



Wednesday, March 2, 2022 - 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

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## AGENDA

I. WELCOME|INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.

II. MEETING MINUTES: 8:35 a.m.

- **Action:** Approve the February 2, 2022 meeting minutes.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS: 8:40 a.m.

- Election of CoC Board positions. [CoC Governance](#) policy defines the election process for CoC Board positions.

**Action:** Appoint applicants to the respective CoC Board positions.

CoC Board Positions	Applicants
Business/Employment Term Ending: 6/30/2025	Deanna DSouza, Worksystems Inc.
Culturally Specific Organization Term Ending: 6/30/2024	Nansi Lopez, Centro Cultural
Families with Children Term Ending: 6/30/2023	Rose Money, Family Promise of Tualatin Valley
Community Corrections/Jail Term Ending: 6/30/2023	(No Applicants – Recruitment remains open)

- Supportive Housing Services Program Report – Alex Devin, Washington County Housing Services
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding Consultation - Mari Valencia-Aguilar, Washington County Office of Community Development
- HOME-ARP Needs Assessment Funding Consultation - Lauren Thomas, Washington County Office of Community Development

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 2022

*Directly after the April 6 HSSN Meeting:*

**Public Hearing for the FY2022 Action Plan facilitated by the  
Washington County Office of Community Development, the City of Beaverton and the City of Hillsboro**

The HSSN is open to the public and all are invited to join – see [HSSN](#) website for additional information and past meeting agenda, minutes and handouts. Comments regarding the agenda can be directed to Annette Evans, Homeless Program Manager, at 503-846-4760 or email [Annette\\_Evans@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us)



**HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK**  
**Providing a Continuum of Care (CoC) in Washington County**  
February 2, 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, Jessica—WC Housing Services	Lloyd, Robert—The Salvation Army V & F Center
Alexander Sheridan, Allie—WC Health and Human Services	Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund
Angeles, Nic—Housing Independence	Lukban, Minette—OHSU-Tuality Alliance
Archer, Devi—ASSIST Program	Lyda, Aly—Community Action Organization
Bailey, Lisa—City of Beaverton	MacPherson, John—Open Door HousingWorks
Barnes, Sierra—Bridge Meadows	Mandrell, Tami—The Salvation Army
Beckman, Shana—Family Promise-TV	Martinez, Omar—City of Hillsboro
Benavides, Denisse—Community Action Organization	Mercer, Annette—Good Neighbor Center
Bittinger, Phyllis—WC Housing Services	Merkel, Cole—Here Together Oregon
Blasco, Martin—WC Cooperative Library Services	Miles, Tonya—Boys & Girls Aid
Brownell, Amy—Ecumenical Ministries-Second Home	Money, Rose—Family Promise-TV
Burnett, Amanda—DVRC	Moshkowski, Melody—The Salvation Army
Burnham, Jeff—New Narrative	Murphy, Cameran—Hillsboro SD/HEN
Calvin, Maya—ASSIST Program	Neal, Josh—The Salvation Army
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program	Palestino, Sara—Beaverton SD/HEN
Camp, Kaylie—DHS Oregon	Pero, David—Forest Grove SD/HEN
Cardwell, Shawn—Forest Grove Foundation	Pick, Bianca—ASSIST Program
Chavez, Guadalupe—Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Ctr	Potter, Yvette—WC Disability, Aging & Veteran Services
Coburn, Crystal—New Narrative	Pykonen, Lindsey—New Narrative
Deters, Melia—Community Action Organization	Rhodes, Barbara—Citizen At-Large
Devin, Alex—WC Housing Services	Romero, Malu—New Narrative
Diaz, Jezabel—Community Action Organization	Saldana, Austin—WC Housing Services
Emrick, Hannah—Boys and Girls Aid	Sanders, Juana—The Salvation Army
Evans, Annette—WC Housing Services	Schimmel, Brian—Centro Cultural
Farr, Danielle—WC Health and Human Services	Sell, Wendy--LWNW
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Simmons, Lucinda—HomePlate Youth Services
Gawf, Mandy—City of Hillsboro	Smith, Gareth "Gary"—US Dept of Veteran Affairs
Gibb, Courtney—Hillsboro School SD/HEN	Stark, Melissa—CPAH Oregon
Glenn, Tamice—Community Action Organization	Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries-Second Home
Graves, Erika—Just Compassion EWC	Stowell, Chase—ASSIST Program
Greene, Jacen—PSU-HCAC	Swearingin, Nicole—New Narrative
Hageman, Heidi—New Narrative	Tate, Jason—WC Housing Services
Heath, Kelsey—Metropolitan Public Defender	Taylor, Rosemary "Rowie"—DVRC
Hunter, Dario—Fair Housing Council of Oregon	Thomas, Lauren—WC Office of Community Development
Johnson, Rebecca—Open Door HousingWorks	Toevs, Jeremy—Open Door HousingWorks
Johnson, Renee Sheets—CPAH Oregon	Trinkle, Jamie—Oregon Law Center
Kalevor, Komi—WC Housing Services	Valdez, Bianetth—City of Beaverton
Kass, Peter—WC Housing Services	Valencia Aguilar, Mari—WC Office of Community Dev.
Laubach, Elise—Family Promise-TV	Williamson, Darrell—The Salvation Army
Lloyd, Rhonda—The Salvation Army V & F Center	Wilson-Coleman, Alisa—LWNW

