



**HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK**

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

**Wednesday, October 4, 2017**

**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 SPEAKERS: 8:35 a.m.**

- Ms. Cindy Sorum, Saving Grace Maternity Home  
-The Saving Grace Maternity Home Program <http://savinggracematernityhome.org/>
- Mr. Rick Stoller, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO)  
-Metro HomeShare Program [http://emoregon.org/shared\\_housing.php](http://emoregon.org/shared_housing.php)

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:15 a.m. .... Action Item**

**IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES: 9:20 a.m.**

- Subcommittee Reports
  - Children (Homeless Education Network)
  - Youth
  - Homelessness
  - Permanent Housing
  - DD Dialogue
  - Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee
  - Veterans
  - Washington County Reentry Council
  - Seniors
  - “Community Connect” Oversight Committee
  - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – AHAR due 12/2017
- Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup – December 12, 2017
- Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC) – October 19, 2017

**V. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:40 a.m.**

- Severe Weather Shelters for Winter 2017/2018
- A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

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

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Guest Speaker(s): Ms. Emily Starbuck, Low-Income Employment and Housing Implications

Comments or questions regarding the agenda can be directed to Annette Evans at 503-846-4760

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**HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK**  
**Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County**  
Beaverton Building  
September 6, 2017 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:**

Brand, Leah—Community Action Organization	Martinez, Omar—City of Hillsboro
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program	McVey, Jaycanna—Washington County Housing Services
DeShazo, Jesse—Boys and Girls Aid	Nelson, Barbara—Veteran Family Resource Center
Dickey, Belinda—Community Action Organization	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Eckhardt, Kristy—Washington County Housing Services	Potter, Yvette—DAVS, Washington County
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services	Radecki, Kara—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Fitzpatrick, Bill--CPAH	Ritter, Jeanne-Marie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Rivers, Henry—Community Action Organization
Graslie, Christina—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Rizo, Regina—US Veterans Affairs
Griffith, Molly—Wolf Pack Consulting/Therapeutic Svcs, LLC	Rogers, Patrick—Community Action/Formerly Homeless
Groesz, Joshua—The Salvation Army Veterans and Family	Salisbury, Susan—Community Action
Gustafson, Hanna, CAP	Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Hauth, Larry—Community Action Organization	Schimmel, Brian—FG Temporary Emergency Shelter
Heart, Annie—Family Promise of Washington County	Schnitzer, Cole—US Department of Veterans Affairs
Herron, Carol-St. Anthony's Shelter	Smith, Gary—US Department of Veterans Affairs
Linder, April—Housing Independence	Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries, Second Home
Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund	Taylor, Molly—Oregon Department of Human Services
	Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living/DEAR
	Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton CDBG
	Valdez, Bianeth—HomePlate
	Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services NW

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. GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Marilyn Miller, Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS), “Update on Governor’s Initiative to end Veterans’ Homelessness, CoC and OR-DHS Data Sharing, and development of the Oregon Housing Plan”**

In an August 22 press release, the Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services shared its findings of the state wide 2017 Point-In-Time Homeless Count (PIT). There was a 6% increase from the last count with 13,953 people without homes. The number of homeless veterans decreased 9% to 121 people; this number reflects the progress made towards housing veterans.

In March, Governor Kate Brown announced the State's plan to functionally end veterans' homelessness. Ms. Miller reported the State is playing catch-up with local Continuum of Cares (CoC's) in ending veteran homelessness. The Governor has asked the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to co-lead with Veterans Affairs in developing the plan. Most local CoC's put the focus on ending veteran homeless and in Washington County that number dropped from 77 to 58 during the 2017 PIT.

The Oregon Legislature allocated \$40 million in funding to support Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) and the State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP). The Legislature also approved \$1.5 million to further help veterans in Oregon. \$350,000 has been given to OHCS to serve homeless veterans.

OHCS has a Steering Committee focused on how the State can help local CoC's to functionally end veteran homelessness. The intention of the committee is to be a "barrier buster" and support the work of local CoC's. The State has put together a Data Sharing Workgroup to focus on data collection in an effort to make it consistent and credible so it can then be analyzed and utilized to direct how to invest funding. They are working on data sharing agreements so that agencies know where there is crossover and can create partnerships to better serve clients.

