



**HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK**

*Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County*

**Wednesday, August 5, 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(S): 8:35 a.m.**  
Derenda Shubert, Ph.D., Executive Director for Bridge Meadows  
- Beaverton Bridge Meadows Housing Project  
  
Reyna Lopez, Outreach Director for Our Oregon  
- A Better Oregon to Family Promise
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:25 a.m.** ..... Action Item
- IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:30 a.m.**
  - CoC review of Veterans Affairs request on exemption from 65% targeting requirement for chronically homeless Veterans for HUD-VASH – Melanie Fletcher, Housing Authority of Washington County ..... Action Item
  - Adopt the OR-506 CoC Planning Calendar for 8/2015 to 7/2016 – Annette Evans/HSSN Workgroup ..... Action Item
  - Adopt the Year 8 Work Plan Implementing the Goals and Strategies of *A Road Home: 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness* – Annette Evans ..... Action Item
  - UPDATE: HSSN Workgroup Initiatives (the CoC Board).
  - UPDATE: FY2015 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Competitive grant application process requesting \$2.7 million in renewal funds.
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

Guest Speaker(s):

Marilyn Miller, Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) – CoC Consultation

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**Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County**

Beaverton Building  
June 3, 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:**

Atherton, Haley—Youth Contact	Orr, Patrick—HomePlate
Baker, Melissa—Community Partners for Afford. Housing	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Blackford, William—Community Partners for Afford. Housing	Pero, David—McKinney-Vento Liaison/Homeless Ed. Ntwk
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center	Portman, Cheri—Job Corps
Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Resource Center	Potter, Yvette—DAVS
Burton, Valerie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Ram, Sarla—CODA, Inc.
Calfee, Bridget— HomePlate	Richards, Tanya—Domestic Violence Resource Center
Canning, Tina—Youth Contact	Robb, Bryan— Wash. Co. Community Development
Capparelli, Roxanne—Lifeworks Northwest, EASA	Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization
Clevidence, Veronica—Wash. Co. Housing Services	Ruelas, David—Bienestar
Dobrowloski, Lee—Hillsboro Police Department	Sage, Christopher— Salvation Army Veteran Fam. Center
Earp, Eric—Bridges to Change	Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Eslinger, Liz—Write Around Portland	Sechrist, Lauren—Wash. Co. Community Development
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services	Seward, Michelle—Lifeworks Northwest
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Stoullil, Vera—Boys and Girls Aid
Hager, Tiffany—Catholic Charities	Sturtz, Ben— REACH CDC
Huggins-Smith, Sarah— Family Promise of Wash. County	Takayama, Sage— Salvation Army Veteran Fam. Center
Kalevor, Komi—Housing Authority of Washington County	Taylor, Molly—Oregon Department of Human Services
Linder, April— Housing Independence	Thomas, Josh—Wash. Co. HHS Residential Specialist MH
Loverin, Bob— Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc.	Trout, Autumn— Housing Independence
McVey, Jaycanna—Boys and Girls Aid	Trunnell, Alan— City of Beaverton
Mellick, Michael— Care Oregon	Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services, NW
Nelson, Barbara— Community Volunteer/Veteran Advocate	Yagle, Dixie—Bridges to Change

Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative [annette\\_evans@co.washington.or.us](mailto:annette_evans@co.washington.or.us)

Co-Chair: Judy Werner, Nonprofit Agency Representative [jwerner@lcsnw.org](mailto:jwerner@lcsnw.org)

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

**II. GUEST SPEAKER**

**Developing Affordable Housing Opportunities in Washington County and the Metro-Area**

Mr. Ben Sturtz, Housing Project Manager for REACH CDC (Community Development Corporation)

Ben Sturtz informed the group about REACH CDC and its involvement in local housing initiatives. REACH CDC has approximately 1900 properties in Clark, Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah Counties, and is finishing construction on The Orchards at Orenco. Phase I provides 40 one-bedroom and 17 two-bedroom units, and Phase II will provide 41 one-bedroom units and 17 2-bedroom units. Both phases (I and II) will have 8 project-based vouchers from Washington County Housing Services. The plan was to

develop workforce housing in all income ranges, and there is a diverse range of people moving in. There is information online and on-site, and they are still actively leasing through a leasing agent. The grand opening will be June 29, 2015 at 10:30 a.m., and they hope to have it leased up before that. Phase II will be income-based housing, and should be up around late spring 2016.

Passive House standards were used in construction, and will add many power-saving advantages such as lowering heating bills by about 90%. On-site client services will be offered including a residence services department with a meeting room onsite, and REACH is working with Workforce Solutions to develop meaningful training and resources for the residents.

