



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

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.

- Marisa Zapata and Greg Townley, Portland State University
“Homeless Research and Action Collaborative”
- Cadence Petros, City of Beaverton; Chris Hartye, City of Hillsboro; and Amanda Garcia-Snell, Washington County
“Community Engagement for Metro Affordable Housing Bond Phase I”

Note: Be prepared to address the following questions:

- *What community based organizations, service providers, advocacy groups, and communities should we connect with for input about Metro Bond implementation strategies?*
- *What questions do we need to ask to better understand access and barriers to permanent housing?*

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:30 a.m. Action Item

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:35 a.m.

- Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Survey
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GXDTMYH>

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:45 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2019
Guest Speaker(s): Juri Hobbs, Portland Rescue Mission

The HSSN is open to the public and all are invited to join. Comments regarding the agenda can be directed to Annette Evans, Homeless Program Manager, at 503-846-4760.



HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
January 2, 2019, 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:

Auslander, Jay—Washington County Mental Health
Baker, Vernon—Just Compassion
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program
Carlsen, Kurt—WorkSource Oregon
Cervantes, Maria—DHS Tigard
Cottrell, Tonia—Citizen-Voise NAC
Donner, Crystal—Community Action Organization
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services
Fellger, Vara—Washington County Housing Services
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization
Gibb, Courtney—Hillsboro School District
Goulding, Celeste—Old Town Church-Forest Grove
Heart, Annie—Family Promise of Washington County
Herron, Carol—Just Compassion SWS
Hobbs, Juri—Portland Rescue Mission
Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund
Ludwig, Anya—Cascade AIDS Project
Markus, Michelle—Mental Health Assoc. of Oregon
Martin, Allie—Safety Compass

Mattia, Matt—Office of Community Development
Nelson, Esther—Safety Compass
Peccia, Dan—Self-Determination Resources, Inc.
Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Preston, Fawn—MHAO
Rogers, Nicholas—Community Action Organization/SSV
Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization
Salo, Jenny—Impact NW
Shiple, Molly—WashCo District Attorney's Office
Smith, Gary—U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
Stavreva, Sylvia—Bridges to Change
Swearingin, Nicole—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Taylor, Rosemary "Rowie" Taylor--DVRC
Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living/DEAR
Tutor, Marianne (O'Neille) Mental Health Assoc. of Oregon
Vakkai, Rose—Citizen
Valdez, Bianetth—HomePlate
Weller, Sarah—Write Around Portland
Wheeler, John—WC Emergency Management Cooperative

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 SPEAKERS:

Allie Martin and Esther Nelson, Safety Compass
"Human Trafficking in Washington County"

Ms. Martin provided an overview of Safety Compass, a confidential non-profit agency working in collaboration with law enforcement and social service providers to provide support for survivors (to age 25) of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) and sex-trafficking in Washington, Clackamas and Marion Counties. In-person advocacy services they provide include navigation through the criminal and social justice systems and court accompaniment; 24/7 emergency response to scene at law enforcement facilities, juvenile intake centers, emergency rooms and child welfare requests; case management and resource referral to service providers. They also provide on-line support for families of missing and chronically exploited youth and adults. A Diversion Program was developed in Clackamas and Marion Counties for adult survivors of CSE (18 – 25 years) facing Prostitution charges which views offenders as victims of the industry and provides a 8-10 week curriculum working through a Community Court. Upon completion of the program, charges are dropped. Safety Compass advocates assist victims throughout the diversion

process, providing support and court accompaniment. The Oregon Department of Justice provides funding for seven (7) county taskforces which focus on human trafficking. Safety Compass has an advocate in each of the three counties they work in who is assigned to “Coordinator” positions within each respective taskforce. Allie Martin is the Coordinator of the Washington County Human Trafficking Taskforce (WCHTT). In Washington County, the WCHTT is working with the District Attorney’s office to modify the view of offenders charged with the crime of Prostitution as “victims” and to determine the best method to work those cases within that framework. Safety Compass believes public education increases awareness and results in increased victim identification and better intervention outcomes and offers specialized training for first responders and social service providers in identifying and appropriately serving survivors of CSE. Ms. Martin provided a review of who was being exploited, noting a nationwide average age of victims to be 13 and an Oregon statewide average age of 16 and almost always having experienced prior child sexual abuse. Runaway, homeless and displaced youth were particularly at risk, statistically experiencing sexual exploitation by the time of their fourth runaway episode. As a result, the WCHTT focusses much of their effort in early intervention, working with service provider agencies and the Juvenile Department to identify number of “runs” and other red flags to identify vulnerable individuals. She reviewed the different recruitment methods employed by the industry and the reality experienced by victims/survivors, and shared red flags to identify potential victims/survivors. Esther Nelson offered a “deeper dive” training to agencies to better understand the industry and ultimately better serve potentially vulnerable populations. She encouraged agencies to contact them if they suspect a client might be involved in the industry regardless whether the suspicion was confirmed or not. For additional information or questions, contact the organization through their website, www.safetycompass.org, via Facebook: SafetyCompassOR, or the 24-hour referral line, (971) 235-0021. Allie Martin can be contacted directly at allie@safetycompass.org or (971) 645-2412.

