



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, March 2, 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. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 8:35 a.m...... Action Item

III. CoC PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS: 8:40 a.m. (5 minutes each)

- Presentation on McKinney-Vento CoC Program funded project outcomes.
 - 1) Youth Transitional Living Program - Andrea Logan-Sanders, Boys and Girls Aid
 - 2) Transitional Housing Program - Gary Calvert, Washington County
 - 3) Housing Stabilization Program (SSO) – Rose Browning, Good Neighbor Center
 - 4) CoC Rapid Re-Housing – Pat Rogers, Community Action
 - 5) Safe Haven – Kara Radecki, Luke-Dorf, Inc.
 - 6) Hillsboro Graduated Independent Living Program – Kara Radecki, Luke-Dorf, Inc.
 - 7) Tom Brewer – Rebecca Paget, LifeWorks Northwest
 - 8) Tri-Haven – Robert Loverin, Sequoia Mental Health Services Inc.
 - 9) Shelter Plus Care TRA – Annette Evans, Washington County Housing Services
 - 10) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – Annette Evans, Washington County

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:40 a.m.

- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) consultation with the CoC by Matt Mattia. Approve Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Allocation Methodology..... Action Item
- Election of representatives to fill the following HSSN Workgroup vacancies on the HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup (the CoC Board). Action Item
 - Veteran Representative: Nomination(s) – Cole Schnitzer, Veteran Affairs
 - Business Representative:
 - Youth Representative: Nomination(s) – Andrea Logan-Sanders, Boys & Girls Aid
- Open nominations to fill new vacant position on HSSN Workgroup for the following position. Election at April 6 meeting of the HSSN.
 - Chronic Homeless Representative
 - Substance Addiction Representative
- Authorize Chair and/or Co-Chair of HSSN to represent the HSSN on the Washington County Thrives Action Item

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 2016

Save The Date: April 6, 2016 - Public Comment and Hearing for the 2016 Action Plan
10:00 a.m. (Following the HSSN meeting)

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HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
February 3, 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:

Allen, Will—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Nelson, Barbara—Community Volunteers/Veteran Advocate
Berkowitz, Mose—Transition Projects	Nylund, Nancy—Bridges to Change
Bergin, Patrick—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Orr, Patrick—Cascade AIDS Project
Bradley-Tschirgi, Evana—Domestic Violence Res. Center	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Resource Center	Pero, David—McKinney-Vento Liaison, Homeless Ed. Network
Calfee, Bridget, Valerie— HomePlate	Potter, Yvette—Washington County DAVS
Capparelli, Roxanne—LifeWorks NW	Ram, Sarala—CODA Inc.
Clevidence, Veronica—Washington County Housing Svcs	Richards, Tanya—Family Justice Center
Duke, Rachael—Community Partners for Afford. Housing	Rittenhouse, Ron—Goodwill Industries Job Connection
Duncan-Perez, Martha—Wash. Co. Reentry Council	Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services	Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Seward, Michelle—LifeWorks NW
Knapp, Mona—Luke-Dork, Inc.	Sullivan, Brenda—Bridges to Change
Layton, Amber—HomePlate	Taylor, Molly—Oregon Dept. of Human Services
Linder, April – Housing Independence	Tremoulet, Andrée—Common Works Consulting
Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development	Trunnell, Alan— City of Beaverton
McKenna, Marielle—HomePlate	Weller, Sarah—Write Around Portland
Mellick, Michael—Care Oregon	Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services NW
Murray, Jill—CODA, Inc.	Williamson, Drew—Boys and Girls Aid

Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative annette_evans@co.washington.or.us
Co-Chair: Katherine Galian, Nonprofit Agency Representative kgalian@caowash.org

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the January 6, 2016 HSSN meeting minutes.
Action: Katherine Galian
Second: Martha Duncan-Perez
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

III. GUEST SPEAKER

Smart Moves: New Tools for Finding Location-Efficient Housing

Ms. Andrée Tremoulet, Ph. D., Portland State University

Andrée Tremoulet presented some tools in helping to determine the combined cost of place when looking for housing. While looking at combined cost is more helpful when there are more choices in the housing market, it's always good to have a better idea of what total costs will be. When choosing a place to live, a person is also choosing how much to spend on transportation, or even which types of transportation will be used. Often, those with the lowest income are those with the highest transportation costs, in fact; those in households earning \$10,531 per year spent approximately twice as much of their

income on transportation expenses as households earning \$72,460 per year. This means that for low income households, the amount spent on transportation can be impactful. Location-efficient housing is based on transportation to frequent destinations; both fixed (place of employment), and interchangeable (grocery store). A household's destinations may not apply to another household; places of worship and homes of family members, for instance, will vary from one household to the next. It's more difficult for low-income households to plan for location-efficient housing because of barriers, including high rents, low vacancy rates, few choices, and potential personal barriers. If some of these barriers can be overcome, both time and money spent on transportation can be saved.