The complex is about a block and a half north-east of the Orenco Station Max station, and is comprised of green and brown apartments with brick. If anyone has clients that would be interested, they should send them to the site or the webpage, <http://reachcdc.org/properties/property-listings/orchards-at-orenco/>

### III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the May 6, 2015 HSSN meeting minutes.  
Action: Judy Werner  
Second: Lauren Sechrist  
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

### IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### FY2015 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Competitive grant application

Annette Evans reported that this CoC registered timely and will be competing for 2.7 million. If received, these monies will go toward tenant-based rent assist and operations, support services and administrative costs. All renewals are competitive 1-year grant renewals, and if there are new bonus monies, they might go to one of these categories. The NOFA (Notification of Funds Available) will be coming out soon, and when it does, Annette will publish the RFP (request for proposal) so that agencies can present their project ideas. This could happen any day and is extremely time-sensitive, but the HSSN isn't meeting in July. Annette proposes that if necessary, either a special meeting of the HSSN be held or the HSSN Workgroup be given the authority to select the project. The workgroup needs to rank and rate the projects, so will have to meet regardless. Existing projects will just have to show outcomes, while new projects will need to be presented and voted on. It would be easier to pull together the HSSN Workgroup than to have an extra HSSN meeting.

After an informal vote, the HSSN decided that the HSSN Workgroup has the authority to make the decision as to which project(s) to select.

#### Update Year 7 Work Plan Outcomes for 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Annette Evans provided a handout showing Action Steps, Status and Assigned Leads for Year 7 of the 10-Year plan, which ends on June 30, 2015. There was discussion regarding housing shortages and shelter bed shortages across the country.

Kaja Perkowski said that Open Door Counseling Center (ODCC) is no longer providing mortgage payment assistance. Annette said there is still money coming from the state, and she will follow-up with Jeremy Toevs from ODCC. Annette further clarified that ODCC is still offering Mortgage Assistance Counseling. (1.9)

Vera Stoullil provided the update that case management services provided at Boys and Girls Aid (BGA) Safe Place Youth Shelter is supporting the goal of family mediation and

reunification for youth. Bridget Calfee added that HomePlate now has three drop-in centers in Beaverton and Hillsboro. HomePlate has expanded their youth employment programs with added outings and education in support of the action step to expand the HomePlate program and develop drop-in center for youth. (1.7, 1.7.c)

Vera said BGA has made progress toward developing sustainable funding for Safe Place Youth Shelter, including increased funding from Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs, but that there just isn't enough money. (1.8.a)

Annette asked Katherine Galian if emergency 1-month rent assistance is up from last year. Katherine confirmed it is up from last year. St. Vincent's and St. Anthony also provide this assistance. Annette will follow-up with both agencies. (1.1.c)

Annette said that she has asked the jails and hospitals to capture the work they've been doing, and that Pat Rogers has aligned Community Connect to work with the Washington County Jail to assist those people when they are back in the community to connect them with services.

Annette said that under the category of moving people into housing, she has tallied up the housing units that were funded this year. She asked for updates on creating a risk-mitigation pool, and asked Jeff Salvon to ask the Coalition of Housing Advocates (CHA) if there is an update on preserving existing inventory of non-profit affordable and supportive housing and creating a policy and/or funding to mitigate landlord debt owed by homeless. Pat Rogers said that Sheila Greenlaw-Fink with Community Partners For Affordable Housing emailed him some good ideas regarding landlord debt. He will forward the email to Annette. (2.5, 2.6, 2.8)

David Ruelas with Bienestar and Jeff Salvon reported Hillsboro doesn't have the tax rate exemptions that Tigard, Beaverton, and unincorporated Washington County have, which reduces the amount of affordable housing being offered locally.

Project Homeless Connect is provided twice annually. The next one will be on July 10, 2015 (3.3.e)

Annette said that originally, there was a concept of providing a facility where people could access a one-stop resource center offering mail, showers, etc. Carol Herron reported that Just Compassion is working toward providing a day center on Tigard that might support this initiative. (3.3)

The Commission on Families and Children was defunded, resulting in the loss of the data collection for links between housing and food/nutrition programs, but Annette connected with someone at the state who was able to provide information that they had expanded to one additional housing site last year. (3.9)

Annette asked whether it was still necessary to develop a unified housing screening policy linked to (2.5) risk mitigation pool. Melissa Baker with CPAH reported this is a strategy that needs further work. It was decided that an upcoming HSSN meeting would provide a forum for housing providers and service providers to discuss screening criteria. (3.1)

