



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, August 3, 2022 - 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

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AGENDA

- I. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**
- II. **GUEST SPEAKER(S)/TRAINING: 8:35 a.m.**
Yvette Potter, WC Disability, Aging and Veteran Services, Eboni Samuels, Open Door Counseling Center and Allie Alexander Sheridan, WC Health and Human Services, "Housing Liaison Pilot Program."
- III. **MEETING MINUTES: 8:55 a.m.**
 - **Action**: Approve the June 1, 2022 meeting minutes.
- IV. **GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:00 a.m.**
 - FY2022/2023 *A Road Home* Annual Work Plan – Leslie Gong, Washington County
 - FY2022 HUD NOFO Update – Leslie Gong, Washington County
 - Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Program Report – Alex Devin, Washington County
 - Changes in Washington County Street Outreach – DeAnna Negrete, Washington County
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:55 a.m.**
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2022

The HSSN is open to the public and all are invited to join – see [HSSN](https://www.co.washington.or.us/hssn) website for additional information and past meeting agenda, minutes and handouts. Comments regarding the agenda can be directed to CoCinfo@co.washington.or.us

HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Providing a Continuum of Care (CoC) in Washington County
June 1, 2022, 8:30 a.m. (Virtual Meeting)

Mission: Housing and service provider agencies working to bring a broad spectrum of organizations together as partners in the community to perform strategic planning, gaps analysis, prioritize resources needed to provide a continuum of care for individuals and families who are at-risk of or experiencing homeless.

ATTENDEES:

Adams, Jessi – WC Housing Services	Kass, Peter – WC Housing Services
Aguilar, San Juana, Bienestar	Larsen, Hannah – HomePlate Youth Services
Alexander Sheridan, Allie – WC HHS	LeSage, Amy - CAP
Angeles, Nic, Housing Independence	Lloyd, Rhonda – The Salvation Army Veteran & Family Ctr
Bailey, Lisa – City of Beaverton	Ludlam, Mandy – Community Housing Fund
Blasco, Martin – WC Cooperative Library Svc.	Lukban, Minette – OHSU-Tuality Alliance
Brownell, Amy – Ecumenical Ministries	Penney, Darcie – DVRC
Cali-Ramirez, Rachel – WC Housing Services	Pero, David – Forest Grove SD/HEN
Calvin, Mellani – ASSIST Program	Rhodes, Barbara – Citizen At-Large
Camp, Kaylie – DHS Oregon	Riley, Juliana – Lutheran Community Services
Cardwell, Shawn – FG Foundation	Ruiz, Roseanna – CPAH
Crouch, Alan – Easter Seals	Schimmel, Brian – Centro Cultural
Deters, Melia – Community Action Organization	Sell, Wendy – Lifeworks Northwest
Devin, Alex – WC Housing Services	Simmons, Lucinda – HomePlate Youth Services
Fellger, Vara – WC Housing Services	Smith, Gareth "Gary" – US Dept. of Veteran Affairs
Ferry, Todd – PSU-HRAC	Smock, Kris – Kristina Smock Consulting
Galian, Katherine – Community Action Organization	Stavreva, Silvia – Bridges to Change
Gawf, Mandy – City of Hillsboro	Steiner, Julie – Consultant
Gibb, Courtney – Hillsboro SD/HEN	Taylor, Rosemary "Rowie" – DVRC
Gong, Leslie – WC Housing Services	Teifel, Gordon, Families for Independent Living/DEAR
Greene, Jacen – PSU-HRAC	Thomas, Lauren – Office of Community Development
Hawkins, Ann – WC Office of Community Development	Toevs, Jeremy – Open Door Counseling Center
Heath, Kelsey – Metropolitan Public Defender	Wilson-Coleman, Alisa – LifeWorks Northwest
Henderson, Mercy – Mercy Connections	

Chair: Vacant

Co-Chair: Katherine Galian, Nonprofit Agency Representative kgalian@caowash.org

Katherine Galian called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. GUEST SPEAKER(S)/TRAINING

Todd Ferry, PSU Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative, "Village Research and How-To Guide"

Todd Ferry is an architect and Senior Research Associate at Portland State University Center for Public Interest Design (PSU CPID) and co-founder and Alternative Shelter Initiatives Director at PSU's Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative (PSU HRAC). When the City of Portland declared a state of emergency on homelessness in 2015 it led to the formation of the Village Coalition, a group made up of advocates, activists, and houseless individuals committed to combatting homelessness from many sides of the issue. The Village Coalition advocated for villages instead of larger shelter models and invited PSU CPID to partner with them in the development of village communities to include Kenton Women's Village, Clackamas County

Veteran's Village, and Agape Village. Many of the villages have been built using underutilized land. The Kenton Women's Village was set up as a temporary pilot project and later moved to a permanent location nearby which was a collaborative effort with several different partners. The individual sleeping units (PODS) were built and donated by 31 different entities which provide housing for homeless individuals. Todd's team at PSU created a common facility for the community at the Kenton Women's Village which included a kitchen, dining room, large gathering space, laundry room, bathrooms, and showers. The estimated cost for the Kenton Women's Village was \$831,842 but with donated services and waivers, the actual cost was \$428,217.

The PSU HRAC began exploring the village concept by studying six villages in Portland. They interviewed 42 villagers, 9 village support staff, 7 village designers, 6 village creators, and 6 neighbors of these villages. Along with these interviews, 2,065 Portland residents were surveyed about villages and homelessness with 436 of those living near a village. White males were the predominant demographic of the villages studied. Food security was an issue with just over half of the residents. A majority of the residents were on the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) or something similar and were mostly satisfied with their health and well-being.

