



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Beaverton Community Center

12350 SW 5 Street, Beaverton, OR 97005

> Entrance to the meeting room is off SW Tucker Avenue (not the Main Entrance) <

AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**
- II. GUEST SPEAKER: 8:35 a.m.**
 - Ron Rittenhouse, Goodwill Industries
"Goodwill Job Connect Program"
 - Lauren Sechrist, Washington County Office of Community Development
 - Andrea Nelson, City of Beaverton Community Development
"Outcomes of the Non-Housing Needs and Citizen Surveys for the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan"
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:20 a.m. Action Item**
- IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES: 9:25 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
 - 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: 9:40 a.m.**
 - Adopt the 2014-2015 CoC Planning Calendar..... Action Item
 - FY2014 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Grant Competition
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

Guest Speaker: Marilyn Miller, Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)

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HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County

Beaverton City Hall
June 4, 2014 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:

Bhagvian, Sudhir—Your Next Step	McCloskey, Amanda—Wash. Co. Housing Services
Brand, Leah—Community Action	McVey, Jaycanna—Boys and Girls Aid
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Nelson, Andrea—City of Beaverton
Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Resource Ctr	Orr, Patrick—HomePlate
Calfee, Bridget—HomePlate	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Ctr.
Canales, Enrique—Community Action	Pero, David—McKinney-Vento Liaison, Homeless Ed.
Chavez-Hernandez, Saul—Community Action	Rigutto, Jennifer—Fresh Start Recovery
Davila, Lisa—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Rogers, Pat—Community Action
Demry, James—Homeless To Work/Bridges to Change	Schwab, Jack—Good Neighbor Center
Evans, Annette—Wash. Co. Housing Services	Sechrist, Lauren—Wash. Co. Community Development
Garcia-Garfias, Maria—Community Action	Seward, Michelle—LifeWorks NW
Graham, Steven—Fresh Start Recovery	Stoller, Rick—The Salvation Army – Harbor Light
Layton, Amber—HomePlate	Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living/DEAR
Linder, April—Housing Independence	Turk, Nicki—Cascade Aids Project
Logan-Sanders, Andrea—Boys and Girls Aid	Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services NW
Loverin, Robert—Sequoia Mental Health Services	Winnie, Lana—LifeWorks NW
Ludwig, Kristin—Community Action	Yagle, Dixie—Bridges to Change
Matisoff, Lisa—DHS, State of Oregon	

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

Fresh Start Recovery Housing

Jennifer Rigutto, 503-713-7222
Steven Graham, 503-330-1292

Fresh Start Recovery Housing provides clean and sober housing for men, women and children. Jennifer Rigutto and Steven Graham operate the program that includes three women's homes and two men's homes in Hillsboro, a co-ed home in St. Helens, and another in the works at SE 3rd and Walnut in Hillsboro. This is transitional housing, for people who are fresh in recovery. Fresh Start has a close relationship with Oregon DHS, Community Corrections, Lifeworks, CODA, Community Action, and others.

Each resident signs a recovery contract, which includes two to five 12-step meetings per week, random UAs (drug tests), curfews, and chores. Fresh Start accepts clients on

medications (such as ADHD medication). Other programs won't take people using any medicines.

The program includes house managers who live on site, and is funded by rent and various subsidies for treatment facilities, public funds, child welfare, etc. People experiencing mental health issues and addiction to Buprenorphine or Methadone are accepted. Capacity of the program includes 20 women's beds and 25 men's beds, with the average length of stay 3 months to 3 years. For families with kids, the rooms are shared, as the families prefer that.

"Community Connect", a centralized assessment system in Washington County

Annette Evans, Washington County Housing Services

Pat Rogers, Community Action

The HEARTH Act requires full compliance with the coordinated entry and centralized assessment system requirement by August 2014. Some CoCs are still trying to get theirs implemented. The County's 10-Year Plan identified this system model in 2008.

The guiding principles for developing our system (called Community Connect) are that it:

- Be easy to access for Washington County residents.
- Create equal access.
- Decrease the length of homelessness (Goal: <20 days now. Currently the stay is 35 for shelter and 183 for transitional housing).
- Decrease recidivism (Goal: <5% become homeless again within two years).
- Be data driven.

