



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, June 1, 2016 ~ 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.

Robert Colpean and Meredith LaMarche, Washington County Forensic Mental Health

- Community Restoration Program serving people who due to mental illness are found unable to aid and assist in criminal cases.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:05 a.m. Action Item

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:10 a.m.

- FY2015 CoC Program Award \$3,393,016 and debrief on application scoring.
- FY2016 CoC Program \$2,937,427 in Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) - HUD submittal deadline May 26, 2016.
- HSSN Governance – Election of positions, nominations close May 25.
 - HSSN Chair Position – Public Representative Action Item
2-Year Term: 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2018
 - HSSN Workgroup (the CoC Board) Action Item
4-Year Terms: 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2020

Positions (HSSN and HSSN Workgroup)	Current Slate of Nominees
HSSN: Chair	<i>Annette Evans, Washington County</i>
Workgroup: Faith-based	<i>Judy Werner, Lutheran Community Services Northwest</i>
Workgroup: Homeless/Formerly Homeless	<i>Pat Rogers, Community Action</i>
Workgroup: Housing Authority	<i>Adolph 'Val' Valfre, Jr.</i>
Workgroup: Mental Health Provider	<i>Marcia Hille, Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc.</i>
Workgroup: Veterans	<i>Cole Schnitzer, US Veterans Affairs</i>

- Guest Speakers for CoC Planning Calendar 8/2016 through 6/2017.
- HSSN Summer Meeting Schedule.
 - A Road Home: Year 9 Work Plan review and adoption on August 3.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:40 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

No Meeting on July 6, 2016 in Observance of 4th of July Holiday

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 3, 2016

Comments or questions regarding the agenda can be directed to Annette Evans at 503-846-4760

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HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
May 4, 2016 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:

Adams, Jessi—Community Action Organization	McKenna, Marielle—HomePlate
Bradley-Tschirgi, Evana—Domestic Violence Resource Ctr.	Mellick, Michael—Care Oregon
Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Resource Center	Murray, Jill—CODA, Inc.
Burton, Valerie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Orr, Patrick—Cascade AIDS Project
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program	Pero, David—McKinney-Vento Liaison, Homeless Ed. Network
Clevidence, Veronica—Washington County Housing Svcs	Portman, Cheri—Job Corps
Cockeram, Tami—City of Hillsboro	Potter, Yvette—Washington County DAVS
Draper, Jazmen— Multnomah University	Ram, Sarala—CODA, Inc.
Duke, Rachael—Community Partners for Afford. Housing	Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Duncan-Perez, Martha—Wash. Co. Reentry Council	Schnitzer, Cole—Veterans Administration
Earp, Eric—Bridges to Change	Schwab, Jack—Good Neighbor Center
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services	Seward, Michelle—LifeWorks NW
Foran, Celina—Community Action Organization	Skryha, Vicki—U. S. Department of HUD
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Sullivan, Brenda—Bridges to Change
Gonzalez, Antonio—LifeWorks NW	Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living and DEAR
Groesz, Joshua—Salvation Army Veterans and Family Ctr.	Thomas, Josh—Washington Co. HHS Residential Specialist
Holmer, Sharon—Multnomah University	Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton
King, Linda—Community Action Organization	Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services
Linder, April—Housing Independence	Williamson, Drew—Boys and Girls Aid
Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development	Yates, Brittany—Housing Independence

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 SPEAKER

Suicide Prevention Program

Ms. Meghan Crane, MPH, Washington County Health and Human Services

Meghan Crane provided background on the Washington County Suicide Prevention Council, which was formed in 2013. With the motto “Zero is Possible,” the Council is part of the Washington County Live Well Committee. Working with councils from Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, the suicide resource website www.gettrainedtohelp.com was published in 2014. After receiving a grant and participating in the 2015 Summit of Hope, Washington County hired Meghan as the Suicide Prevention Coordinator in July 2015.

In 2014, there were 42,773 reported suicides in the United States, and an estimated 5% to 25% additional unreported suicides. Suicidal behaviors, including attempts, are 40 to 100 times more frequent than successful suicides, and those with suicidal thoughts numbered almost 16 million nationally.

