jack—Good Neighbor Center
Davilla, Lisa—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Sechrist, Lauren—Wash. Co. Community Development
Evans, Annette—Wash. Co. Housing Services	Sell, Wendy—Lifeworks Northwest
Freeman, Katie—Beaverton CDBG	Sepulveda, Mary—Care Oregon/Virginia Garcia Health
Gonzalez, Adriana—Virginia Garcia Health Center	Seward, Michelle—Lifeworks Northwest
Heart, Annie—Family Promise of Washington County	Skryha, Vicki—US Department of Housing and Urban Dev.
Huggins, Sarah—Family Promise of Washington County	Taylor, Molly—Washington County DHS
Kintigh, Brittany—Morrison Parent Mentors	Thomas, Josh—Wash. Co. HHS, MH Residential Specialist
Knudsen, Nick—WorkSystems, Inc.	Townsend, Rachel—Lifeworks Northwest
Ladley, Peter—Wash. Co. Housing Services	Turk, Nicki—Cascade AIDS Project
Matthews, Molly—Salvation Army Veterans & Family Center	Valfre, Val—Housing Authority of Washington County
McVey, Jaycanna—Boys and Girls Aid	Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services, NW
Nelson, Barbara—Community Volunteers/Vet. Advocate	Yagle, Dixie—Bridges to Change

Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative annette_evans@co.washington.or.us

Co-Chair: Judy Werner, Nonprofit Agency Representative jwerner@lcsnw.org

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. GUEST SPEAKERS

Washington County Public Safety Levy

Mr. Walt Peck, Washington County Administrative Office,

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Mr. Philip Bransford, Washington County Administrative Office,

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Walt Peck shared background information regarding the Public Safety Levy and what it supports. Of particular interest was five emergency shelters in Washington County, at around \$840,000 annually. This five-year levy is up for renewal in the November 2015 election. Philip Bransford explained that the County Administrative Office conducted a poll in January 2015 amongst registered voters that tend to vote in every election. The poll gauged those services represented in the levy that were of the most relevance to the voters, and determined which services most inspired voter support.

54% of those polled indicated that they were very confident that they would support the levy. In order to determine which services inspired the most support and the best way to present these services, they tested specific statements regarding services. While all statements tested at least 50% relevance, the highest scoring was victim's assistance and domestic violence sheltering, followed closely by the mental health response team, enforcement and prosecution of child pornography, supervision and compliance for registered sexual offenders, and continued crime-reducing juvenile programs.

The poll included asking voters which types of messaging were the most effective for getting information to the voters. The highest score by a large margin was the Voter's Pamphlet, followed by conversations with friends, family and neighbors.

The HSSN members are encouraged to talk about the levy with community stakeholders, and participate in community forums that will be scheduled in late spring. Important dates to remember:

- May 19, 2015 – Public Hearing
- June 2, 2015 – Board of Commissioners will act upon a proposed Ballot Measure

Lauren Sechrist reported the matching funds for the Emergency Solutions Grant come from this levy.

Reboot Northwest

Mr. Nick Knudsen, WorkSystems Inc.

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WorkSystems is the Workforce Investment Board for Multnomah and Washington Counties, and it works closely with the other Workforce Boards in the Metro area, Clackamas County and Southwest Washington to align their services and apply for money together. Reboot Northwest is a 4-year Department of Labor grant to train long-term unemployed, underemployed and career-seeking veterans for jobs focusing in the advanced manufacturing, information technology and software industries. Multnomah and Washington counties will receive approximately 60% of the total grant, which will be split close to 50:50 between the two counties.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma or GED, be legal to work, and be long-term unemployed (27+ weeks) or underemployed, or a veteran. The goal is to help people who require limited uptraining be better positioned to qualify for technical jobs which are often filled by those in other states. Reboot is not looking to train someone new in the field, but rather to fill in gaps in education and training.

The grant is for the education and training only. Other needs must be fulfilled in other ways. All participants will be provided career coaching, career and resource planning, career link (industry immersions, tours, etc.), occupational training including internships and on-the-job training programs, behavioral health counseling and limited support services such as transportation. Also provided will be the Reboot Network, focusing on peer-to-peer mentoring, networking with peers and employers, professional activities and development, and job club.

WorkSystems plans to start receiving referrals on April 20, with Career Link starting in May and all services being available in July. Nick will email information for distribution to the HSSN.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the February 4, 2015 HSSN meeting minutes.
Action: Lauren Sechrist
Second: Annie Heart
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

Community Connect Wallet Cards

Annette Evans passed out wallet-sized information cards for Community Connect and encouraged members to take them as needed to disseminate to their clients or other agencies.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) consultation with the CoC – Washington County Office of Community Development

Lauren Sechrist provided a memo and breakdown of the \$165,058 ESG activities to be funded and the dollar amounts represented for FY 2015. This breakdown of allocations and activities has been approved by the HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup as follows:

\$25,000 Street Outreach
\$50,000 Emergency Shelter
\$38,839 Homeless Prevention
\$38,840 Rapid Re-Housing
\$12,379 Administrative Costs

Motion: Approve the ESG allocation methodology and proposed policy changes, with correction to the Community Action match as noted by Lauren.
Action: Jack Schwab
Second: Ron Rittenhouse
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

Election of “Outreach/Citizen At-Large” position for the HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup (the CoC Board)

Sarah Huggins nominated Martha Duncan-Perez. Annette confirmed that Martha had indicated her willingness to serve in this capacity. No additional nominations were presented.

Motion: Appoint Martha Duncan-Perez to the HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup in the position of Outreach/Citizen-at-Large.
Action: Judy Werner
Second: Lauren Sechrist
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

FY2015 CoC Program Homeless Assistance Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) Submitted 2/13/15

Annette Evans provided the group with treats following the motto of “Sweet Success” to thank everyone for their work during FY2014.

The Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) is not yet released for FY2015 CoC Program grant application. The GIW was submitted, and Vicki Skryha has been working with Annette on it. Washington County is asking for 2.7 million dollars to renew current programs. The 2015 federal appropriation was approved in January 2015. Once the NOFA occurs, we will have a short window to write a grant application for these funds.

Vicki added that HUD is looking at the 2015 NOFA that funds projects during 2015 which will have a start date in 2016 and end in 2017. HUD recently announced the 2014 awards, which include projects that have a start date in 2015 and end in 2016. They expect to begin processing grant agreements in the next couple weeks. Vicki then congratulated the group on their great work.

Annette said that there is one grant that ended, and the agency has been notified and is now operating under agency funding. This will be one of the projects Vicki prioritizes for grant agreement release as a priority. Annette will let everyone know when the NOFA is released.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Melissa Baker announced construction has begun on the Community Partners for Affordable Housing Barcelona affordable housing project located on 2nd and Lombard in Beaverton. This will be 48 units, with 8 units set aside for seniors.
- Jack Schwab said that Good Neighbor Center is already working on messaging and planning in regards to the Public Safety Levy, and they also have a storytelling fundraiser on Friday, March 13, 2015.
- Val Valfre announced that when Kim Armstrong presents at the next HSSN meeting, she will be sharing information regarding the Housing Authority's plan to open the Section 8 waitlist, which has been closed since 2011. The goal is to give all applicants the opportunity to be selected, and to preserve their dignity in the process. There will be a lottery system which should take about a week in May.
- Lauren Sechrist announced that the CDBG allocations are out. She is compiling the data into the 2015 Action Plan which will be available for public comment on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, along with the Consolidated Plan. The public will have 30 days to comment, and a hearing will be held following the HSSN meeting on April 1, 2015.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is April 1, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Veronica Clevidence
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