



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

>>> The Beaverton Building at “The Beaverton Round” <<<

Council Chambers – First Floor

12725 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton, OR 97005-1641

AGENDA

I. INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.

II. GUEST SPEAKER: 8:35 a.m.

- Ms. Elizabeth Eslinger, Write Around Portland
- Changing Lives Through the Power of Writing
- Jennie Proctor, Washington County Office of Community Development, and
Katie Freeman, City of Beaverton
- Draft Consolidated Plan 2015-2020 Comments and Timeline for Public
Hearing
- HSSN members are encouraged to review the Plan and come prepared to
address questions and provide comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:30 a.m. Action Item

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:35 a.m.

- Announcement of Vacant Outreach/Citizen At-Large position on the HSSN
Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup.
- FY2014 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Grant Award Tier 1 and Tier 2
Renewal Funding \$2,720,993
- 2015 Point-In-Time Homeless Count Debrief of Activities

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Guest Speaker:

Nick Knudsen, WorkSystems Inc. – “Reboot NW Grant”

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HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
January 7, 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	McVey, Jaycanna—Boys and Girls Aid
Bernards, Catherine—Community Action Organization	Orr, Patrick—HomePlate
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Peltz, Leslie—CODA, Inc.
Burton, Valerie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Piper, Courtney—Community Action Organization
Calfee, Bridget—HomePlate	Ram, Sarla—CODA, Inc.
Carlos, Humberto—Portland Housing Center	Rittenhouse, Rob—Goodwill Industries - Job Connection
Clevidence, Veronica—Wash. Co. Housing Services	Rogers, Pat—Community Action Organization
Coppiano, Zoila—Community Action Organization	Rodriguez, Adriana—Virginia Garcia MHC
Davila, Lisa— Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Dickey, Belinda—Community Action Organization	Sechrist, Lauren—Wash. Co. Community Development
Duncan-Perez, Martha—Wash. Co. ReEntry Council	Sell, Wendy—Lifeworks Northwest
Earp, Eric— Homeless to Work Prog./Bridges2Change	Sepulveda, Mary—Care Oregon Virginia Garcia MHC
Eslinger, Liz—Write Around Portland	Seward, Michelle—Lifeworks Northwest
Evans, Annette—Wash. Co. Housing Services	Smith, Becky—Wash. Co. ReEntry Council
Fletcher, Melanie—Wash. Co. Housing Services	Thomas, Josh—Wash. Co. Health & Human Services MH
Freeman, Katie—Beaverton CDBG	Turk, Nicki—Cascade AIDS Project
Griffey, Kristin— Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Watson, Rob—St. Francis Catholic Church - SWS
Larson, Jes—Welcome Home Coalition	Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services, NW
Linder, April—Housing Independence	Yagle, Dixie—Bridges to Change
Matisoff, Lisa—Dept. of Human Services, 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

Annette Evans and Judy Werner thanked everyone for their hard work in 2014 toward the goal of ending homelessness. Despite challenges, the group has remained dedicated and robust.

II. GUEST SPEAKERS

Washington County Department of Housing Services

Ms. Melanie Fletcher, melanie_fletcher@co.washington.or.us

- Working together to assist people with hoarding and neglect of self-care issues
- Community Partners Round Table hosted by Section 8 Rental Assistance Program Team

Melanie presented a PowerPoint and a handout and explained what the Department of Housing Services does. The Department provides Rental Assistance through voucher programs and other similar programs; the Public Housing Program that uses units the Department owns and manages; and affordable housing, some with partners and private developers. Over 3000 families in the county receive services. Included in those services is inspecting units for livability. Hoarding is an issue that can keep the unit from being

decent, safe and sanitary, and one we are seeing more frequently than we used to. Often, there is an entire room we can't get in to inspect, or items being stored in unsafe ways. These conditions can lead to safety concerns, pests, unsanitary housekeeping, and eviction. If the inspectors are unable to complete an inspection, assistance has to be terminated, which nobody wants.

Central Oregon Housing Authority; Housing Works, has presented a strategy for dealing with hoarding and issues of self-care or hygiene. The Washington County team discussed this and wants to come up with a similar idea for this county. If your agency has resources that might be able to help with this, please let Melanie know. The goal is to create an appropriate and sensitive response.

