



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

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.

- Toni Loch, Family Justice Center
“Serving Persons Fleeing Domestic Violence At The Family Justice Center”
- Jes Larson, Metro
“Metro Regional Affordable Housing Bond”

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

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:20 a.m.

- HSSN Governance – Term Expiration and Vacancy due to retirement. Open nominations through May 21.
 - Victims of Domestic Violence (Term ends 6/2018)
 - Development Disabilities (Term ends 6/2018)
 - Citizen At-Large or Outreach (Term ends 6/2018)
 - ESG/CDBG/HOME (Term ends 6/2018)
 - Faith-Based Organization (Term ends 6/2020): Retirement of Judy Werner.
- Year 10 Work Plan updates from Subcommittees and Agencies.
- Timeline for release of *A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*.
- Overview of FY2018 CoC Program Registration: HUD CPD-18-03 released April 9, 2018.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Guest Speaker(s):

Tami Cockeram and Lukas Heaton, City of Hillsboro: Mapping Resources In Washington County
Kathryn Carnell, Boys & Girls Aid: Foster Care Program

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



HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
April 4, 2018, 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:

Adams, Jessica—Community Action Organization	Martinez, Omar—City of Hillsboro
Auslander, Jay—Washington County Mental Health	Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development
Bjorkman, Kimberly—Community Action Organization	Moodt, Maria—Housing independence
Bonvino, Cecilia—Community Action Organization	Navarro, Yazmin—Impact NW
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center	Nelson, Barbara—Veteran Family Resource Center
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counselling Center
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program	Portman, Cheri—Job Corps
Carnell, Kathryn—Boys And Girls Aid	Potter, Yvette—Washington County DAVS
Cervantes, Maria—DHS Tigard	Ram, Sarala—CODA, Inc.
Chichester, Lezlie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Rizo, Regina—US Veterans Affairs
Cockeram, Tami—City of Hillsboro	Rogers, Pat—Community Action Organization
Coppiano, Zoila—Community Action	Salisbury, Susan—Community Action Organization
Deppa, Emma—City of Beaverton	Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
DeShazo, Jesse—Boys And Girls Aid	Schimmel, Brian—FG Temporary Emergency Shelter
Earp, Eric—Bridges to Change	Sell, Wendy—LifeWorks NW
Eckhardt, Kristy—Washington County Housing Services	Skryha, Vicki---US Department of HUD
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services	Stavreva, Silvia—Bridges to Change
Fellger, Vara—Washington County Housing Services	Stirnaman, Danielle—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries – Second Home
Groesz, Joshua—Salvation Army Veterans & Family	Taylor, Molly—Oregon Dept of Human Services
Hawkins, Ann—Washington County OCD	Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living/DEAR
Heaton, Lukas—City of Hillsboro	Thompson, Holly—City of Beaverton
Hernandez-Fuerte, Isabel---Impact NW	Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton CDBG
Hester, Pam—CareOregon	Turner, Denise—Denise's Spa Petite
Kalevor, Komi—Housing Authority of Wash.Co.	Valdez, Bianetth—HomePlate Youth
Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund	Valfre, Val—City of Forest Grove
Ludwig, Anya—Cascade AIDS Project	Yokoyama, Kelly—Housing Independence

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. GUEST SPEAKER

**Pat Rogers and Cecilia Bonvino, Community Action Organization
“Debrief of 2018 Point-In-Time Homeless Census”**

Pat Rogers reported on the results of 2018 Point-In-Time Homeless Census (PIT) conducted over a 7-day period beginning January 24th. An estimated 515 individuals (combined surveys from street count, Emergency Shelters, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing) identified as homeless, a decrease from the previous year, which was 544. There were a total of 39 volunteers, of which 29 volunteered for the first-time. A debrief meeting held March 9th identified retail parking lots were an ideal location for surveys and that RV's

and cars were an increased source of housing. Morning hours were added which successfully increased the number of people contacted. Suggestions for improvements for the 2019 census included: better organization of, and communication with, volunteers; solicitation for participation of Pacific University or George Fox University Social Justice students; a stationary kiosk/coffee station and/or a canteen truck solicited from Veterans Affairs. It was determined 2019 PIT planning meetings would be conducted bi-monthly.