Oregon has the 8th highest suicide rate in the nation. In Washington County, for every six suicide deaths, two are women, four are men, and two of the four men are veterans. These numbers have been increasing, and suicide is the leading cause of death for Oregonians between the ages of 10 and 24 and for Oregon veterans under the age of 45. In both Oregon and nationally, the highest rates occur with white males over 65. In addition, the most common means of suicide are the use of firearms, poisoning and suffocation, including hanging. Between 2003 and 2012, the highest suicide rates in Oregon occurred in the more rural and impoverished counties. The lowest rates occurred in counties surrounding the Portland and Salem metropolitan areas, with the notable exception of Multnomah County.

The Washington County Suicide Prevention Council's work plan includes four strategic directions: 1) Healthy and Empowered Individuals, Family and Community; 2) Clinical and Community Prevention Services; 3) Treatment and Support Services; and 4) Surveillance, Research, and Evaluation. In support of these directions, a Providence Grant funds the use of media for reporting and sharing stories of hope and recovery. Free online training is provided by Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM), with the goal of keeping people safe for now. Results of the strategic directions are reviewed to determine the impact on the suicide rate, and survivors are asked to share information regarding successful suicides with the intent to identify system-level factors which can be addressed by the county. Per these reviews, the main risk factors in the county for 2015 were alcohol and access to means, followed by substance abuse, job crisis, isolation, recent death, and intimate partner problems. The main existing protective factors that could have been strengthened and used to help were having a connection, family, and pets. There is a focus to educate people in identifying risk, and the county has recommended several system-level protective interventions. The most potentially impactful of these are education, health, messaging, and training.

The foundational belief of the Zero Suicide Initiative is that suicide deaths for individuals receiving care within the health and behavioral health systems are preventable. The goal is a shift of perspective in the medical community from specialty tools and staffing to a broader concept involving people and processes at all levels of care. Although created with a focus on the health community, the tools can be used by all. Available community trainings on www.gettrainedtohelp.com include ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training), Mental Health First Aid for adults and youth, CALM, and QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer). Suicide prevention is also being implemented in schools in a variety of ways.

Suicide occurs within both wealthy and impoverished populations, and is a young field in regards to research. There is legislative work being done to provide clearer guidelines regarding the relationship between HIPAA laws and the need to reach out to loved ones to help suicidal individuals. Martha Duncan-Perez asked if Dual Diagnosis of Oregon is involved in the suicide prevention work being done in the county, and Meghan responded that a person from that agency was recently hired at the Washington County Jail as a peer.

The next Suicide Prevention Council meeting will be on May 10, 2016, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Public Services Building cafeteria. It's important to remember that talking about suicide does not increase the risk or "put the thought into their head." Those who are suicidal are almost always ambivalent. Their goal isn't death; just an end to pain, and there are almost always warning signs. There are several options for resources in Washington County, including the Washington County Crisis Line (503-291-9111), 911, the National Suicide Prevention Hotline (1-800-273-TALK), the Youth Line (1-877-968-8491 and text teen2teen at 839863), NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), (503-356-6835), the Trevor Helpline for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and questioning youth (866-4U-TREVOR) and the

Trans Lifeline (877-565-8860). The national helpline can connect people to veteran suicide prevention, and the local crisis line can connect callers to local crisis teams.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the April 6, 2016, HSSN meeting minutes.
Action: Gordon Teifel
Second: Martha Duncan-Perez
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

Annual Point-In-Time (PIT) Homeless Census data collected January 27, 2016

Annette Evans reported on the 2016 PIT. Sheltered people are those living in emergency shelter, transitional housing or Safe Haven, and unsheltered people are those who are living on the street or in a place not meant for habitation. The data was reviewed and approved at the April 8, 2016, HSSN Workgroup meeting, and was subsequently submitted to HUD.

Between 2009 and 2014, the number of homeless people decreased. When the housing crisis began, the number of homeless started rising again. Fewer people have been counted as “sheltered” in emergency and transitional housing since 2012 due to shifting transitional housing money into rapid re-housing, a type of permanent housing that is not reflected in the PIT data. The occupancy rate for housing across the continuum is 93%, which is an increase from 82% three years ago. The reason for the improvement is likely the ability to direct people immediately to agencies able to serve them via Community Connect, as well as commitment from the agencies to provide quick and efficient turn-around.

The number of chronically homeless people continues to increase, even using the new HUD definition. To address this, the Community Connect Oversight Committee will shift its focus to the development and management of a CoC “by name list (BNL)” which will track and address each homeless person in the continuum with the goal of housing.