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. WELCOME

A survey to ascertain the composition of HSSN agencies or programs who work with children was launched with the following results:

1. Does your Agency or Program work with children?  
78% Yes  
22% No
2. If “Yes”, check all that apply:  
35% Agency collaborates/formal partnership with youth education providers  
15% Agency collaborates/formal partnership with SEA and LEA  
50% Agency collaborates/formal partnership with school districts

## II. GUEST SPEAKERS

Dario Hunter, Fair Housing Council of Oregon, “Updates on Fair Housing, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.”

Mari Valencia Aguilar shared Washington County’s Office of Community Development provides fair housing training to fulfill their requirement for receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding. Fair Housing Council of Oregon is a non-profit that proactively promotes housing justice and inclusion through education and enforcement of Fair Housing Laws. Dario Hunter, Central Oregon Education and Outreach Specialist at Fair Housing Council of Oregon shared his [presentation](#) and provided an overview of Fair Housing Laws, who must comply and the dwellings the laws applied to. He also reviewed federal and Oregon protected classes, provided a brief history of LGBTQIA+ housing discrimination and some Biden Administration updates relating to discrimination. He provided options for advocating for LGBTQIA+ fair housing and details on how Fair Housing Laws were enforced. For more information, contact Dario Hunter at [dhunter@fhco.org](mailto:dhunter@fhco.org).

Annette noted Dario’s presentation meets HUD Fair Housing Act training requirements.

Mari Valencia Aguilar shared Washington County Office of Community Development had a dedicated fair housing webpage and partnered with the Fair Housing Council of Oregon to produce 5 animated [videos](#) covering a range of typical fair housing violations.

**What was the result for landlords or individuals who had been found guilty of discrimination?**

Fairly large fines were imposed.

**When there is a conflict between local, state or federal laws, does one supersede the others?**

Jamie Trinkle of Oregon Law Center responded, federal law will preempt the local law.

## III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

No meeting was held January 5, 2022.

Motion: Approve December 1, 2021, meeting minutes with correction to include Martin Blasco in attendance.

Action: Katherine Galian

Second: Rowie Taylor

Vote: Approved, consensus.

## IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

### A. HOME-ARP Program Consultation at March 2, 2022 HSSN Meeting – Lauren Thomas

Lauren shared, Washington County (includes Beaverton and Hillsboro) will receive just over \$6 million from the HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) to be used for affordable rental housing, tenant-based rental assistance, supportive services and non-congregate shelter to those who were homeless, at-risk of homelessness, fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence, dating

violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking. Qualifying populations for the funds includes other populations where assistance would prevent homelessness and to serve those at greatest risk of housing instability. The March 2 consultation with the HSSN would be looking to identify needs and gaps in shelter, housing and services. Lauren Thomas can be reached at [lauren\\_thomas@co.washington.or.us](mailto:lauren_thomas@co.washington.or.us).

**Are those funds designated for individuals or organizations?**

The funds will go through the Washington County Office of Community Development to organizations that will deliver the services and program activities to individuals.

**B. Winter Shelters and the Supportive Housing Services Program – Peter Kass and Alex Devin**

Peter reported the winter shelter program was now running smoothly after a COVID outbreak amongst some of the shelter staff and an intake freeze for a short period of time during an Omicron spike. Intakes were back up and running and referrals to the waitlist actively being replied to and beds being filled. They are in the process of extending contracts to April 30. Alex Devin added, shelter-bed capacity started with 187 beds and increased to 227 with some specific shelters to stay open through May.