Metro received a grant for transportation planning a few years ago, prompting the four regional housing authorities to get together to research location-efficient housing. Andrée, working for the Center for Urban Studies at Portland State University, partnered with people in transportation to evaluate the results of the research and develop a toolbox to help clients find location-efficient housing. As housing authorities don't often have the time to give clients in-depth assistance, the toolbox is being provided to this group as professionals who spend one-on-one time with those seeking housing.

Andrée shared several tools, including a brochure which introduces the concept of combined cost of place, the WalkScore Apartment finder, a housing cost worksheet, and a guide to assist in apartment seeking. A video describing the available resources, located at https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=C-eND_MgQPE, and the WalkScore website, located at <https://www.walkscore.com/apartments>, were also shared. Rachel Duke asked if housing authorities are distributing these tools at orientation. Andrée said they are, and added that the tools are also available online. Sheila Greenlaw-Fink asked if there is a calculation that shows users how much more expensive cars are compared to public transportation. Andrée said the study included counties that don't have the robust public transportation options available in Washington County, but there is an effort to move in that direction. WalkScore is available throughout the United States. Mose Berkowitz asked if there is a filter on WalkScore for restricted sites. Andrée said there used to be a field regarding whether a property accepted Section 8, but now that all are required to accept Section 8, this is no longer listed. Many people use medical transportation, which is often overused and unreliable. It's helpful to explain to folks how easy it is to use Tri-Met, and how using public transportation can increase independence.

IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Children: *David Pero*

Next meeting: not reported

David Pero reported the January meeting was the Oregon Association of Comprehensive Educators held in Seaside. The liaisons were focused on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaces No Child Left Behind, and amends the Elementary and Secondary Schools Act. It is no longer Title 10, but Title 9a. The state is shifting toward identifying it simply as McKinney-Vento. This goes into effect July 1, 2017, for the 2017/2018 school year. Annette Evans asked whether there has been discussion regarding potential confusion between Title 4 and Title 10, which operate under different homeless definitions in the McKinney-Vento act. David said at the State level, the decision was made to call it McKinney-Vento. Annette asked if there was a move toward creating one definition of homeless on the federal level. David is not aware of discussion along those lines.

Youth:

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

Drew Williamson reported that the Youth subcommittee meets quarterly now.

Homelessness: Pat Rogers progers@caowash.org

Next meeting: 1/11/16 at 9:00 a.m. at 3700 SW Murray Boulevard, Beaverton

Pat Rogers reported the last meeting was the final PIT (Point In Time) planning meeting. The PIT unsheltered count was conducted during the week of January 25 – 29 with the help of Marielle McKenna and Amber Layton from HomePlate, Valerie Burton from Luke-Dorf, and Catherine Bernards from Community Action. They were able to cover most of the county. There were volunteers stationed at the severe weather shelters and Project Homeless Connect. Currently, the data is being entered into HMIS. The shelter network waitlist is at about 35 households waiting for shelter space. Since Community Connect was implemented, only the literally homeless have been served in the shelters. Those at imminent risk are only able to be served once becoming literally homeless. Shelter stays are increasing, meaning fewer families are served per year. This is primarily due to the housing situation, as the time it takes for those in shelter to find and acquire housing is longer than previously, extending the shelter stays. Pat added that HUD has excluded those in jail from the PIT count this year, which will be a change from previous years. He also mentioned that people migrate frequently, so seeing shifts in the places where people are counted from year to year doesn't necessarily mean people are moving to one location over another. Rachael Duke said in Multnomah County, the change in chronic definition had a direct impact on the homeless in communities of color, and stressed the importance of continuing to monitor the potential effect on this community. Martha Duncan-Perez asked how to get more information as to why incarcerated individuals were excluded from the count this year. Annette Evans said the guideline came from HUD. Annette thanked all those who assisted in the count.

