



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 ~ 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 SPEAKER: 8:35 a.m.

Ben Sturtz, Housing Project Manager for REACH CDC

Meg Guerra, Property Management for REACH CDC

- Developing Affordable Housing Opportunities in Washington County and the Metro-Area.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:10 a.m. Action Item

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:15 a.m.

- FY2015 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Competitive Grant Application – Requesting \$2.7 million in funds.

- Year 7 Work Plan Outcomes and Challenges - A Road Home: 10-Year Plan Action Item

- HSSN Governance – Nominations will open with election at June 3 HSSN Meeting. Submit nominations by May 27. Positions include:

- HSSN Co-Chair Position – Nonprofit/Private Representative Action Item (Term 2 years: 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2017)

- HSSN Workgroup (the CoC Board) Action Item (Term 4 years: 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2019)

Vacant Positions	Slate of Nominees
HSSN Co-Chair	<i>Katherine Galian, Community Action</i>
Business	
Chronic Homeless	<i>Mona Knapp, Luke-Dorf, Inc.</i>
Families with Children	<i>Jack Schwab, Good Neighbor Center Family Shelter</i>
Community Corrections/Jail/Prison	<i>Dennis Erickson, Washington County Community Corrections</i>
McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Liaison (the HEN)	<i>David Pero, Forest Grove School District</i>

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:40 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

(No Meeting on July 1, 2015)

Have a great 4th of July!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 5, 2015

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HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County

Beaverton Building
May 6, 2015 at 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:

Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Resource Center	Rittenhouse, Ron—Goodwill Industries - Job Connection
Burleson, David— Washington County Reentry Council	Rogers, Jessica—Community Action Organization
Calfee, Bridget— HomePlate	Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization
Caparelli, Roxanne—Lifeworks Northwest, EASA	Savara, Jessica—Virginia Garcia Health Center
Clevidence, Veronica—Wash. Co. Housing Services	Schwab, Jack—Good Neighbor Center
Duncan-Perez, Martha— Wash. County Reentry Council	Sechrist, Lauren—Wash. Co. Community Development
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services	Seward, Michelle—Lifeworks Northwest
Huggins-Smith, Sarah— Family Promise of Wash. County	Stoller, Rick— Salvation Army – Harbor Light
Knapp, Mona—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Stoullil, Vera—Boys and Girls Aid
Knuth, Sarah—Write Around Portland	Taylor, Molly—Oregon Department of Human Services
Lachapelle, Julie—Oregon Department of Human Services	Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living & DEAR
McVey, Jaycanna—Boys and Girls Aid	Thompson, Jessica—Community Warehouse
Orr, Patrick—HomePlate	Turk, Nicki—Cascade AIDS Project
Otero, Dunetchka—Community Warehouse	Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services, NW
Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center	Winnie, Lana—LifeWorks NW
Potter, Yvette—DAVS	Woods, Dana—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Prentice, Hannah—Columbia Care Services	Yagle, Dixie—Bridges to Change
Rainey, Kirstin—BSW Grad – Pacific University	

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

Co-Chair: Judy Werner, Nonprofit Agency Representative jwerner@lcsnw.org

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. GUEST SPEAKERS

Child Welfare Differential Response

Ms. Julie Lachapelle and Ms. Molly Taylor, Oregon Department of Human Services

Julie Lachapelle introduced the media clip provided by the State of Oregon detailing the Differential Response Initiative. While several new strategies are being developed, the Differential Response strategy is a focused initiative which provides a response track different from the traditional Child Welfare track response of removing children from the home. Recognizing that the “one-size-fits-all” approach wasn’t always the best response, the department developed a two-track approach which allows more flexibility in how the department responds to alleged maltreatment.

The alternative response was intended for reports of maltreatment which qualify for department services but do not allege severe harm to a child. On the alternative response track, cases will not end with a formal finding, and the allegation will not be tracked in the central registry. Instead, the family will have the choice whether or not to accept services, and determine their own level of participation.