Alex reported the housing case management services program had received 140 applications for Regional Long-Term Rental Assistance (RLRA) housing vouchers to date, with 12 individuals looking for an available unit and/or getting the unit inspected. Community Connect was making referrals to these new services and people were getting matched to resources across Washington County. The SHS Program was also working on developing rapid rehousing and enhanced rapid rehousing programming for those in institutions or voluntarily doubled up, working closely with Community Action Organization ESG/CV funded programs to ensure the new programming didn't affect spending of the larger federal funds or caused any lapse in service. They will also be launching Rapid Resolution funds, one-time financial assistance for anyone who completed a Phase I assessment. For more information, contact Alex at [alex\\_devin@co.washington.or.us](mailto:alex_devin@co.washington.or.us).

Allie Alexander Sheridan reported the SHS Program team was working on a pilot to imbed housing navigators/housing support positions into existing health and human services programs such as DAVS and the Hawthorn Walk-in Center. Another pilot program being developed would provide training for those with lived experience of homelessness and housing instability for support positions such as Housing Case Managers and Housing Navigators. The training program would include a paid internship with the goal of providing more workforce inflow, representative of the community. For more information, contact Allie at [Allie\\_AlexanderSheridan@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Allie_AlexanderSheridan@co.washington.or.us).

**C. Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Grant Funding Consultation – Annette Evans**

Annette provided a review of the EFSP program, the amount of funding received in the past, how it was allocated, the regional formula used and how the funds were prioritized historically. She noted for Fiscal Year 2021, the Phase 39 appropriation for Washington County is \$212,217 and EFSP ARPA-R is \$655,915. Since separate applications were required for each funding stream and for administrative efficiency, Annette proposed specific activities be allocated to each separate funding stream. Katherine Galian supported the proposal, adding the administrative rate for EFSP funds was only 2% and reporting requirements are fairly extensive. After discussion, a vote was taken.

Motion: Approve recommendation to EFSP Board to allocate EFSP Phase 39 fund percentages: 80% Food/Meals (\$169,774) and 20% Off-Site Lodging (\$42,443).

Action: Mellani Calvin

Second: Major Robert Lloyd

Vote: Approved, 80% Yay, 2% Nay, 18% Abstain.

Motion: Approve recommendation to EFSP Board to allocate EFSP ARPA-R fund percentages: 20% Shelter (\$131,183) and 80% Rent/Mortgage (\$524,732).

Action: Melody Moshkowsky

Second: Katherine Galian

Vote: Approved, consensus.

#### **When will the application process open?**

The local EFSP board will meet later this month. The application announcement will be published in the Oregonian, and a link to the application sent out through the HSSN ListServ, posted on Washington County's website and to current Local Recipient Organizations (LROs). They hope to have the local EFSP board make a final decision by April 1, 2022 with a fund-spending deadline of April 30, 2023.

#### **D. Recruitment and Election of CoC positions under CoC Governance Charter**

Annette reported applications for the four open CoC Board positions (Culturally Specific Organization, Community Corrections, Families with Children, and Business/Employment) will be accepted through February 18. A summary of each applicant will be provided prior to the vote at the March 2 HSSN meeting where applicants will also be provided an opportunity to do a short presentation. Annette also shared, in addition to CoC Board positions that expire June 30, the HSSN Chair position will also become vacant with her decision to retire April 29. She will work with the CoC Board at their February 11 meeting to determine next steps.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Annette shared, the Consolidated Application submitted by the CoC in November seeking \$4.4 million was still pending.
- Martin Blasco of Washington County Cooperative Library Services announced they will be delivering mini-libraries to OpenDoor HousingWorks and Boys & Girls Aid. Also, City of Beaverton Library and Tualatin Public Library were working with Act for Democracy to provide resources for Afghan refugee families.
- Katherine Galian of Community Action Organization announced the State of Oregon's Emergency Rental Assistance portal (ALITA) re-opened on January 26 and is accepting applications for ERA/CV2 with some changes. Applications will now be processed based on priority score, not time-received and utility assistance is no longer included in assistance payments. Anyone needing utility assistance can apply through [CAO](#). CAO also continues to operate the [local program](#) which includes culturally specific partners doing outreach and assistance with application completion. People with pending applications through the local program do not need to apply to ALITA as well. People applying for emergency rental assistance through ALITA are limited to 15-months.
- Rowie Taylor of DVRC announced Housing Stability Funds for victim/survivor programs have been awarded for this year.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

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

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