Questions & Answers:

Upon sending a referral to an agency, how long do you stay connected?

If the individual signs a Release of Information (ROI), case management continues indefinitely in collaboration with the agency. If not, they remain in the background providing case management within the confines of confidentiality.

Is the Diversion Program only available to individuals going through the court?

The program is for adults being charged with Prostitution in Clackamas and Marion Counties. Minors are usually not charged with Prostitution, although there are counties where that is not the case.

What is the point of contact? Is it just through the criminal justice system, or are your advocates doing street outreach as well?

The majority of referrals come through the criminal justice system, although they receive self-referrals and referrals by victims/survivors with whom they are already working. They do not endorse “venues” as a safe and viable street outreach option for survivors, considering them a “point of sale” and a location where survivors are more vulnerable.

Would you take referrals from service provider agencies or homeless outreach staff?

Upon receiving the referral, they would collaborate with the referring agency on a confidential basis until an ROI is signed by the survivor.

Should an agency call the referral line if they suspect a client is involved in the sex industry, even if they are working independently?

Yes; however, keep in mind that Safety Compass only works with individuals up to age 25. There is a different dynamic at play and other organizations to whom sex workers involved in the life and older than age 25 are referred.

What similar services are available in Multnomah County?

Multnomah County was the flagship program for human trafficking, but has experienced a shake-up over the past year, but are in a re-building phase. She suggested referrals to a

Multnomah County program should go to Call to Safety, (888) 235-5333 with a request to be referred to the New Day Program.

Is there a program in Washington County for referring clients older than 25?

The dynamics of the industry make it difficult to identify a clear resource to refer survivors who have aged out of the market. Most often; basic needs (housing, detox, domestic violence) are the priority prior to working through any trauma or mental health issues. Safety Compass will be located on-site at the Family Justice Center and are working through legal to make that happen. They also work with Washington County Mental Health and LifeWorks.

Is there specific training that you offer to agencies?

Safety Compass is mandated to provide training. Contact Allie Martin directly and include information specific to the clients and the environment the agency works within.

Patrick Rogers, Community Action Organization

“2019 Point-In-Time (PIT) Homeless Count”

Mr. Rogers provided a brief history of his involvement with the annual homeless count, noting this year would mark year 19. The annual homeless count process continues to change and improve from year to year. This year, in particular, homelessness is receiving much attention and visibility resulting in increased volunteer participation and improved organization and efficiency. Counts in Washington County are scheduled for January 23, 28 and 29 with Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Beaverton and Tigard all scheduled for the same day (January 23), which should greatly reduce duplication. He demonstrated the on-line volunteer sign-up page which allowed volunteers to sign up for an initial training offered in multiple locations, dates and times (Beaverton City Library, Hillsboro Civic Center and Tigard City Hall) and then indicate the volunteer city of preference. Each municipality had a point Lead who successfully rallied city workers and staff to participate. To date, 45 volunteers had signed up. He encouraged anyone interested to access www.caowash.org and follow the links to register for the volunteer training.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the December 5, 2018 HSSN meeting minutes.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Katherine Galian

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Children (Homeless Education Network): *Bill Garcia-Gomez* garciaa@hsd.k12.or.us

Courtney Gibb reported they did not meet in December but have a meeting scheduled next week. They planned to have Pat Rogers speak at the meeting to incorporate the homeless student count in the PIT count.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2019. Hillsboro School District

Youth: *Drew Williamson* dwilliamson@boysandgirlsaid.org

Bianeth Valdez reported they met in December and are working to have more youth represented at the meetings.

Next Meeting: March, 2019. SafePlace Youth Shelter

Homelessness: *Pat Rogers* progers@caowash.org

The focus for the next meeting and subsequent meetings will be Point-In-Time (PIT) preparation.

Next Meeting: January 7, 9:30am, 3700 SW Murray, Rm 195, Beaverton

Permanent Housing: *Annette Evans* Annette_evans@co.washington.or.us

Gordon Teifel reported the Coalition of Housing Advocates (CHA) met on December 6 and determined they were not in a position to serve as the Permanent Housing Subcommittee going forward. See details under Mental Health & Special Needs Community Consortium
Next Meeting: To be announced.