Survey results revealed the following information about how neighbors and the surrounding community felt about villages:

- There was a general understanding that permanent housing was the ultimate goal for ending homelessness, but people tended to think of shelters as the solution.
- Concerns over villages diminished over time.
- Concerns about increased waste and behaviors decreased over time.
- The number of people with no concerns increased over time.
- A vast majority of people cited supportive services as a solution to homelessness.
- Housing was thought to be the solution with those surveyed not located near a village.
- Emergency shelters, sanctioned encampments, job training, and transitional housing were more likely thought of as solutions for homelessness from those not living near villages.
- Of those surveyed, 20% donate to villages, 14% attended meetings, 18% waved or walked by, and 54% had no involvement.
- People learned about villages from neighborhood associations, social media, news stories, or after the fact when taking the survey.

Survey information was utilized to create a [Village Research and How-To Guide](#) for the implementation of villages. It included a village profile for each of the six villages, statistical data, survey results, a site plan, and portraits of people who live in each one. Villages comprise non-congregant individual sleeping units (PODS) with shared common facilities. There was a strong preference for breaking up the box style PODS and sacrificing square footage which allowed for a feeling of a home without the sense of institutionalization. The ideal number of units in a village was between 20 and 30. Villagers had input in the governance of the village with a majority choosing to have a partnership with villagers and managers. Sites were designed to accommodate extra pods if needed during an emergency situation. With 20% of villagers having children under 18 years of age, future village designs might support families. Villagers expressed interest in Villages designed around farming and gardening as well as art and music. Overall, obtaining the input and knowledge of those with lived experience is invaluable when designing and implementing these Villages. A copy of the HRAC's report is available [here](#).

What are ongoing maintenance costs for Villages?

Costs ranged from village to village as some were self-governed, some managed, and some were partnerships between residents and managers.

Are all villages near public transportation?

Most are near public transportation but some are more remote which offered privacy and a sense of security. The recommendation; however, was for villages to be built near public transportation to provide access to needed services.

What is the cost for staffing?

Costs varied by location.

Is Washington County working to build village communities?

There has been some exploratory work with Forest Grove Foundation to build a village in the Forest Grove area.

Is there information that shows the importance of transportation access, ongoing project costs, and data on villagers who leave villages?

Most villagers felt they were close to public transportation. When villagers transitioned out of villages, those in managed villages were tracked better with most moving into permanent housing. Data wasn't tracked as well in self-governing villages. Some had moved to permanent housing while others were asked to leave.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve HSSN meeting minutes for May 4, 2022.

Action: Rowie Taylor

Second: Shawn Cardwell

Vote: Approved, consensus.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. 2022/2023 A Road Home Annual Work Plan – Leslie Gong & Julie Steiner

Leslie reported the interim CoC team is requesting a delay in the adoption of the 2022/2023 A Road Home Annual Work Plan to allow a more comprehensive review of changes being proposed in light of the influx of SHS programming to the homeless system and to secure a staff position to help oversee this work for the upcoming year. They requested the 2021/2022 plan remain in place until the review was completed. After discussion, it was agreed that a delay was warranted.

B. Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Program Report – Alex Devin

Alex reported Just Compassion EWC's Beaverton winter shelter closed yesterday and the remaining winter shelter sites will be tapering down through the end of June to allow time for the remaining residents to find housing.

When will the Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Program's 3rd quarterly report be available?

The [Quarter 3](#) report is completed and can be found online.

C. Election of CoC Board positions. The CoC Governance policy defines the election process for CoC Board positions – Vara Fellger

Applications were received for the five CoC Board positions with terms ending June 30, 2022 and the vacant Substance Addiction position: Lauren Thomas with Washington County Community Development for the ESG/CDBG Home position, Rowie Taylor with the Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC) representing survivors of domestic violence, Gordon Teifel with Families for Independent Living/DEAR for the Developmental Disabilities position, Shawn Cardwell with Forest Grove Foundation for the Citizen at Large or Outreach, Vernon Baker with Just Compassion EWC for the faith based organizations position and Hannah Studer from

Bridges to Change for the Substance Addiction organization position. Each applicant was given an opportunity to make a short presentation. A vote was then taken to approve each applicant to their respective board position. The motion was approved by consensus vote.

Katherine Galian announced her resignation as HSSN Co-Chair effective June 17, leaving a gap in facilitating HSSN and CoC Board meetings. Leslie Gong, Interim CoC Program Manager agreed to step into the role of Interim HSSN Chair until HSSN Chair and/or HSSN Co-Chair positions were filled. After discussion, a vote was taken to approve her as Interim HSSN Chair. The motion was approved by consensus vote.

Vara reported recruitment will continue for the remaining vacant CoC Board positions: HSSN Chair, HSSN Co-Chair, Homeless/Formerly Homeless Consumer.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The July HSSN meeting is canceled.
- Lauren Thomas of Washington County's Office of Community Development announced the allocation plan for HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) will be going out for public comment June 15, 2022 through July 14, 2022. The [plan](#) can be found online and feedback can be sent to [Lauren Thomas](#).
- Barbara Rhodes, a community homeless advocate, announced this HSSN meeting will be her last as she will be moving to Florida. The membership wished her well.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Rubio.

To be added to HSSN email list, contact Vara Fellger at vara_fellger@co.washington.or.us.