Cecilia Bonvino demonstrated the data collected from the PIT using the Qlik Sense program within ServicePoint, a tool which allowed data to be filtered by data element and viewed graphically. She noted, of the 362 people who identified as “homeless” in the street count, 41% self-reported as “chronically” homeless and 72% self-reported having a “disability” compared to data from *Emergency Shelters, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing*, where only 36% reported a disability. With regard to migration, data supported participants generally stayed within the area surveyed in. With regard to causes of homelessness, results consistently validated (regardless of filter applied) the primary cause of homelessness to be “Inability to Afford Rent.” “Kicked out by Family/Friends”, “Unemployment”, “Eviction”, “Medical Problems” and “Mental & Emotional Disorder” were usually ranked within the top five causes, but she noted the rankings varied depending upon the age category. She also noted “Medical Problems” ranked higher for causality, the higher the age category. Cecilia concluded her presentation by offering to provide additional reporting to anyone needing specific data.

Annette extended a special “thank you” to the 39 volunteers who participated in the PIT and added the data would be reported to US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) once finalized and approved by the HSSN Workgroup. At that time, she will work with Community Action to prepare a press release regarding the PIT count and data collected.

Questions and Answers:

Of the participants who reported being unable to afford rent, how many also reported being unemployed?

Of the 362 people reporting in the street count, 80 reported being unemployed and 155 reported not being able to afford rent.

Do you collect income information?

No, the PIT does not include income questions.

Does the chronically homeless count include people who are “couch surfing?”

No, it only includes people living on the streets.

How were unincorporated areas counted?

They were grouped by zip code. In the case of Reedville, it was counted with Beaverton.

How many of those surveyed were already identified in ServicePoint?

The data coming from Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing were all in ServicePoint. Of the street count, there was a percentage that were known in ServicePoint, but many that were new to the system.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the March 7, 2018 HSSN meeting minutes.

Action: Katherine Galian

Second: Matt Mattia

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. Reports and Program Updates

Children (Homeless Education Network): *David Pero* dpero@fgsd.k12.or.us

Next Meeting: Not Announced

David provided the group had nothing new to report but was back from Spring Break and energized. The HEN participated in the PIT and had submitted their data.

Youth: *Drew Williamson* dwilliamson@boysandgirlsaid.org

Next Meeting: June 11 at 4:30 p.m. at Safe Place Youth Shelter

The group met to discuss the recent PIT activities around homeless youth, the legislative agenda opportunities, and outcomes of the severe weather shelter season with Safe Place providing overnight shelter to runaway/homeless youth using overflow beds.

Homelessness: *Pat Rogers* progers@caowash.org

Next Meeting: April 16

Pat reported the efforts to create a master list of chronically homeless in the county. He added the Shelter Network (Monika's House, Good Neighbor Center, Family Promise and Community Action Family Shelter) will be meeting separately with the Community Action Housing Team in order to house those residing in family shelters more efficiently. The Veterans Master List Committee met and continue to case conference veterans on the master list. There were very few veterans that service providers were not already aware of, or were not already working with, which confirmed a "Master List" was a good model for other sub-populations to use. Annette added the Housing Authority received an additional 25 new HUD Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. Pat acknowledged they were working closely with the VASH team and the committee's biggest challenge was figuring out how to work together effectively.

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

Next Meeting: April 5

Jeff reported Rachel Duke of Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) was to report on the Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project, representing "Affordable Housing" on that committee. Kim Armstrong was also to report on equitable housing, and sight barriers and solutions. Annette added HUD was providing funding for the Clover Court project and permits were being filed and construction would begin shortly.

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

Next Meeting: Not announced

Gordon shared the short legislative session provided an escape from budget cuts to their programs. Most of their agencies were non-profits so they continued with fundraising to bridge the shortfall each month but recognized state funding was critical to continuing their work.

Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee:

Annette Evans annette_evans@co.washington.or.us

Next Meeting: Tentative May 21, 2018

Annette reported this committee had been meeting as the Human Services Workgroup under *A Road Home* but would reconvene in May. She invited those interested to join the meeting and committed to sending additional information to the HSSN ListServ.

Veterans: *Cole Schnitzer* cole.schnitzer@va.gov

Nothing reported.

Washington County Reentry Council:

Nothing reported.

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

Next Meeting: Not announced.

No updates.