In Oregon, the decision to follow the differential response model was made after evaluating the results of several other states in which implementation had already occurred. Follow-up findings showed higher participation in agency services, higher rate of satisfaction amongst families, reduced incidences of repeat reports and subsequent removal of children from the home, with no decrease in child safety. Another important benchmark was the reduction in disproportionality, which is the higher percentage of children of color in the child welfare system than in the overall population.

The two main goals of differential response in Oregon are the safe and equitable reduction of children in foster care and the reduction of disproportionality of children of color in foster care. Results from other states support findings including reduced objectivity in case workers resulting in less children in foster care. The model was implemented in a few Oregon counties starting in May 2014, and it has now been implemented in approximately 25% of Oregon counties.

Part of the implementation is to offer more control to the families. In the past, child welfare would appear in times of crisis, which would scare the families, making them fearful and less likely to cooperate freely. With the alternative track, the families can meet with workers at a time that's best for them. They can accept or refuse services, and have a much more collaborative relationship with child welfare. The Oregon Safety model uses an enhanced engagement process, which has proven to be very beneficial in allowing case workers to work with families rather than incidents.

The University of Illinois has been hired to research results in Oregon to measure effectiveness. Due to the nature of the changes to the system, the state understands that it will take a few years to accurately observe and measure the results, and is willing to invest in complete implementation based on results in other states.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the April 1, 2015 HSSN meeting minutes.
Action: Ron Rittenhouse
Second: Martha Duncan-Perez
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

2015 Point In Time Homeless Count Report (PIT)

Annette Evans thanked Pat Rogers, Valerie Burton and Patrick Orr and the teams at Community Action, Luke-Dorf and HomePlate for their leadership in completing the 2015 PIT. For the first five years after implementation of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, homelessness decreased based on use of the Housing First model. Since that time, Washington County has experienced a very tight housing market, making it difficult to find housing. Homelessness in this county has increased for a second year despite community efforts. In January 2015, 591 people were literally homeless, and 185 additional individuals were living doubled-up. A quarter of these individuals reported unemployment as the cause of their homelessness, and another quarter reported that they couldn't afford their rent. There has been a 27% increase in literally homeless people since January, 2013. A third of these people reside in transitional housing or emergency shelter, in slightly more beds than were available in 2013. The remainder is living in places not meant for human habitation, including on the street, in their cars, in campsites or abandoned buildings.

Chronic homelessness has increased by 39% since 2013. Washington County was charged with describing its plan to end homelessness by 2015, and was given an extension to 2016 due to the government budget sequestration in 2013. The county was

positioned to achieve this goal using the strategies developed, but with the increase in chronic homelessness, the goal will not be reached.

Homelessness among Veterans has remained relatively unchanged since last year, while youth homelessness has increased by 10, for a total of 13 unaccompanied minors reporting homelessness this year. Families with children are continuing to decline, but 23% of the homeless population is the children in these households.

The state definition of homeless people differs from the federal definition by 185 people in 144 households. While the doubled-up numbers appear to have decreased, this is largely because the McKinney-Vento liaisons collecting student information were asked not to include that data this year. Pat Rogers added that there were several paper forms that were not included because they did not contain the necessary basic information required to be counted. This is a training issue that will be addressed for next year.

Annette said that the shelter and housing inventory, the HIC, declined in the past year from 952 beds to 905 beds. Two programs offering transitional housing stopped serving homeless individuals, and in permanent supportive housing, it's reflective of underspending on Shelter Plus Care (SPC). When people are housed in SPC, we can count them as housed and include them in the inventory. When those funds aren't used, only the number of funded beds is counted, whether used or not. This leads to fewer beds counted in the inventory. Underspending is also occurring with HUD VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing). Vouchers can be for one person or for a family, and when a family is served, multiple beds can be counted. When underspending occurs, only the one voucher can be counted, decreasing beds counted in the inventory.