For increasing income support and economic opportunities, the Reboot NW grant is new this year, and there was an expansion of the supportive employment program at LifeWorks NW and Sequoia Mental Health Services. (4.2.b)

Yvette Potter said Washington County DAVS has a new initiative to assign a staff person to the Salvation Army Veteran's and Family facility once every week to provide assistance to the veterans face-to-face in acquiring benefits. (4.3)

CODA, Community Action, Luke-Dorf, Reboot NW, Lifeworks and Sequoia are now members of the WSI Aligned Partner Program. (4.5)

Annette Evans will follow-up to determine if there is more information regarding increasing access to employment for persons with past criminal history. (4.6)

If there are updates on any steps and status that aren't captured on the handout, please send to Annette by July 3 so she can include all the work done toward these goals. The HSSN will be voting on the Year 8 Work Plan at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### HSSN Governance

Judy Werner was recognized for her contributions as Co-Chair during the past two years.

Two people were nominated for Co-Chair position; however, one nominee has withdrawn her name. The HSSN Co-Chair nominee is Katherine Galian, Grants Manager for Community Action, who introduced herself and summarized her professional experience as it relates to homeless work.

Motion: Approve Katherine Galian as HSSN Co-Chair

Action: Lauren Sechrist

Second: Vera Stoullil

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

Nominated for the HSSN Workgroup are: Mona Knapp, Chronic Homeless; Jack Schwab, Families with Children; Dennis Erickson, Community Corrections/Jail/Prison; and David Pero, McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Liaison (the HEN). The opening for business representative will remain unfilled, as there are no nominees.

Motion: Approve nominees for positions as shown, leaving Business blank

Action: Judy Werner

Second: Melissa Baker

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Hillsboro Chief of Police Lee Dobrowloski announced the planning of a Family Justice Center in Washington County. He has worked extensively in the area of domestic violence in other locations, and seeing a need in Washington County, he approached the Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC) and asked what he could do. The need was expressed to develop a place where survivors could receive assistance in obtaining restraining/protective orders, etc. A prosecutor in San Diego came up with the idea of a one-stop-shop for assistance including job skills, counseling, day care and housing. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please contact him. Tanya Richards, DVRC Board Chairwoman, also spoke on this topic, saying Chief Dobrowloski has been powerful, and the District Attorney and the Mayors of Beaverton and Hillsboro are all on board and on the steering committee. The goal is to provide a building that has 20-25 agencies collaborating on working with clients across all assisting agencies, and video conferencing for court so they don't have to appear in person. There is a two-day planning session on 7/11-7/12. If you would like information, give her your card.

- Bridget Calfee announced HomePlate is looking toward adding a 4<sup>th</sup> drop-in this year. They are doing an assessment of the county to determine the best location. Feedback is welcome. Sunday 6/6/15 is the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Kickball Tournament at Ron Tonkin Stadium.
- Komi Kalevor announced the Housing Authority of Washington County (HAWC) closed the waitlist w/over 4000 applicants for Section 8 and nearly 2000 applicants for Public Housing. The HAWC is partnering with Pedcor Development to build eleven buildings on Jenkins Road near Costco where the mini-golf and driving range used to be. All units at or below 60% Median Income. Also, Komi and Val Valfre are meeting with Veteran's Services this afternoon (6/3/15) and will be having a landlord forum at the end of June.
- Liz Eslinger announced Write Around Portland is kicking off its first season of workshops dedicated to Washington County agencies and the individuals they serve. If you believe your agency or the individuals it serves might benefit from a workshop, please let her know. <http://writearound.org/>
- Pat Rogers announced the Community Action Family Shelter reopened 6/2/2015.
- David Reulas announced Bienestar and the City of Cornelius have submitted an application for tax credit that could benefit all of Washington County. The project is building the Cornelius Library with older adult affordable housing upstairs.
- Melissa Baker announced Community Partners for Affordable Housing is completing work on Barcelona in Beaverton, and plan to have units available in the fall. They will be shifting to a waitlist in a couple months. For more information, contact Melissa or Cascade Management.
- Cheri Portman announced Job Corps is taking applications. They offer a residential degree program for youth ages 16 to 24. Any youth that is safe, stable, and willing to build a future for themselves is invited to apply.
- Lauren Sechrist introduced Bryan Robb, the new employee working for the Office of Community Development with the HOME Program and the Community Development Block Grant.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m. The next meeting is August 5, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

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