

HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK

Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup (The CoC Board)

Friday, December 9, 2016

8:30 to 10:30 am

Washington County Public Services Building - Room 105/115
155 North First Avenue, Hillsboro, OR 97123

AGENDA

Chair: Annette M. Evans, Washington County Department of Housing Services

Co-Chair: Katherine Galian, Community Action Organization

I. Introductions (8:30 a.m.)

II. Public Comment (8:35 a.m.)

III. Approve Minutes (8:40 a.m.)

A) August 12, 2016 Draft HSSN Workgroup Minutes [Action - Approval]

IV. Business Items (8:45 a.m.)

- A) 2016 Homeless Assessment Report: A Summary of Year 8 Outcomes and Challenges – Annette Evans
- B) 2017 Point In Time Homeless Count and Master List (By-Name) – Pat Rogers and Cole Schnitzer
- C) System Performance Measurement (SPM) Review - All
- D) Year 9 of the 10-Year Plan – How do we move the dial in preventing and ending homelessness using our 3-prong approach: Housing First, Wrap-around Services, and Increased Income/Economic Supports? - All
- E) FY2016 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Grant Application \$3,166,876 Grant application submitted - Pending HUD award anticipated January/February 2017
- F) A Road Home: The Next Phase Beyond June 2018
- G) Old Business Items
 - 1. Letter to Metro on Homeless Populations

V. Agency Announcements and Open Discussion (10:15 a.m.)

VI. 2017 HSSN Workgroup Meeting Schedule, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. (10:25 a.m.)

- Friday, February 10, 2017
- Friday, April 14, 2017
- Friday, June 9, 2017
- Friday, August 11, 2017
- Friday, October 13, 2017
- Friday, December 8, 2017

VII. Adjournment (10:30 a.m.)

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HSSN STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DISCHARGE WORKGROUP

Administrative Board of the Continuum of Care in Washington County

Public Service Building Conference Room 105/115

August 12, 2016

Role: The HSSN Workgroup (the CoC Board) is comprised of public and private representatives of the homeless subpopulations that exist within the CoC geographic region, a formerly homeless consumer representative, and the Emergency Solutions Grant recipient agency. The Workgroup is the jurisdictional CoC Administrative Board, as established by the HSSN Mission and Governance Policy.

Responsibilities: Perform CoC strategic planning, coordinate with and/or assist in State and local discharge planning, review performance outcomes of HMIS and HUD-funded programs, develop housing and service systems alignment, seek out and prioritize funding, and approve the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance grant application to HUD.

COC BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

- Clevidence, Veronica - Housing Services
- Erickson, Dennis - Community Corrections
- Evans, Annette - Housing Services
- Galian, Katherine - Community Action
- Harbin, Angie - Cascade AIDS Project
- Mattia, Matt - Office of Community Development
- Pero, David - Homeless Education Network/
McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Liaison
- Radecki, Kara – Luke-Dorf, Inc.
- Ram, Sarala - CODA, Inc.
- Rogers, Pat - Community Action
- Schwab, Jack - Good Neighbor Center
- Turner, Denise - Denise's Spa Petite
- Valfre, Adolph "Val" - Housing Authority
- Werner, Judy - Lutheran Community Svcs NW

COC BOARD MEMBER NOT PRESENT

- Bundy, Valerie - Domestic Violence Resource Center
- Hille, Marcia - Sequoia Mental Health Services
- Johnson, Ellen - Oregon Law Center
- Logan-Sanders, Andrea - Boys & Girls Aid
- Schnitzer, Cole - US Dept. of Veteran Affairs
- Voiss, Karen - Housing Independence

OTHER ATTENDEES

- Linder, April - Housing Independence*
- Martinez, Omar – City of Hillsboro
- Smith, Gary - US Dept. of Veteran Affairs*
- Talbott, Carie – Western Governors University
- Wilcox, Kimberly - Sequoia Mental Health Services*
- Toevs, Jeremy – Open Door Counseling Center
- Williamson, Drew – Boys and Girls Aid*

*Indicates representative attending on behalf of elected Board Member not able to attend in person.

Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us

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

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve HSSN Workgroup meeting minutes for June 10, 2016.

Action: Katherine Galian

Second: Val Valfre

Vote: Approved – Unanimous

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

A) FY2016 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Grant Application with \$2,937,427 in Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

Annette Evans, serving as the CoC Collaborative Applicant, released a public notice that included a Request for Proposal (RFP) on July 9, 2016 that included a timeline, ranking process, and project presentation and scoring at the HSSN meeting on August 3, 2016. Annette provided a complete listing of CoC renewal projects as well as the proposed bonus project valued at \$161,643.