A copy of HUD's Homeless definitions was provided, including "literally homeless", at "imminent risk of homeless" and "fleeing domestic violence." Community Connect (CC) serves all three categories; housing assistance is primarily available for callers who meet the literally homeless definition.

CC is staffed by Community Action. Data is collected in HMIS. People move through the system in three steps: screening, assessment and referral for housing placement. The CC hotline is staffed 24/7, though case managers are strongly encouraged to call during business hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

Screening questions include:

1. Where did you stay last night?
2. If you are staying with a friend or family, how long can you continue staying there?
3. What's your income?
4. Do you have an immediate crisis?
5. Can you come in for an assessment appointment?

The hotline is currently getting 5 calls per day.

Assessment interviews result in a need-based score. The appointment takes an hour.

The score informs housing placement:

- 0 – 35 points: can receive rental assistance funds
- 35 – 75 points: receives case management
- 75+points: referred to permanent supportive housing such as SPC

Housing in Washington County is limited. CC staff want people to feel that they've been informed of and referred to all the resources in the county. CC makes referrals to provider agencies. It's up to the agency and client to follow-up on that referral and do an intake.

Sometimes there are cases that score as medium or low, but the need seems high to the interviewer. These cases are reviewed by the CC Oversight Committee, which meets twice monthly. The committee also is focused on a systemic review of data, which is important and revealing. They look at who is using the system, and where there are resource gaps. CC was implemented in January 2014. So far, 520 households have been screened, and 181 assessed. Barriers to housing include landlord debt, recent eviction and criminal histories. The no-show rate for assessment appointments was over 50%. We think this is due to transportation issues, chaotic lives, not being organized enough to get to the appointment. Plus there's a one-month gap between screening and assessment. To catch up, it would take 30 assessments per week. We're finding that only 14% score 75 points or higher.

Today is the official release of Community Connect! 64% of HSSN programs are currently aligned. By June 16 we need them all to be aligned. On Dec 3, 2014, at the six-month point, we'll review how it's working.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the May 7, 2014 HSSN meeting minutes.
Action: Gordon Teifel
Second: Judy Werner
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Subcommittee Reports

Children: David Pero DPero@fgsd.k12.or.us

Next meeting: TBA. David announced that this committee is working to collect data, and now can use the Community Connect numbers.

Youth: Vera Stoullil vstoullil@boysandgirlsaid.org

Next meeting: June 20, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Washington County Public Service Building, Room 245. No updates.

Homelessness: Pat Rogers progers@caowash.org

Next meeting: June 16, 2014 at 9 a.m. in Room 195, 3700 Murray Boulevard, Beaverton. No updates.

Permanent Housing: Andrea Nelson anelson@ci.beaverton.or.us

Next meeting: June 5, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, at 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton. No updates.

Income Support/Workforce Development Workgroup: Katherine Galian

kgalian@caowash.org

Next meeting: TBA. No updates.

DD Dialogue: Gordon Teifel mainlight@me.com

Next meeting: Not reported. DD Dialogue is a coalition of parents and service providers who work together to help get out the word about developmental disabilities and current opportunities and issues.

In May, Gordon attended a presentation for the upcoming Sunset View development. The developer, Pedcor Investments, gave a presentation to a neighborhood committee for 236 units of multi-family housing. Families for Independent Living is courting them to set aside 20 units for folks with developmental disabilities. Pedcor has 15000 units in 13 other states. This is their first foray into Silicon Forest.

Q&A

Q: Was the broader neighborhood supportive? Are the roads too narrow?

A: The response was mixed. One vocal resident pushed the City planner to polite limits.

Q: Where will the development be?

A: West of 162nd Avenue between SW Jenkins Road and SW Baseline Road. Pedcor is a private for-profit developer, going after noncompetitive bond credits.

Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee: Lisa Davila ldavila@luke-dorf.org

Next meeting: October 23, 2013 at 11 a.m. in Room 245, 155 N First Avenue, Hillsboro. Luke Dorf's Housing TEAM has placed 44 individuals in housing so far. It's the last year of the grant. They are looking for more landlords.

Veterans: Rick Stoller Richard.Stoller@usw.salvationarmy.org

Rick Stoller announced that vets are still having issues accessing housing. It's problematic when they have no income coming in.

Seniors: Julie Webber julie_webber@co.washington.or.us

No update.

Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup: Judy Werner jwerner@lcsnw.org

Next meeting: June 13, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 105, 155 N First Avenue, Hillsboro.

Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC): Annette Evans

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Next meeting: July 17, 2014 at 2:30 p.m., 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton.

Homeless Management Information System: Melanie Fletcher

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No updates.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

HSSN Governance – Election of HSSN Chair position, term ending 6/2016

Judy Werner, HSSN Co-Chair, explained that every other year a public agency representative is elected to be the chair; the other year a nonprofit representative is elected. Judy conducted the election.

Motion: Elect Annette Evans for a two-year term as Chair of the HSSN.

Action: Pat Rogers

Second: Bridget Calfee

Vote: Approved, unanimous

Nomination and election of representatives to the HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup (the CoC Board)

Judy also led the election for the Veteran Representative position.

Motion: Elect Rick Stoller as the Veteran Representative on the CoC Board.

Action: Lauren Sechrist

Second: Andrea Nelson

Vote: Approved, unanimous

Adopt Year 7 Work Plan of A Road Home: 10-Year Plan

The CoC reviewed the Annual Year 7 Work Plan. This is the working document for moving forward on planned initiatives and strategies in 2014 to 2015.

Q&A

Q: Which committee works on increasing child care resources? The state rejected the county's Early Childhood Hub grant application. There will be gaps in what we can do.

A: It's part of the Homeless subcommittee's work plan.

Motion: Adopt the Year 7 Work Plan as written, with the understanding that it is a fluid document that can be updated.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Jack Schwab

Vote: Approved, unanimous

Year 6 Annual Homeless Report – HMIS data extrapolation deadline 7/11/2014

All data needs to be entered by July 11, 2014. Please let your staff know.

Briefing on HUD Continuum Network Meeting hosted 5/23/2014

Annette and Judy attended the May 23, 2014 HUD Continuum of Care Network Meeting held at the HUD field office in Portland.

Nationally, funds are insufficient to cover all CoC renewals. HUD's goal to end chronic homeless by 2015 has been moved to 2016. HUD is prioritizing families with children, because they're becoming homeless at a more rapid rate. HUD wants to support rapid rehousing for families with children in order to end family homelessness by 2020.

Judy explained that HUD housing dollars are not to address issue of poverty, only homelessness. Annette elaborated - they delineated between prevention vs. eviction prevention, as eviction prevention has not proven to produce high outcomes in preventing homelessness.

HUD's focus is currently on environmental review compliance, which is a regulatory statute for affordable housing developments with five or more units. Proof of compliance is due by July 1, 2104. Washington County is the responsible entity. HUD is coming to monitor Washington County July 7, 2014.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This is HSSN's last meeting in this room. There is no July HSSN meeting. In August, HSSN will meet at the Beaverton Community Center at 5th and Hall, across from the library. Stay tuned for future meeting locations.
- David Pero announced a mini-Homeless Connect at the Evergreen Christian Center, with Pacific University vision screening, on June 7, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Pat Rogers said that Community Action's HeadStart Director resigned a week ago; they hope to hire for that position soon. Also, the Hillsboro Family Shelter and Advantis Credit Union are holding a food drive at the Hillsboro Hops game on June 24, 2014, to support the shelter's food box program.
- Lana Winnie announced that Lifeworks NW is actively hiring for adult rehabilitation specialists, especially a peer wellness specialist. If you know anyone who is interested, please send them her way.
- Andrea Nelson worked on the Community Development Bus Tour, which received an award from the National Community Development Association. The City of Beaverton is partnering with the Fair Housing Council of Oregon to do a training for landlords on June 26, 2014. There will be a training for adult foster care home providers on June 17, 2014. Andrea would like to do a training for providers of Transitional Housing – it's more complex. The trainings are safe harbors.
- Valerie Bundy reported that that building of Monica's House animal sanctuary started two weeks ago. The DVRC is developing policies for pets who come in with families.
- Boys and Girls Aid has a room for rent for a young man ages 18 to 23, for \$300 per month. The young man can participate in group activities but not be a client. They don't have to be homeless.
- Bridget Calfee announced HomePlate's third annual kickball tournament on June 8, 2014. It's a family friendly event, with face painting. Also, there's a beer garden.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next HSSN meeting is August 6, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the Beaverton Community Center, 12350 SW 5th St, # 100, Beaverton, OR 97005.

Minutes prepared by,
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