



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, December 3, 2014 ~ 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

REMINDER: NEW LOCATION

>>> 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. Jes Larson, Welcome Home Coalition
"New Local Revenue to Fund Affordable Housing & Services in the Portland Metro Region"
- III. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:15 a.m.** Action Item
- IV. **GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:20 a.m.**
 - Point In Time (PIT) Homeless Count (Standard No. 3): CoC Approves the
2015 PIT Count Methodology..... Action Item
 - FY2014 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) presentation by
Veronica Clevidence – CoC Approval to Submittal to HUD Action Item
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:45 a.m.**
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Tentative Guest Speaker: Karin Kelley-Torregroza, "Phase 2 Homeless Cost Study Results"

Note: Consolidated Plan Public Hearing on February 4, 2015

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

Beaverton Building

November 5, 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:

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| Baker, Melissa—Commun. Partners for Affordable Housing | McVey, Jaycanna—Boys and Girls Aid |
| Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc. | Nelson, Barbara—Community Volunteers/Vet. Advocates |
| Burton, Valerie—Luke-Dorf, Inc. | Orr, Patrick—HomePlate |
| Calfee, Bridget—HomePlate | Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center |
| Clevidence, Veronica—Wash. Co. Housing Services | Portman, Cheri—Job Corps |
| Demry, James—Homeless to Work Prog./Bridges2Change | Rogers, Pat—Community Action Organization |
| Duncan-Perez, Martha—Wash.Co. Reentry Council | Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton |
| Earp, Eric— Homeless to Work Prog./Bridges2Change | Savara, Jessica—Virginia Garcia Health |
| Eslinger, Liz—Write Around Portland | Sechrist, Lauren—Wash. Co. Community Development |
| Evans, Annette—Wash. Co. Housing Services | Stoller, Rick—The Salvation Army Harbor Light |
| Freeman, Katie—Beaverton CDBG | Stoullil, Vera—Boys and Girls Aid |
| Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization | Sturtz, Ben—Wash. Co. Community Development |
| Heart, Annie—Family Promise of Washington County | Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living & DEAR |
| Herr, Ally—Tigard/Tualatin Family Resource Center | Turk, Nicki—Cascade AIDS Project |
| Ledbury, Bryan—Transitional Youth | Weaver, Evan—Oregon Food Bank |
| Linder, April—Housing Independence | Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services, NW |
| Matisoff, Lisa—Dept. of Human Services, State of Oregon | Yagle, Dixie—Bridges to Change |
| Matthews, Molly— The Salvation Army Veteran & Families | |

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 Office of Community Development

Mr. Ben Sturtz, ben_sturtz@co.washington.or.us

2015-2020 Consolidated Plan; Plan Overview and Solicitation of CoC Input to the Plan

Ben provided a handout showing some of the demographics and necessary information regarding the Consolidated Plan. He would like CoC input so that the plan best represents accurate numbers and needs for the community.

When meetings were held to look at what was needed initially, people with mental health issues came to the top, and focus was put on Safe Haven. It was a great collaboration, but didn't take care of the whole issue. We have been gathering both quantitative and qualitative data since and have been looking at that data and how it relates to the Strategic Plan.

Our need is expanding in this county, centered mainly around our cities. These are areas increasing in low-income population, particularly as our cost of living is going up. The highest cost-burden is frequently further from the Max and transit options. Going forward, we are trying to align the need with the transportation options.

We have been seeing the suburbanization of poverty, and in order to determine how and where this is occurring, we had a work group meeting and conducted surveys to better understand and prioritize the data. We offered a screening of American Winter to help bring this home locally and let people know about the issues and the resources available in our county. Several local agencies conducted their own surveys and polls and added information from their focus groups to the mix.

Washington County Office of Community Development is now asking for help from the CoC to answer some of the questions still outstanding, mostly in the Services area.

After CoC discussion of what information is already available and clarification of the needed data, members were asked to please email Ben prior to November 26 if they have any information that might help fill in the gaps from the list Lauren started compiling or any deficits in the institutional delivery structure. In February, the final document will be shared with the HSSN.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the October 3, 2014 HSSN meeting minutes.
Action: Katherine Gallian
Second: Lauren Sechrist
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Children: *David Pero*

Next meeting: 11/20/14, focused on addressing chronic absenteeism. It will be a conference held in Portland and is strongly suggested by Donna Holt with Oregon Department of Education. The 12/18/14 meeting will be in Sherwood and will have Patrick Orr with HomePlate, and Annette will be there to answer questions about the CoC. The October meeting included a presentation by Community Warehouse to introduce attendees to the resources available to help clients find furnishings etc. The following Tuesday, some went to the Tigard Warehouse and had a training session in how to help homeless students. Lisa Montezana is working on a HEN Washington County dashboard with data regarding McKinney-Vento students within Washington County schools.

