



**HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK**

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

**Wednesday, February 3, 2016 ~ 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. Andrée Tremoulet, Ph.D. and Mr. Ryan Dann, Portland State University

- Smart Moves: New Tools for Finding Location-Efficient Housing

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:05 a.m.** ..... Action Item

**IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES: 9:10 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: 9:30 a.m.**

- Adopt amended Community Connect Policy 578.7a-OR506 that implements the new HUD Chronic Homeless Definition, 24 CFR Parts 91 and 578.3..... [Action Item]
- Open Nominations to fill vacant position on the HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup (the CoC Board). Election at March 2 HSSN meeting.
  - Veteran Representative
  - Business Representative
  - Youth Representative
- Year 8 Updates for 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2016

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**HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK**  
**Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County**  
Beaverton Building  
January 6, 2016 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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| Bradley-Tschirgi, Evana—Domestic Violence Res. Center | Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center               |
| Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Resource Center      | Portman, Cheri—Job Corps                                  |
| Burton, Valerie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.                       | Potter, Yvette—Washington County DAVS                     |
| Chung, Josephine—Veteran’s Administration/HUD VASH    | Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization             |
| Clevidence, Veronica—Washington County Housing Svcs   | Sage, Christopher—Salvation Army Veterans Family Center   |
| Cockeram, Tami—City of Hillsboro                      | Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton                            |
| Duke, Robin—Community Partners for Afford. Housing    | Schwab, Jack—Good Neighbor Center                         |
| Elegant, Amanda—OHSU                                  | Skryha, Vicki—US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development   |
| Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services     | Stoullil, Vera—Boys and Girls Aid                         |
| Greenlaw-Fink, Sheila—Community Housing Fund          | Taylor, Molly—Oregon Dept. of Human Services              |
| Gutierrez, Maria—Community Action Organization        | Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living & DEAR     |
| Herron, Carol—St. Anthony’s Shelter                   | Thomas, Josh—Washington County HHS Mental Health          |
| Layton, Amber—HomePlate                               | Trunnell, Alan— City of Beaverton                         |
| Linder, April – Housing Independence                  | Weller, Sarah—Write Around Portland                       |
| Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development          | Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services NW               |
| McKenna, Marielle—HomePlate                           | Williamson, Drew—Boys and Girls Aid                       |
| Mellick, Michael—Care Oregon                          | Wilson, Shannon—Community Partners for Affordable Housing |
| Murray, Jill—CODA, Inc.                               |   |

Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative [annette\\_evans@co.washington.or.us](mailto:annette_evans@co.washington.or.us)  
Co-Chair: Katherine Galian, Nonprofit Agency Representative [kgalian@caowash.org](mailto:kgalian@caowash.org)

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion: Approve the December 2, 2015 HSSN meeting minutes.  
Action: Judy Werner  
Second: Jack Schwab  
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

**III. GUEST SPEAKER**

**Affordable Housing and Health: A Nurse’s Perspective**

Ms. Amanda Elegant, BA, BSN, RN, Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU)

Amanda Elegant presented information from her Senior Practicum Study, in which she researched the connection between health and housing, including approximately 40 interviews. Her goal was to educate nurses regarding the work that is being done to provide housing, and the critical nature of the link between stable housing and health. Amanda said the current housing situation is being talked about from social media to the news, and is affecting everyone. One of the issues seen by nurses is a profound lack of health literacy. People are given a diagnosis, but they don’t have the core knowledge to

understand the diagnosis or follow the doctor's recommendations. Often, even if they do understand, they lack the resources to manage their health issues. When people are struggling to obtain food and shelter, managing their diabetes becomes a much lower priority. It's very important to one's overall health to have healthy food and adequate exercise and rest. If it's difficult for those of us who have our basic needs taken care of to consistently provide these for ourselves and our families, how much more difficult does it become for those without a stable place to live? Even for those at-risk of homelessness, living in fear of losing one's housing or being in an unsafe situation adds to the difficulty of caring for one's health. Another trend is an upsurge in mental health issues and a lack of understanding as to how to deal with these issues. Often, people don't manage their health due to depression.

Sometimes, families are working so hard to keep the roof over their heads that they do not have time for anything else. There are many children coming into the school system with no preschool experience, and often, these children don't even speak English. As these children live in the less affluent communities, there is less money for teaching staff, so these classes with a higher need have far more students in them than the classes in areas where parents are able to provide preschool and time to their children.

Four main ways housing affects health are: The link between stress and cortisol, which is a steroid that is very harmful to one's health when consistently coursing through the body, as when a person has prolonged periods of stress; housing and unsafe or violent situations; difficulty in storage of medication and food, and lack of adequate rest and exercise; and in the longer-term, health literacy and educational opportunities.

Issues easily related to housing that are frequently seen in the hospital environment include drug and substance abuse, mental health issues and exacerbation of chronic issues. This occurs when people don't have access to regular health care, so they go to the hospital when symptoms are so acute that they can't be put off any longer. The medical community does all it can to educate people on how to make life changes that will assist them in dealing with these issues, but medical professionals can only do so much. When a patient doesn't have the knowledge or the resources to follow recommendations, he ends up back in the emergency room once his symptoms are again unmanageable.