Permanent Housing: Jeff Salvon jsalvon@beavertonoregon.gov

Next meeting: 2/4/16 at 8:30 a.m. at Beaverton City Hall

Jeff Salvon reported at the last meeting, Annette Evans and Shelia Greenlaw-Fink shared the Washington County Thrives presentation received at the January HSSN meeting.

Income Support/Workforce Development Workgroup: Annette Evans

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Next meeting: 3/3/16 at 10:00 a.m. at PCC Willow Creek

Annette Evans reported this is a workgroup led by Vision Action Network. The February meeting had to be cancelled.

Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee:

Lisa Davila ldavila@luke-dorf.org

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

Annette Evans reported this group was initially formed as a consortium to support a SAMHSA grant award to Luke-Dorf, Inc. and includes Virginia Garcia Healthcare Clinic, CODA Inc, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Washington County Health and Human Services, and other community providers. The focus was to bring together all the support partners that help people with mental health and substance addiction, as well as those needing health care. The group supported the Luke-Dorf Housing TEAM project, funded by a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant. The grant completed its three-year term with great outcomes, receiving accolades for the services provided to the individuals served. The work has expanded to offer this assistance to all Shelter Plus Care agencies and their clients. Mona Knapp said there are now three funding sources for the program.

Veterans: Yvette Potter yvette_potter@co.washington.or.us

Next meeting: Not reported

Yvette Potter reported the Veterans subcommittee has dissipated, but is looking for participants. Please contact her if interested.

Washington County Reentry Council: Martha Duncan-Perez

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Next meeting: 3/9/2016 at 8:30 a.m. at Washington County Community Corrections

Martha Duncan-Perez reported that the Reentry Council is taking a hard look at the tools which could provide the best support to those in reentry. The website is being reconfigured, and the Council is seeking links, resources, and other information to post, particularly regarding housing. The Council is working on the transitional housing program with some of the faith community, Bridges to Change, and Community Corrections. The program will be specific to those with background issues. The Council is also leading the upcoming National Day of Prayer on May 1, 2016, at the Hillsboro Fountain.

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 the Oversight Committee is now meeting every other month. The focus is community partners that work directly with the system, whether referring people to the system or receiving referrals from the system. In the past year, the Committee looked at the design of the system, the data extrapolated from it, and what the data was saying. There is now a county-wide view of the homeless situation. The data collected is helping with the implementation of the legal clinics, standardizing the conversion rate for community service, and requesting and prioritizing funds.

Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup: 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 the next meeting will look at the PIT sheltered data and the Emergency Solutions Grant consultation from Matt Mattia which the HSSN will be reviewing at its next meeting.

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 at the January 21, 2016 meeting, the HPAC received the Washington County Thrives presentation from Annette and Sheila Greenlaw-Fink. There was an update on the 2016 State Legislative Agenda, and housing initiatives were discussed. Sheila added many local representatives were at the Metro Housing Summit; Denny Doyle was one of the leaders in the region. It was exciting to see a very proactive discussion.

Homeless Management Information System: Veronica Clevidence

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Veronica Clevidence reported that she is working on the PIT.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

Adopt Amended Community Connect Policy 578.7a-OR506 that implements the new HUD Chronic Homeless Definition, 24 CFR Parts 91 and 578.3

Annette Evans talked about the changes in Community Connect policy implementing the new chronic homeless definition. As the main body of the policy refers to “HUD’s definition of chronic homelessness,” the main change was on the Homeless Verification Self Declaration form and the accompanying HMIS assessment, where fields were added to represent the new questions required by HUD. Annette shared the timeline for the CoC’s complete implementation of the new definition. She clarified that if a project isn’t serving chronically homeless persons, compliance isn’t mandatory; but all except one in the continuum have thus far.

Motion: Adopt the amended Community Connect Policy as presented.

Action: Judy Werner

Second: Martha Duncan-Perez

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

Open Nominations to fill vacant positions on the HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup (the CoC Board)

Annette Evans shared some information regarding the HSSN Workgroup. The group is the administrative oversight board for the planning activities performed by the CoC, and members are required to attend 3 of 6 meetings to remain in good standing. Currently, there are three vacancies. The former Veteran Representative, Christopher Sage, resigned, as he has moved to another position. Christopher nominated Cole Schnitzer as Veteran Representative. Vera Stoullil resigned as the Youth Representative, and Drew Williamson nominated Andrea Logan-Sanders to represent Youth. The Business Representative position is still open. The election will be held at the March 2, 2016 HSSN meeting.