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

Gordon Teifel shared the importance of having a short, succinct but memorable message to describe your non-profit. Daytime Enrichment Activities and Recreation (DEAR) recently received a donation of \$3,000 from WinCo Foods' Golf Charities Foundation because a staff member remembered their message from three years ago as they were deciding where to send excess corporate grants. He also introduced Dan Peccia of Self Determination Resources Inc. (SDRI) who provided DEAR early funding when they first started out ten years ago. SDRI provides case management services to 635 developmentally disabled individuals, 18+ years and living independently/with family in Washington County.

Mental Health & Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee:

Annette Evans Annette_evans@co.washington.or.us

Given the change with the CHA as reported earlier and the work done to develop the next phase of the homeless program, *A Road Home*, it has become apparent the foundation for delivering mental health services and special needs is housing, whether independent or facility-based housing. Annette recommended combining the Permanent Housing Subcommittee and Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium subcommittees and expand participation to the Housing Authority, non-profit housing developers and service providers. She asked for feedback from the membership and received confirmation that it was the logical thing to do. She will move forward to convene a combined subcommittee and will send announcements via the HSSN ListServ as meeting dates were scheduled. She added she would use the sign-in lists from *A Road Home* in her notices to include those individuals who attended those meetings but who were not able to attend the HSSN meetings.

Next Meeting: To be announced, 111 NE Lincoln Street, Room 258, Hillsboro

Veterans: *Gary Smith* gareth.smith@va.gov

Gary Smith reported they met in December and continued discussion on the By-Name List, VASH and improving Salvation Army's HMIS data entry. Community Action, Salvation Army and Veteran Affairs were present so case discussion on complex issues was possible. It was noted there was a backlog of unissued VASH vouchers because Veteran Affairs did not have enough case managers to work with the Housing Authority to issue them. New staff was coming on board in January and should alleviate the problem. Kurt Schroeder of WorkSource Oregon added Easter Seals now had a Homeless Veteran Integration Program in Washington County.

Seniors: *Yvette Potter* Yvette_potter@co.washington.or.us

No report.

Anti-Poverty Workgroup: *Katherine Galian* kgalion@caowash.org

Next Meeting: January 16, 2-4pm at

Community Connect Oversight: *Annette Evans* Annette_evans@co.washington.or.us

A review of the system's performance continues to address ways to streamline assessments, referral to housing, and finalize a consumer and agency survey.

Next Meeting: January 14 at 10:00am, 111 NE Lincoln Street, Room 258, Hillsboro

HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup (the CoC Board)

The next meeting will include a preliminary report on PIT activities (highlights/challenges) and consultation for the Emergency Solution Grant. There will also be a review of the first draft of the FFY2018 System Performance Measurement Outcomes.

Next Meeting: February 8 at 8:30am, 111 NE Lincoln Street, Room 258, Hillsboro

Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC): *Annette Evans*

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Mental Health Court and Metro Bond presentations will be provided at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2019 at 2:30pm, 3700 SW Murray, Rm 195, Beaverton

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

Annette reviewed the annual work plan form to be used for status updates on the progress of action steps identified for completing the strategies identified in Year 1 of *A Road Home*. She solicited verbal updates but also suggested they could be emailed to her. She will present an updated Year 1 status report at the February 6 HSSN meeting incorporating all updates received.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Matt Mattia announced the Community Development Non-Housing Needs Assessment Questionnaires are due Friday, January 25. He reminded agencies they may be disqualified from applying for CDBG funds during 2020-2024 without participation. He also announced he had accepted a position with Business Oregon and January 17 would be his last day with the Office of Community Development. Annette commended his work on both the HSSN and the HSSN Workgroup.
- Juri Hobbs of The Portland Rescue Mission announced their men's and women's residential programs have never been at capacity in every season they have been open and had never received referrals from Washington County. By attending the HSSN meetings, he hopes to establish relationships that will encourage referrals to their programs. Annette will email bed availability announcements via HSSN ListServ.
- Sarah Weller of Write Around Portland announced they will be finalizing their Spring 2019 Creative Writing Workshop schedule and encouraged agencies to contact her to schedule a creative writing workshops for their clients. Participant work is published in an anthology and presented in a public reading. She would like to see more representative work from Washington County. The Spring 2019 anthology is especially important as it marks their 20th Anniversary year.
- Annie Heart of Family Promise of Washington County invited the membership to their annual fundraising gala on February 15 noting they will be looking for sponsors.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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

Handouts:

- Safety Compass: What We Do
- Safety Compass: Red Flags to ID Survivors
- Washington County, Beaverton and Hillsboro Consolidated Plan/Analysis of Impediments Planning Effort
- Bi-annual update to A Road Home: July 2018 – June 2019

To be added to the HSSN email list, contact Annette Evans at Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us