Lastly, 50 beds were expected to be used by the Housing TEAM Program, but when HUD determined that the vouchers could not be used for sponsor-based placement, these beds weren't able to be included in the inventory. Since the vouchers are still available, they will be used for project-based programs instead. Pat Rogers said they would appreciate assistance next year from members of the HSSN, as those with experience are quite helpful to the process. Patrick Orr added that he was surprised he didn't encounter more homeless youth during the process.

Both the federal and local reports are available on the county website:
<http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/homeless-data-and-point-in-time-activities.cfm>

FY2015 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Competitive Grant Application

The deadline for CoC registration is May 18, and this CoC will be competing for 2.7 million. Annette Evans will keep us posted on the progress.

Proposal to Standardize Conversion Rate for Community Service Work

Annette Evans reported that the HSSN Workgroup reviewed Community Connect data and determined that raising the conversion rate for community service work could assist the approximately 50% of those coming through Community Connect with criminal history in their attempt to secure housing. A proposal was created to standardize the Community Service conversion rate to reflect the BOLI (Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industry) pay rate for Landscape Technician, a position which closely aligns with most community service work. The proposal garnered letters of support from Washington County Directors of Housing Services and Community Corrections, The Office of Community Development, and the HSSN Workgroup. The proposal and letters of support were submitted to Presiding Judge Bailey, and a meeting was scheduled to discuss the initiative in more detail. Days before the meeting, however, the courts made the decision to decline the proposal at this time.

Affordable Housing Workgroup (Creating units as or below 50% AMI)

Annette Evans reported that Vision Action Network (VAN) is facilitating an Affordable Housing Workgroup which will be working with non-profit and for-profit developers to develop affordable housing at or below 30-50% AMI (average median income). Many of those in need are families with disabilities or seniors, neither of which will be able to find a well-paying job to enable them to maintain housing independence. The focus will be determining what it would take for these providers to build and offer affordable housing, because it's very challenging to build new housing at that level. Many of the revenue tools offered by Jes Larson during her presentation for the Welcome Home Coalition will be considered, as well as the results of the Meyers Memorial Trust survey. The workgroup includes Glenn Montgomery from VAN and some members of the HPAC (Homeless Plan Advisory Committee), and has met twice thus far. The goal is for the workgroup to be able to report back in June to the HPAC, and Annette will keep the HSSN apprised.

HSSN Governance

Nominations will open with election at June 3 HSSN meeting, and must be submitted by May 27, 2015. Please ensure that the person nominated is willing to serve. Open positions include HSSN Co-chair (Non-profit/Private Representative, 2-year term), and positions to serve on the HSSN Workgroup, CoC Board, for 4-year terms representing Business, Chronic Homeless, Families with Children, Community Corrections, Jail or Prison, and McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Liaison. Judy Werner summarized her experience as HSSN Co-Chair by saying it's not very difficult, and she would recommend the position.

If Annette gets only one nomination per slot, she will not type up names for voting, but if more than one person is nominated in any slot, voting will be done per paper ballot.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annette announced Year 7 outcomes of the 10-Year plan will be reviewed at the next meeting, and she will be asking the chairs of each sub-committee to report outcomes related to goals identified in the work plan.
- Mona Knapp introduced Dana Woods, Luke-Dorf's new Grants and Development person.
- Gordon Teifel announced that the Washington County Developmental Disabilities Resource Fair was last week.
- Jessica Thompson introduced Community Warehouse's new director, Dunetchka Otero.
- Bridget Calfee announced that HomePlate's annual Kickball Tournament is taking place on 5/7/2015, and will be featured on KGW.
- Martha Duncan-Perez announced that the Washington County Reentry Council is hosting and coordinating the local National Day of Prayer recognition event on 5/7/15 at 10 a.m. in the plaza by the fountain in downtown Hillsboro.
- Lauren Sechrist announced the Consolidated and Action Plans have been submitted, and thanked everyone for the feedback supplied throughout the process.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The next meeting is June 3, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Veronica Clevidence
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