The RFP includes the CoC's decision to reallocate the Washington County Transitional Housing program funds valued at \$14,772. In summary, during the FY2015 CoC Program grant application process the HSSN Workgroup (the CoC Board) reviewed the project performance and determined the funds would better serve the homeless population in permanent supportive or rapid re-housing, and provided notice to the project applicant to locate alternative funding for the project after June 30, 2017, so as not to displace program participants. This was outlined in a letter to the project applicant with an opportunity for appeal. No appeal has been received.

FY2016 CoC Program New Project For Bonus Plus Reallocation Funds

Only one new project proposal was received as a result of the RFP, as compared to several projects in previous years. This may be due to the smaller amount of funds available in the Bonus competition. The proposed new project scored by the HSSN is RISE (Re-housing In Support of Employment) and received received 49.1 of 52 eligible points.

Motion: Adopt the rapid re-housing RISE project for inclusion in the FY2016 CoC Program grant application.

Action: Judy Werner

Second: Jack Schwab

Vote: Approved – Unanimous

Ranking and Rating for the FY2016 CoC Program Grant Application

The CoC Application and Award Process policy adopted by the HSSN defines the methodology behind project ranking and rating and is available online at

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/hssn.cfm>.

Tier 1 represents 93% of the ARD, with Tier 2 representing the remaining 7% along with any bonus projects. Each project performance was reviewed with discussion on the following projects:

- Safe Haven and HGILP: These programs serve chronically homeless persons with SPMI (severe and persistent mental illness). The low performance in “earned or employment” income is a result of the disability that limits the individual’s ability to obtain and retain employment. Subrecipient is looking at employment models to include peer mentors.
- Tri-Haven: The Tri-Haven will de-obligate \$30,509 of \$78,706 due to rental costs that have not been raised in four years. These Single Room Occupancy (SRO) rentals being unable to raise rents because of conflicting federal regulations between the HOME funds and the CoC Program funds. The local HUD Field Office provided technical guidance on this issue, with work occurring by the Recipient in partnership with the HOME Funds Recipient to raise the rents. There was no impact to the homeless living in these units as they continue to pay only 30% of their income regardless of the rent increase. It was noted the rent increases were completed in compliance with the new renter protection rules in House Bill 4143 that requires a 90-day notice of rent increase.
- CoC Rapid Re-Housing for Families: Now in its second year of operation, the program has increased the number of program participants; however, a de-obligation is planned to include rent assistance and services. This is a result of the extremely tight housing market

(2 percent vacancy rate) where families find it difficult to lease quickly resulting in unspent funds. The subrecipient has hired a housing specialist position to work with landlords in quickly re-housing homeless families. Anticipate fully utilizing funds in the future.

- Consideration of renewal Shelter Plus Care (SPC) to straddle Tier 1 and Tier 2. Should HUD choose to not fund the Tier 2 portion of this renewal project the impact to displacement of participants would be reduced as \$185,304 or approximately 16 SPC households.

With some discussion, the ranking for Project Priority Listing was agreed upon as follows:

1. SPC Chronic Permanent Housing Initiative
2. Housing Stabilization
3. Safe Haven
4. Hillsboro Graduated Independent Living
5. Transitional Living Program
6. CoC Rapid Re-housing
7. Tri-Haven
8. HMIS
9. SPC Renewal (straddling Tier 1 and Tier 2)
10. RISE (Proposed Bonus Project)

Motion: Adopt project ranking and rating outcomes as represented in the FY2016 CoC Program Project Priority Listing.

Action: Jack Schwab

Second: Dennis Erickson

Vote: Approved – Unanimous

B) Debrief on HUD Notice: Solicitation of Comment on CoC Formula, Federal Register FR-5476-N-04.

On July 22, the HSSN Workgroup received a notice regarding the public comment period for proposed new formula. The HSSN Workgroup discussed the four options provided and noted that all four proposed formulas would benefit this CoC because of emphasis on criteria that is more relevant to our economic situation than the formulas currently in use. Formulas A and B have a heavy focus on Area Median Income, and offer the best outcomes for Washington County. Annette proposes creating a draft comment on behalf of the CoC in support of Formula A, which would be submitted for public comment on behalf of the CoC, though agencies are encouraged to submit comments as individuals. The link to submit a comment will be sent with the draft comment.

Motion: Approve submittal of comment on behalf of OR506-CoC in support of Formula A.

Action: Katherine Galian

Second: Dennis Erickson

Vote: Approved - Unanimous

C) System Performance Measurement (SPM) Review

Annette Evans provided comparable SPMs for 2013-14 and 2014-15. After October 1, 2016, the 2015-16 SPMs will be available for further comparison.

Measure 1: For length of time (LOT) persons remain homeless, this CoC has remained flat at an average 53 days as compared to 30 days goal.

Measure 2: Exits to permanent housing with return to homelessness within two years has improved with 11.16% in FY2014-15 as compared to 17.09% in FY2013-14. Exits from emergency shelter in particular dropped from 40.16% to 21.48%. Katherine Galian asked how the query determines which exit to report when there might be multiple exits to permanent housing. UPDATE: Per the HMIS specifications for SPMs, this report looks at the *earliest* exit

to permanent housing within the time frame specified, and the first subsequent entry into a project that would indicate the client has returned to homelessness.