The Department is also working toward a Community Partners Roundtable. This would dispel some of the "mystery" of what each group does, so that when clients are sent to the county, they know what to expect. The roundtable would allow county and agency caseworkers to meet each other and talk face-to-face with the goal of increasing the ability to work together. This program is geared more toward front-line personnel rather than management, and if it works well, might be held twice a year.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the December 3, 2014 HSSN meeting minutes.
Action: Lauren Sechrist
Second: Martha Duncan-Perez
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Children (HEN): *David Pero*

Next meeting: Not reported

Annette Evans reported that the last meeting was in December, and the focus was what it would take to open a severe weather shelter in Beaverton. Transportation is a barrier to getting to the other shelters. Severe weather shelters cost about \$61 per day per person, but it costs \$17 per day for a family to stay in rent-subsidy. The group is looking toward finding resources and messaging for prevention and intervention program funding. Pat Rogers said they have been serving Literally Homeless since the inception of Community Connect and now there are prevention funds. Patrick Orr said they also reviewed Point in Time and how to gather information from the schools; all of which have said they would assist with the Point in Time count.

Youth: *Vera Stouilil* vstouilil@boysandgirlsaid.org

No report

Homelessness: *Pat Rogers* progers@caowash.org

Next meeting: Not reported

The last meeting was held on September 15, 2014, and one item the group discussed was the no-show rate. The assumption was that the no-show rate was tied to the wait time between screening and assessments, but now, with only four days between the two, there was still a high no-show rate on Monday. There is some other reason why this is happening. Pat said they considering having a training for the Resource Advocates to help them share with clients the good reasons why they should show up for the assessments. Also discussed was the fact that with the DHS contracts, there was a strategy of bringing people into cohort life-skill courses, and including a bit of the RentWell Program. This improved the show rate to about 80%, and increased client skills.

Permanent Housing: Jeff Salvon jsalvon@beavertonoregon.gov

Next meeting: January 16, 2015. Jeff will be making a presentation to the group to update them on progress the city of Beaverton is making in its update of housing chapter of the city's Comprehensive Plan. The plan will contain a variety of policies but will not contain specific actions necessary to implement those policies. Those actions will be adopted later when the city produces a housing implementation plan to follow the Comprehensive Plan adoption. This process will likely occur later this Spring.

The Coalition of Housing Advocates (CHA) has been attempting to determine what type of organization they are. They have discussed several options and have hired an attorney to assist with this but may have settled on the idea of being an informal group (without dues) that convenes for the purpose of information-sharing.

Income Support/Workforce Development Workgroup: Katherine Galian

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

Next meeting: January 16, 2015 at 10:30 at Willow Creek

Annette has asked Nick Knudsen from Worksystems Inc, to present to this group on March 4th, regarding accessing the Reboot Northwest 800 number. This focuses on retooling the long-term unemployed or under-employed for opportunities in the manufacturing and high-tech fields, and other sectors of our economic community.

Annette attended the Oregon Business Plan Leadership Summit for which Governor Kitzhaber was the keynote speaker. The focus was on early learning hubs, and ensuring that youth and students have the opportunity to excel and to develop their educational aspects for secondary education as well, to meet the growing needs of our business sectors. There are many areas of focus in the state. The Governor acknowledged a disconnect between poverty and the business plan, but did not specifically address housing.

DD Dialogue: Gordon Teifel mainlight@me.com

Next meeting: Not reported

Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee: Lisa

Davila ldavila@luke-dorf.org

Next meeting: February 26, 2015 at 11 a.m. in Room 245, 155 N First Avenue, Hillsboro. Housing Team Program has started working with Shelter Plus Care clients, which they have not done before. They already have one person approved for housing, another person approved for an apartment, and a couple other people they are working with. Jeff Burnham is doing a lot of work that some people can't do on their own; looking at places, filling out the applications, asking for reasonable accommodations. The TEAM is working right now with Shelter Plus Care individuals from Luke-Dorf, but will look at working with people from other agencies as well.