Annette Evans asked if Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) social workers are able to connect these people with some of the resources available. Amanda responded she is not sure how many people use the resources offered. Gordon Teifel said Families for Independent Living created supports for 14 developmentally disabled people, and of those original 14, 9 are still housed with them. Rachel Duke said Medicaid and Medicare can now provide money for housing. Sheila Greenlaw-Fink asked if Amanda could be a representative to the housing community from the nursing community. Amanda said she could function in that capacity to some extent, but that community health nurses might be a better resource.

### **Washington County Thrives: Housing, Workforce Development and Early Learning**

Ms. Sheila Greenlaw-Fink, Community Housing Fund, and Ms. Annette Evans, Washington County

Annette Evans introduced Sheila Greenlaw-Fink, who along with herself, serves on the steering committee for Washington County Thrives (Thrives), whose vision is breaking the cycle of poverty and strengthening economic vitality in Washington County. Thrives was convened in 2009, and members include many of the agencies represented in the HSSN. Thrives was formed during the height of the recession to address gaps in the social

service “safety net resources”. Thrives has now shifted its focus to three main initiatives, safe, stable, affordable housing; workforce training and living wage employment; and early learning opportunities. The primary strategy is to develop and launch a campaign to raise awareness and build broad-based support in breaking the cycle of poverty through long-term investment. The secondary strategy is to garner increased short-term investment in proven programs and initiatives in concert with Thrives priorities.

Sheila said there is no magic answer, but there are many tools available. There will be a Metro regional summit on February 1, 2016, during which there will be the opportunity to build a shared understanding and offer technical assistance. It is essential to combine state and federal resources with local funding, and with more than 16 jurisdictions in the county, there is a need to focus on partnerships, collaboration and innovation.

Thrives asked those involved with the Workforce Training and Early Development initiatives to share what programs were working well for them, and looked for overlap with the Safe, Stable and Affordable Housing initiative, to determine strategies that Thrives could focus on in 2016. Emergency Rent Assistance, Gap Funding for Affordable Housing, and System Development Charge (SDC) and Fee Waivers were the top three of the eleven strategies Thrives chose to focus on. Annette Evans said emergency rent assistance is to provide immediate support to people who are extremely rent-burdened. Judy Werner said it’s likely that for many, this would just delay the inevitable; Annette acknowledged that, but said for some, it could eliminate the risk and keep them housed.

The HOME program has traditionally been the biggest source of gap funding to develop affordable housing serving people at or below 50% AMI, but the current round has over \$4 million in requests with only \$1.4 million available. Gap funding could propel one more project forward. The last of the top three identified strategies is SDCs and fee waivers. These fees are often a substantial obstacle for developers. The highest of these fees is the Transportation Development Tax, which is also the most important to housing, as it resolves many transportation problems for the same people who seek help keeping or obtaining housing. The remaining strategies and community partners were shared. The next step is to develop a consensus and set priorities amongst the many groups working toward affordable housing in Washington County, including elected leaders, funders and lenders, developers, services providers, and collaborative and advocacy groups.

Annette Evans talked about the upcoming Thrives meeting on January 27, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Attendees will discuss the new Thrives vision, which is related to the concept of pillars, or a foundation, upon which to develop the work. There will also be a Thrives leadership meeting on January 28, 2016, which is one day prior to the Project Homeless Connect event. The floor was opened to comments. Rachel Duke asked whether project based shelter plus care assistance can be reallocated to project based section 8. Annette responded that it can. Alan asked if developments on problem lands have been considered; there are federal funds available for Brownfield properties which could mitigate the overall cost of low-income housing development. Shelia responded there are some areas that are under consideration. Alan asked about local-based rent assistance, which might be available with help from Community Block Grant (CDBG) rental rehabilitation funding and other sources. Shelia said this has been addressed in some cases through voluntary inclusion, giving a tax break to some developers if they set aside some low-income units. The HOME Program is looking to lend to for-profits. Jack Schwab said Oregon prohibits inclusionary zoning, and asked if there is political will in Salem to change this restriction. Sheila responded that there is political will in Salem, but if the state changes its stance, Washington County would still have to allow it.

#### IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

**Youth:** Vera Stoullil [vstoullil@boysandgirlsaid.org](mailto:vstoullil@boysandgirlsaid.org)

Next meeting: 3/3/16 at 4:30 p.m. at Safe Place

Vera Stoullil reported the group has moved to meeting quarterly and is tracking and updating the Youth goals in the 10-Year Plan as well as encouraging youth participation in meetings. Amber Layton added that the last meeting really focused on bringing in youth involvement and input.

**Homelessness:** Pat Rogers [progers@caowash.org](mailto:progers@caowash.org)

Next meeting: 1/11/16 at 9:00 a.m. at Vision Action Network

Pat Rogers reported that the last meeting combined with the Point In Time (PIT) Planning Committee. They discussed the changes to the rule defining chronic homelessness, updates to the PIT paper form, and the short-term rent assistance initiative.