Youth: *Vera Stoullil* vstoullil@boysandgirlsaid.org

Next meeting: 11/20/2014 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. @ the Beaverton Public Services Building on Murray

Vera reported that a group of providers and representatives from Family and Youth Services Bureau (FSBY) and the Interagency Council to End Homelessness on the West Coast is convening to provide services to youth that are homeless or runaway and to discuss ending homelessness by 2020. The goal is to work together, interact with each other. They are looking at expanding this throughout the country.

FSBY programs will now be required to work with HMIS and the CoC in their area, and the second step will be looking at the data and determining if it's information that better serves the youth. We are now convening in Oregon to connect and learn more about the CoC system. This will be on Thursday and Friday, and Annette will talk to us about this CoC and how it operates.

The Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs has focused in the past on runaway youth, and they are preparing their agenda for the legislature convening in January. They intend to add about 4 million to the current 1.4 million and continue to work on a system throughout the state so that all areas of the state will have the resources to deal with runaways. One of the results of the Oregon convening in the next few days will be a group that will begin to work on what that system will look like across the state.

The transition-age youth group that Lifeworks has been operating for a while and the HSSN Youth Subcommittee (RU) are merging into one. The last meeting they talked a lot about the STRIDE program with Lifeworks, which is a transition-age hub that has been formed between Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah counties to assist youth exiting out of residential services, foster care, other mental health services, into adulthood.

Homelessness: *Pat Rogers* progers@caowash.org

Next meeting: 9/15/14 at 9 a.m. @ CAO, 1001 SW Baseline, Hillsboro

They met on October 20th, and one topic was that they've had a lot of no-shows lately, sometimes an entire day of no-shows. Community Connect is working on catching up now that they have started hiring Community Resource Advocates who will be able to catch up on assessments, hopefully decreasing the no-shows. This, along with walk-in Wednesdays for those who have had a no-show, should catch them up.

About 80 people came through and are able to receive assistance through Community Access. One problem is people using up their funds on hotels/motels, and then running out of funds and couch surfing until they get paid. This causes issues with their status. They are also seeing families come through, receive assistance, struggle for a while after the assistance ends, and then coming back into housing crisis again. 71% of the households coming through have been homeless previously. They are using funds for temporary assistance, when long-term help is needed.

Point-in-time count is coming up. We will use some volunteers and conduct a blitz approach as we have in years past. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please let Pat or Valerie Burton know.

DVRC closed for remodel and reopened this week with a brand new kennel for those sheltering with pets.

Permanent Housing: *Jeff Salvon* jsalvon@beavertonoregon.gov

Next meeting: TBA

Jeff reported ground-breaking for the Barcelona on first and Lombard. Construction will begin in the next few weeks. Move-in should be around October 2015. Portland Housing Center opened in Griffith Park to screen first-time homebuyers who are low-income or qualify. City of Beaverton is updating their comprehensive plan. They are looking at the housing element and are at the point where they have a survey online and mailed to every household in the city. Angelo and Associates writing the housing report. The city is in the process of completing the Master Plan, and there is an affordable housing plan in that as well. The CHA met and Metro talked about growth projections. They also talked about housing preferences, which show folks want to live in central cities and that millennials want to be homeowners and live in close proximity to transit. There was a workshop presented by AARP in Tualatin that looked at incorporating design elements targeted to aging populations in construction as opposed to more expensive retrofitting, to help enable seniors to age in place.

Income Support/Workforce Development Workgroup: *Katherine Galian*

kgalian@caowash.org and *Annette Evans* annette_evans@co.washington.or.us

Next meeting: December

Annette extended an invite to Nick Knudson, who might come in December to talk about the grant they received and how will it be aligned with Washington County, Multnomah county, and Portland. Katherine reported that the group is looking at how folks are accessing the resources that are available through WorkSystems, internships, on the job trainings, etc. Often the deficits are in learning skills, language skills, GEDs, workplace skills. Where are folks going now to get those skills? Per some inventories, these programs are operating but are nowhere near capacity. Folks might be reluctant to put themselves out there and try to learn, they may lack time or other resources. How do we address these basic education skills? Anyone who has ideas on how to help people get into these classes, or what barriers to attending these classes might be, please let Katherine know. Also let her know if you are offering these resources and didn't already receive a call. The meeting for tomorrow was canceled; there will be a meeting in December.

DD Dialogue: *Gordon Teifel* mainlight@me.com

Next meeting: Not reported

Gordon talked about his history in getting involved in the HSSN and the HAG (now called the CHA) because of his own son's needs. Because of the research Gordon did into the resources available, his son was able to move into a foster home in 2009. The Tigard/Tualatin School District held a fair a couple weeks ago to help familiarize people with the resources available for those with DD issues exiting school, or turning 21. This kind of fair will be offered at the Edwards Center in Aloha on May 2nd, a Saturday, to allow other families to attend who may not be able to attend a Thursday fair.