Veterans: Rick Stoller

Next meeting: Not reported

Courtney Piper reported that Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) has been working to collaborate with providers in Washington and Multnomah Counties, and getting together with the Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) workers for more face-to-face interactions. Community Action might soon provide a didactive support group for Veterans experiencing Anxiety, Depression, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

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

Next meeting: January 14, 2015 from 1 to 3 at the Community Corrections Center.

Antonio Torres will speak on providing Health Insurance prior to release from custody.

In January, the Council will refocus efforts on the Transitional Housing Project for those who are hardest to house based on prior convictions or criminal history. The Council is ready to bring in decision-makers and start pushing forward with a location that can house 12 to 24 men. Later today, a group is going to the Governor's Reentry Council Meeting, which touches on all the different areas this Council touches on; employment, housing, engaging the public.

There are open positions in Employment and Mental Health, and the Council is still seeking a location for their DDA group outside the corrections center.

The Children of Incarcerated Parents Gift-Giving Project turned out to be a great success, and received some great support and donations from this group, thank you. Becky Smith, Administrative Specialist, offered details regarding the gift-giving.

The Council is also continuing to support Kairos, a ministry primarily for women who have been affected by incarceration. There is an annual free, two-day retreat for women impacted by incarceration. The council is also working on a transitional or reentry resource guide for those coming out of custody.

Seniors: No Report

Community Connect Oversight Committee: *Annette Evans*

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Next meeting: January 9, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at Housing Services

Severe Weather Shelters (SWS): *Rob Watson, St. Francis Catholic Church SWS, Sherwood*

The shelter is averaging 15 or 20 people nightly, with 3 or 4 new people per night. There are four severe weather shelters in East Washington County that cover four nights per week. The shelters are part of a group called Just Compassion that meets at Davidson's Restaurant in Tigard the first Thursday of every month at 7 a.m.

Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup: *Annette Evans*

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Next meeting: February 13, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 105, 155 N First Avenue

Judy Werner reported that they have been having robust meetings focused on how to resolve housing barriers and challenges. The group is planning a Property Management Forum in March to develop partnerships to address these barriers. Another goal is to work with contacts from the state on Section 811 funds to develop housing for people with disabilities. Washington County Community Corrections is researching the legal aspects of creating a program to help people with debt to the courts work off that debt, so they can move forward with housing.

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

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Next meeting: January 15, 2015 at 2:30 p.m., Washington County Murray Building, room 195.

The HPAC will receive presentations by Jes Larson and the Office of Community Development, which is looking into how they can set aside some Community Development Block Grant funds for affordable housing.

Homeless Management Information System: *Veronica Clevidence*

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Veronica will be sending out an email around January 14 asking for data to be cleaned up for Point in Time so that we will be prepared when the time comes.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

Annual Point In Time (PIT) Homeless Count and Housing Inventory Events

Annette said that HUD has already opened the HDX system, meaning HUD might close it in March rather than of April, so we are aggressively trying to get the PIT wrapped up.

Pat Rogers reported that the street outreach teams will be out for ten days in each geographic area throughout the county, and would welcome assistance from people who have interviewing skills and outreach capabilities. Please contact Pat, Valerie Burton, or Patrick Orr if you are interested. The next meeting is January 8th at 3:30 at Sunrise Church. The group is looking for a place from which the data entry can be done. Swag donations such as socks would be helpful to give away during interviews.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jes Larson announced that the Welcome Home Coalition is a research team, a coalition-building team, a leadership development team and a communications strategy team.
- Jeff Salvon announced that students from the Sunset High School Civics class will make a presentation to the Beaverton City Council Chambers and the Mayor on January 21st to propose that Beaverton tweak their policies to make it easier to set up a homeless shelter there in the future.
- Katie Freeman announced that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications are available on the website and are due January 30. Katie announced that Ben Sturtz has resigned his position with the county, but Katie believes that either Lauren Sechrist or Jennie Proctor will be taking over his part of the Consolidated Plan.
- Lauren Sechrist wanted to remind everyone that they will be evaluating proposed Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) allocations for 2015 at the February Strategic Workgroup meeting to get a recommendation for how ESG funds will be allocated amongst the different eligible activities. The recommendation will then be brought to the HSSN for approval on March 4th.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m. The next meeting is February 4, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Veronica Clevidence
Washington County Department of Housing Services

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