Year 8 Updates for 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Annette Evans directed the group to refer to the handout provided, and asked if there were updates to any of the statuses represented. Martha Duncan-Perez expressed concern regarding the action step to reduce recidivism of homeless, develop system in jail and hospital to target homeless cycling through institutions. She said there is an effort to serve those coming from incarceration, but these same people are now being excluded from the PIT count, and are therefore no longer being counted. Nancy Nylund said Bridges to Change is working on more 3 or 4 new houses in the next few months, but recently experienced neighborhood concerns.

For Moving People into Housing, Annette said there is a gap between the need and the availability. The CoC is still waiting to hear back on the Section 811 funding from the State of Oregon (nearly a year now). Valerie Bundy asked that Mary Mac House be added to the transitional housing numbers. Nancy Nylund asked to correct the numbers for Homeless to Work, as they will now be serving 3 women and 7 men.

Link People to Appropriate Services and Remove Barriers, Bridget Calfee said HomePlate is hiring another outreach worker. For expanding WorkSystems, Inc. Aligned Partner Program to increase income self-sufficiency in homeless households, Katherine Galian said the Health Careers NW job fair launched the week of February 1, 2016. Patrick Orr said Cascade AIDS Project (CAP) just started a new program called Bridges to Work offering job coaching and referrals.

Expanding Data Collection, there are a few more HMIS users than last year. HUD accepted the CoC AHAR data submitted, and PIT data is coming soon.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annette Evans announced legacy Shelter Plus Care rent assistance has been totally leased up as of February 2016. This is largely due to rent increases. A formal announcement will be published in mid-February after a review of the February Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) is published by Housing Services accounting.
- Katherine Galian announced a new employment program for those receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or who are low-income. The orientation and job coaching are based at either Community Action or Washington County Housing Services. The training and job placement services will be through WorkSource. 30 households will likely be served by this project.
- Martha Duncan-Perez announced Washington County Reentry Council invites all to their open meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at Community Corrections.
- Bridget Calfee announced HomePlate has an Employment Coordinator and an Outreach position available.
- Jeff Salvon announced some of Beaverton's top priorities for the coming year are launching a severe weather shelter and supporting more affordable housing. Annette Evans added that the severe weather shelters are currently turning people away due to capacity limitations.
- Patrick Orr announced CAP will no longer be providing the Rent Well program. Referrals will still be made to other programs in the area, but the decision was that time would be better spent focusing on individuals. The Bridges to Work program CAP launched in February had the goal of reaching 90 by June, and has already served 20. The program targets individuals with HIV or AIDS, as well as trans-identified, regardless of their status.
- Amber Layton announced the HomePlate Kickball Tournament fundraiser will take place on June 5, 2016. There is a discount for teams that sign up and pay by February 29, 2016.
- David Pero announced the February HEN meeting will likely be cancelled due to a conflicting Every Student Succeeds seminar in Salem.
- Sarah Weller announced Write Around Portland is starting their spring workshops in Washington County in mid-February.
- Brenda Sullivan announced Bridges to Change added a new mentor position; Bernadette is the new employment specialist.
- Sheila Greenlaw-Fink announced it was great to see the Seattle mayor talk about how public and private sector developers worked together toward affordable housing. There will be a community development grant announced at the developer's round table on February 16, 2016.
- Mona Knapp announced Luke-Dorf received new funding effective February 1, 2016, to support permanent housing. Washington County Housing Services has provided money to work with the Veterans Administration to help veterans use VASH vouchers, and Luke-Dorf also received a rent assistance grant from the Oregon Mental Health Division including a Housing Specialist and a full-time Mental Health Peer. Mona introduced Will Allen, Luke-Dorf's new Housing Coordinator. He has vast experience in rebuilding communities after earthquakes.
- Alan Trunnell asked if the Commons at Redwood Creek, located at Hall and Greenway, might be converting into condominiums. Nobody had information regarding the question.

- Ron Rittenhour announced Goodwill Job Connect is co-hosting a job fair on February 11, 2016, at Cedar Hills Crossing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Industries represented include manufacturing, hospitality, in-home care, and call-center customer service. Ron will send the flyer to Annette to distribute.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m. The next meeting is March 2, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

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