Community Connect Oversight Committee: Annette Evans

Next Meeting: April 27, 2018 at 8:30am

Annette reported she received the results of a technical assistance review from HUD on the Community Connect policy and was in the process of incorporating the recommended changes to include persons coming into contact with Community Connect who were fleeing from domestic violence, improved training processes for individuals conducting assessments to ensure consistency throughout the system, and improved access to information for limited English populations and persons with disabilities. The draft will be reviewed by the Community Connect Oversight Committee at the next meeting and then posted on the website for review and approval by HSSN, the CoC body.

HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup: Annette Evans

Next Meeting: April 13, 2018 at 8:30am

Annette reported the committee will be reviewing the finalized PIT data at the next meeting.

Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC): Annette Evans

Next Meeting: April 19, 2018 @ 2:30pm

Annette reported the HPAC will be reviewing the draft *A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* and will hopefully make a recommendation to forward the plan for final approval to the Board of County Commissioners in June, to be effective July 1, 2018.

Homeless Management Information System: Kristy Eckhardt

Kristy Eckhardt reported pages 38 and 39 of the HMIS Policy and User Manual had been updated to include instructions on housing “move-in date” and available online, www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/hmis.cfm. Kristy was reviewing new clients added since October 1, 2017, working with agencies to resolve data issues.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

Approve nominees for vacancies on HSSN Workgroup (CoC) Board

Nominations closed with one person named for each vacant position.

Motion: Appoint Judy Hand of Luke-Dorf, Inc. as Chronic Homeless representative and Komi Kalevor as Housing Authority representative to the HSSN Workgroup.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Jessica Adams

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

Annette provided an overview of the draft *A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* (Plan), the new 7-year plan to end homelessness covering the period July 2018 through June 2025. She clarified that an “end to homelessness” did not mean no one would ever experience a housing crisis again, but rather, episodes of homelessness would be rare, brief and non-reoccurring.

The Plan addressed gaps, such as Emergency Shelter for adult-only households and promoting greater access to housing for homeless needing recuperative care, specialized housing for addictions and mental health, and housing for the re-entry population. In light of the increases in housing prices, the Plan would develop strategies with landlords and property managers to transition people seamlessly into housing with supports that landlords

would appreciate, and strengthen outreach engagement opportunities to create paths to housing for people living in campsites and other areas. She reviewed the trends and demographics supported by data from Community Connect and 2018 PIT count, noting a slight decline in number of adult-only and family homelessness, continued concerns with youth and 62+ age groups, higher female homelessness compared to male and higher female, single head of households compared to male, single head of households. She noted, demographic data further supported the primary cause of homeless to be the “inability to afford rent.” Annette emphasized the contribution from private public partnerships and recognized the important work they do in our community. She also noted the discrepancy between the current level of spending (\$9.5M) to the proposed 7-year investment of \$150M and the focused efforts that will be required to meet the level of funding needed to reduce homelessness. She reviewed the Plan’s strategies and the quantitative and qualitative data that support them.

She closed by saying she would send a link to the Plan when the final draft was available for review and asked that any updates should be provided to her by April 15th, before the Plan went to the HPAC.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Alan Trunnell invited the HSSN to attend the Annual Action Plan presentation by the cities of Beaverton and Hillsboro, and Washington County following the HSSN meeting. The public meeting sought feedback to the plans for how public funds would be used for the coming year.
- Katherine Galian confirmed the RFP for street outreach was released and directed requests for additional information and questions to Susan Salisbury, Community Action’s Grant Manager. She also recognized and publicly thanked the City of Beaverton and Clean Water Services for their leadership and contribution to the joint efforts to increase street outreach capacity in Washington County.
- Kathryn Carnell of Boys & Girls Aid announced the launch of a new foster care model this June in the Beaverton-Hillsboro area called **The Neighborhood**, which was seeking to replicate an extended family network within the foster care system, with one central home acting as the “Anchor”, from which day programming and all respite was done. They were still in search of an Anchor Home candidate (be it a single provider, a couple, or a family) with experience in the foster care system and who was able to act as a mentor, crisis responder and do respite for satellite homes, as well as planning and implementation of day programming for youth from 2-7pm each day. Anyone interested or know of someone interested should email her directly at kcarnell@boysandgirlsaid.org.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Vara Fellger, Washington County Department of Housing Services

Handouts: None

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