The state of Oregon has implemented some changes in its billing system that impacted those contractors who provide services to persons with developmental disabilities in the state. A coalition of these contractors has been meeting to try to work through some of the issues.

Employment is an initiative of our governor for all adults, but the Employment First initiative is for matching up jobs with adults with developmental disabilities. This can be challenging, as there are folks from one end of the spectrum to the other in regards to cognitive skill set. There continue to be meetings to help roll that out. There is a meeting at the local brokerage SDRI (Self Determination Resources, Inc.) tomorrow to work on it.

United Cerebral Palsy held its annual family conference at the Embassy Suites on October 24 and 25.

Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee: *Jeff Burnham*

Next meeting: February 26, 2015 at 11 a.m. in Room 245, 155 N First Avenue, Hillsboro. Housing Team Program met on October 23rd and now has 51 people in homes. Hoping to get another moved in this week. The group talked about successes and challenges. One success is with current partners, including landlord partners. The landlord appreciation lunch a couple months ago was great, and folks were really able to see how much their assistance is appreciated and needed. There is still a need for more units, and to help more folks connect with a health provider. Another challenge is helping people increase their income and connect with WorkSource.

The grant ends June 30, 2015, so we are exploring different options to keep the program going. Also, LifeWorks hired Kristin Griffey, who brings some great skills to the table including her energy and enthusiasm and experience in interviewing. Thanks to all who attend the steering committee, because there is great dialogue and support there.

Veterans: *Rick Stoller*

Next meeting: Not reported

There are two Veteran's Day events next Tuesday at 11am. One is at the Beaverton Congregational Church and the other is at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Hillsboro across from the airport. Please come support the Veterans.

The VASH vouchers are expected to drop to 15 in Washington County, the waitlist is full, the VA is in the process of hiring. More units are needed. There are beginning conversations around establishing a Veteran's Court in Washington County.

Washington County Reentry Council: *Martha Duncan-Perez* wcrcome@gmail.com

Next meeting: 11/12/14 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. @ Community Corrections

The reentry council, at the invitation of Community Corrections, pulled together a group that is looking at transition housing for people leaving custody. We are still looking for a location, something with multiple units.

The council started planning for the children of incarcerated parents gift-giving. If you are interested in participating, contact Martha.

Seniors: No update.

Community Connect Oversight Committee: *Annette Evans*

Annette_evans@co.washington.or.us

Next meeting: 11/7/14 at 8:30 a.m. at Housing Services

If you would like to join, email Annette.

Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup: *Annette Evans*

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Next meeting: December 12, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 105, 155 N First Avenue

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

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Next meeting: January 15, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

The HPAC met last month to receive Phase Two of the longitudinal homeless cost study from Karin Kelly-Terragroza and the Northwest Economic Resource Center (NERC). We were hoping she could come give us the presentation today, but there are still some items to wrap up and she has been tentatively moved to next month.

Homeless Management Information System: *Veronica Clevidence*

veronica_clevidence@co.washington.or.us

Working on the AHAR, so please ensure your agency's data is cleaned up, and let Veronica know if you have any HMIS issues. She might plan a basic training in December if there is interest. Please let her know.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

Appoint Ms. Marcia Hille, Executive Director of Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc., to the HSSN Workgroup (The CoC Board) as the Mental Health Provider representative on the Workgroup.

Motion: Appoint Ms. Marcia Hille to represent Mental Health Providers on the HSSN Workgroup

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Annie Heart

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annette announced that the Homeless Plan Advisory Committee currently has two vacant positions and five terms coming up in December. Applications are needed from people to represent citizen at large and homeless or formerly homeless consumer. The deadline for applications is December 2nd. Also, the Severe Weather Shelters are in operation, and are posted on the Washington County website. Valerie Burton added that today from noon to two and four to six, you can register at Sunrise for its shelter.
- Annie Heart announced that the Inter-Religious Action Network of Washington County is offering its 17th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration and Fellowship Dinner on Sunday, November 23, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Church of Latter-day Saints; 955 NW 173rd Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006. Everyone is welcome to come eat; they will be taking up a love offering. Folks are also welcome to come help. November 15th – 23rd is National Hunger and Homeless Awareness week. Sweet Tomatoes is donating 100% of their cookie sales that week to the Family Promise shelter.
- Sheri Portman announced that the Job Corps is taking people for training and housing. Send people to connect with them.
- James Demry introduced his replacement, Eric Earp, and said goodbye to everyone, as this was his last meeting. Annette thanked James for his work in the HSSN.
- Katie Freeman announced that on February 4th and April 1st, following the HSSN meeting, they will be having a ConPlan public review meeting. Everyone is invited. The Creekside Plan is available online for public review until November 17th.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m. The next HSSN meeting is December 3, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Veronica Clevidence
Washington County Department of Housing Services

To be added to the HSSN email list, contact Annette Evans at
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