**Permanent Housing:** Jeff Salvon [jsalvon@beavertonoregon.gov](mailto:jsalvon@beavertonoregon.gov)

Next meeting: Not reported

Jeff Salvon reported Annette Evans presented the Year 7 report at the last meeting, and they discussed the omnibus bill, the Metro Affordable Housing Initiative and Washington County Thrives.

**DD Dialogue:** Gordon Teifel [mainlight@me.com](mailto:mainlight@me.com)

Next meeting: Not reported

Gordon Teifel reported the DD Dialogue group may not have the support they need to present a DD (Developmental Disabilities) Fair this year, and they also discussed the status of the 4% increase from the state budget.

**Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee:** Lisa Davila [ldavila@luke-dorf.org](mailto:ldavila@luke-dorf.org)

Next meeting: 2/25/2016 at 11 a.m. in Room 245, 155 N First Avenue, Hillsboro

Annette Evans reported the group received the Year 3 Outcomes report, and discussed whether they should change focus now that the Housing TEAM is no longer on the SAMHSA grant, but is being funded by a Community Development Block Grant. There was agreement that there is value in continuing to meet quarterly.

**Veterans:**

Next meeting: Not reported

Sheila Greenlaw-Fink reported there will be 20 new units for housing Veterans on Blanton Street in Aloha; NW Housing Alternatives applied for new funding and received \$2.2 million. With VASH and Section 8 vouchers, they can serve very low income Veterans.

**Community Connect Oversight Committee:** Annette Evans

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Next meeting: 2/26/2016 at 8:30 a.m. at Washington County Housing Services

Annette Evans reported that at the last meeting, they discussed HMIS data sharing and security for youth. As Community Connect is not funded by the Runaway Homeless Youth (RHY) Program, the RHY sharing restrictions do not apply to youth coming through Community Connect. The question was posed whether asking if the client could pass a urinalysis could be removed from the assessment, as many trying to find housing have addiction issues; it was decided that the question would be removed. There was discussion as to how to refer people who have already gone through Community Connect to the legal clinic, and how to effectively connect families with a McKinney-Vento School Liaison if desired.

**HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup (the CoC Board):** *Annette Evans*

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Next meeting: 2/12/16 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 105, 155 N First Avenue

Annette Evans reported at the last meeting, the draft AHAR was reviewed and approved, there was discussion that helped define the new HUD chronic rules, and the CoC Planning Calendar for 2016 was reviewed. There were updates on the legal clinic and standardization of the conversion rate for community service initiatives.

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

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Next meeting: 1/21/16 at 2:30 p.m., Washington County Murray Building, room 195

Annette Evans reported that for the next meeting, the HPAC will receive the same presentation from Annette and Sheila Greenlaw-Fink that the HSSN received today. They will also receive an update on the 2016 State Legislative Agenda. There will be discussion on where the CoC is with Year 8 of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, how to leverage the information from Thrives, and what supports will be in place for leadership.

**Homeless Management Information System:** *Veronica Clevidence*

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Veronica Clevidence reported that she is working on updating the CoC OR-506 HMIS User Manual to include instructions on the new definition of chronic homelessness and a few other updates. Alan Trunnell asked if anyone had seen the Oregonian piece which said that during a discussion with Portland Housing Bureau, Portland City Councilors weren't aware of HMIS, and the data available to them. Rachel Duke said the mayor and Commissioner Saltzman are aware of HMIS, but that the purpose of the conversation was to gather a group to determine why people become homeless.

**V. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Update on Implementation of HUD Final Rule on Chronic Homelessness Definition, 24 CFR Parts 91 and 578.3**

Ms. Annette Evans, Washington County Housing Services

Annette Evans talked about the HUD final rule on Chronic Homelessness. Part 91 applies to the Consolidated Plan and Part 578.3 applies to the CoC and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding. She highlighted some of the changes. Previously, the rule asked for 4 episodes of homelessness in 3 years. Now, the 4 episodes in 3 years must total 12 months or more or the client must have been homeless for at least 12 consecutive months. There is also clarification regarding institutionalization and how many days constitute an episode, as well as much more emphasis on third-party documentation. Annette shared responsibilities and responsible parties for the comprehensive implementation of the new rule, including outreach activities and annual PIT count, ESG and CoC-funded projects, Community Connect, and HMIS. The rule went into effect January 4, 2016, and there is a compliance date of January 15, 2016.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Carol Herron announced Just Compassion opened a day center in Tigard every Thursday at Tigard Four-Square Church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., including lunch.
- Vera Stoullil announced there are Requests for Proposal being looked at for the additional money from the legislature for runaway homeless youth, and both HomePlate and Safe Place received funding. There is support from the Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs to advocate for more money in the next round.
- Alan Trunnell announced the City of Beaverton opened the request for CDBG applications for microenterprises. Service applications requests should be opened soon.

- Jeff Salvon announced Beaverton repealed the sunset for their tax exemption and are looking for applications for the 2016-17 tax year.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is February 3, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Veronica Clevidence  
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