Measure 4: The report detailing employment and income growth for CoC-funded programs showed improvement from last year, but is still significantly below goals. An issue with the goals for increased income is that often people are assisted in obtaining non-employment cash while involved in street outreach and Community Connect. As these projects are not CoC-funded, and usually precede entry into CoC-funded projects, clients are not likely to increase these numbers while enrolled in CoC-funded projects. Annette will look into the specifications on the data and also provide comment to HUD.

Measure 5: The number of first-time homeless increased slightly this year from last year as the Community Connect – coordinated assessment system was implemented in 2014 – providing an easy to access system aligned with outreach that prioritizes people based on literally homeless, the length of homeless, and disabling conditions for housing and services resulting in more first-time people served.

Measure 7: The exits to permanent housing report has mixed results. Exits from street outreach have been “cleaned up” recently to exit those who haven’t been seen in a long time, which is skewing the numbers for the current year. Exits from emergency shelter, Safe Haven, transitional housing and rapid re-housing to permanent housing are close to the 70% HUD goal, with slightly above 56% for both years. Retention of permanent housing and exits from permanent housing to permanent housing both exceed HUD’s goal of 80% with 91.26% and 93.40%.

Denise Turner asked who should be contacted if one sees homeless camps or people needing assistance. Annette Evans said to call her, and she can forward information to the outreach teams. Kara Radecki said once Luke-Dorf hires an outreach worker, there will be a good number to call that can potentially be published in social media. Annette said this issue will be addressed in the next By Name List meeting.

D) A Road Home: The Next Phase Beyond June 2018

Annette hasn’t had a chance to look at what other communities are doing to continue the work of the expiring 10-year plans, but stressed that the issue is on the minds of the local electorate. Val Valfre coordinated a meeting with Senator Merkley’s staff, and presented them with the Year 7 report so they could see the work being done. Annette hopes to have a draft plan by December 2016 Workgroup meeting.

E) Old Business Items

At the June 1 HSSN Workgroup meeting Annette was authorized to compose a letter to clarify when the \$2,335,000 in Section 811 funds awarded on March 2, 2015 under HUD-15-026 would be made available to serve people across our state that need the assistance provided by these federal funds. Since the June 1 meeting, there have been developments on distributing these grant funds. Val Valfre explained after many changes in descriptions, inter-agency agreements, and timelines, the State of Oregon will publish a request for applications in September with agreements executed between December 2016 and February 2017. These funds may not be used for capital projects, but are for supportive services with existing state-funded projects only. Val is looking into whether this delay in allocating funding was nationwide or limited to Oregon.

The letter to Metro regarding homeless populations hasn’t been written because Annette hasn’t had an opportunity to meet with Ellen to draft the letter. Once drafted, Annette will circulate via email for comments and approval.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

- Gary Smith announced Salvation Army Veteran and Family Center is full.
- David Pero announced the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) will be the subject of a workshop for educators called Oregon Odyssey on August 16-18, 2016.
- Kara Radecki announced Luke-Dorf is seeking a Homeless outreach worker with a Master's degree in counseling or social work. Without this position in place, there isn't anybody visiting jails and hospitals, and Community Connect is burdened. The new Emergency Solutions Grant will expand outreach capacity.
- Val Valfre announced REACH's Orchards at Orengo phase two opened a few days ago, and he was able to view a presentation on Pomeroy Place's veteran's housing. Sunset View should be opening for waitlist later in the year, and Cornelius Place for seniors, the Cornell and Murray project, and REACH phase 3, are all moving forward. The Housing Authority is also working with Washington County on the Willow Creek project.
- Omar Martinez announced he is working for the City of Hillsboro with the Community Development Block Grant. Prior to this, he worked for Oregon Housing Community Services.
- Sarala Ram announced CODA's Suboxone and Driving Under the Influence programs need more referrals, and Veteran's Village is opening in Vancouver on August 16, 2016.
- Dennis Erickson announced Community Corrections has been using mentors for 16 years, particularly with those in recovery or experiencing homelessness, and is looking for new ways to fund this program. They are hoping to have 20 mentors employed in this capacity by December 2016. It is a very effective way to help people move toward stability.
- Jeremy Toevs announced Open Door Counseling Center will accept applications for a new mortgage assistance program beginning August 18, 2016. Annette will send to the listserv.

V. WORKGROUP MEETING SCHEDULE – SAVE THE DATE

Friday, October 14, 2016

Friday, December 9, 2016

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Veronica Clevidence, Washington County Department of Housing Services

To be added to HSSN Workgroup email list, or the HSSN Coordinated and Centralized Assessment System, contact Annette Evans at Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us.