Oregon's Statewide Housing Plan is currently being developed and will address the state of housing (including homelessness), data collection and sharing, best practices, and opportunities for additional money. Local CoC's will be formally asked to participate in stakeholder groups, for more information go to <http://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/pages/oshp.aspx>

### III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

**Motion:** Approve the August 2, 2017 HSSN meeting minutes.  
**Action:** Katherine Galian  
**Second:** Judy Werner  
**Vote:** Approved, unanimous.

### IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### **Project Proposal Presentation, RISE: Re-housing In Support of Employment, sponsored by Community Action Organization and presented by Pat Rogers and Larry Hauth**

In response to the CoC Program request for proposals, Community Action presented the RISE: Re-housing in Support of Employment project. Community Action has served Washington County since 1965 by developing core programs that help families meet basic needs and achieve long-term success. Their goal with this project is to reduce the number of unsheltered homeless adults in Washington County by filling a gap in our Continuums' capacity to provide rapid re-housing services to literally homeless adult only households.

RISE: Re-housing in Support of Employment is a housing first program designed to help 12 literally homeless adults without children by offering a bundled services approach combining housing support and employment services. Community Connect has staff in place once funding becomes available and plan to house the first group of 6 individuals by October 2018 followed by the second group of 6 by December 2018. They will be partnering with Worksystem's Aligned Partner Network and Health Careers Northwest to provide employment support. The target population for this program would; be literally homeless with no children, score in the moderate range at Community Connect, have at least a GED, score below 7 in employment history, and opt-in to receive the services.

Following CoC policy, agencies that met the attendance requirement of 8 meetings during FY2016 voted on the presentation and a limit of 1 vote per agency was allowed. If an agency is the presenting agency or has a vested interest in the new project, the code of conduct states they should abstain from casting a vote. The individual score sheets will be reviewed by the HSSN Workgroup on September 8 and will not be retained; however, a summary of the scoring will be kept for 5 years and is public record.

### **“A Road Home” Beyond June 2018**

On July 20, 2017 Annette proposed the next phase of *A Road Home* at the Homeless Planning Advisory Committee (HPAC). The plan has served as the frame work for responding to socioeconomic challenges facing the homeless population. During the first nine years the plan has developed policies and strategies, allowed funding for programs, and aligned planning activities with the County Consolidated Plan; however, the county would retain two separate plans. To continue the vision of working together to prevent and end homelessness, the decision was made to go forward with the next phase.

The members discussed the name and length of the next phase. Annette shared the importance of having the word “end homelessness” in the title due to repeated use in the HUD application. After much debate, and narrowing it down to two choices, the decision to use “*A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*” was agreed upon. The members agreed the plan would change to a 7-year plan ending in 2025; this aligns it with the County Consolidated Plan.

The members decided to use the planning strategy from 2008 to develop the next phase. There will be four groups with community stakeholders. These groups will be: Permanent Housing, Homelessness, Human Services, and Economic Supports. Annette is working with people to lead these workgroups for meetings beginning in October. Annette and Kristy will help to facilitate the meetings and post communications on the County website at: <http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/a-road-home.cfm>

**Motion:** Amend title “A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness”.

**Action:** Matt Mattia

**Second:** Melanie Calvin

**Vote:** Approved, unanimous

**Motion:** Time frame change to 7-year plan ending in 2025 to align with planning activities for the Washington County Consolidated Plan.

**Action:** Alan Trunnell

**Second:** Joshua Groesz

**Vote:** Approved, unanimous

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Matt Mattia with Community Development announced the deadline of September 8 for drafts in the Community Development Block Grant Funding. The final will be due October 6.
- Kara Radecki announced Luke-Dorf is hiring a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.
- Annie Heart announced Family Promise is hiring a Homeless Family Advocate/Case Manager and Office Volunteer Coordinator.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kristy Eckhardt, Washington County Department of Housing Services

Handouts:

- Oregon's Statewide Housing Plan brochure
- Housing and Community Services Press Release 8/22/17
- Emergency Housing Assistance for Veterans Program
- FY2017 RRH Bonus Project Proposal; RISE: Re-housing in Support of Employment
- CoC Program Score Sheet
- A Road Home: The Next Phase

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