This year, there are 16 unsheltered veterans in the county, which continues a steady decrease since 2012. The number of homeless seniors 62 years of age and older has been slowly increasing, and there are currently 31. There is a proposal with the county to provide rent assistance to the severely rent-burdened to prevent the loss of housing, as well as initiatives to provide more affordable housing. Data was also gathered regarding those affected by mental health issues, HIV/AIDS, and substance abuse, which can be added to next year’s report. While HUD did not count those who were incarcerated during the count this year, those that were on the street and engaged with Community Corrections during the week of the count are represented.

FY2015 CoC Program Grant Award Tier 1 and Tier 2 Renewal Funding

HUD announced the funding awards, of which Washington County will receive \$3,393,016. This is an increase from the \$2,720,993 awarded in 2014. Annette Evans recognized Vicki Skryha for her support in assisting the CoC in meeting all guidelines and regulations. Vicki thanked the HSSN for all the hard work serving the homeless. Vicki reported the grant agreements should become available the week of May 9, 2016, starting with projects with the earliest start dates.

CoC Registration for FY2016 CoC Program deadline May 11, 2016

HUD released the deadline to register with the intent to apply for the federal FY2016 appropriation under the FY2016 CoC Program grant competition. Annette reported the Washington County CoC registration has been completed and submitted to HUD.

Adopt Amendments to CoC Program Administration and Monitoring Policy 578.103-OR506 Workgroup

In an effort to align project participant program entry dates in HMIS consistently across the CoC Program projects, Annette Evans enlisted Vicki Skryha's help in obtaining clarification of HUD guidelines regarding annual income review. The process applies to programs serving clients for 12 months or longer receiving housing assistance where rent or occupancy charge is paid by the program participant to the recipient or sub-recipient. The standards specify annual income review of participants is to be collected no sooner than 30 days prior and no later than 30 days following the anniversary date of program entry. Annette reported the CoC has a policy to address the Annual Income compliance requirement; however, the policy lacks specificity of "program entry date" and how this is determined. It would be beneficial if the regional CoCs had an agreed-upon process for completing the reviews and entering the data into HMIS. Wendy Smith from Portland Housing Bureau consulted with the HMIS System Administrators, resulting in recommendation to enter annual reviews into HMIS using the anniversary date of the project entry as established when the participant moves into housing, with the final decision of the policy and process up to each CoC jurisdiction. Alan Trunnell stated it would be helpful if the Annual Review policy would be referenced the compliance requirements for what constitutes an income review. Annette reported she would modify the CoC policy to include this reference.

Motion: HSSN adopts amendment in CoC Policy 578.103, Section 3.2.d Annual Income that specifies the anniversary date for annual income review.
Action: Gordon Teifel
Second: Jack Schwab
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

Election to fill vacant position on the HSSN Workgroup

Denise Turner, a Hillsboro resident who owns Denise's Spa Petite, has expressed her interest in filling the vacant Business Representative position on the HSSN Workgroup. Denise is very engaged in homeless issues. She has experienced homelessness in her life and is currently a business seeking to balance compassion with the needs of operating a business. Annette Evans, Katherine Galian, and Tami Cockeram have met Denise, and recommend her for this position.

Motion: Approve the nomination of Denise Turner to the HSSN Workgroup representing the Business Community.
Action: Judy Werner
Second: Gordon Teifel
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

HSSN Governance: Open nomination period with election at June 1 HSSN Meeting

There are six positions within the HSSN and the HSSN Workgroup which will expire on June 30, 2016. The HSSN Chairperson is a two-year term representing public agencies, and the HSSN Workgroup has five four-year terms expiring that represent subpopulations or community stakeholders as follows:

- Mental Health
- Veterans
- Homeless/Formerly Homeless Consumer
- Faith-based Organization
- Housing Authority of Washington County

Those currently holding these positions can continue serving, but need to go through the nomination process. Please submit nominations to Katherine Galian by May 25, 2016 at kgalian@caowash.org, to enable preparation for the HSSN meeting on June 1, 2016.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Martha Duncan-Perez announced the Washington County Reentry Council will host the annual National Day of Prayer at the Hillsboro Civic Center Plaza on May 5, 2016, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 11, 2016, at Community Corrections, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Yvette Potter announced Jeff Hill, Program Supervisor for Washington County Disability, Aging, and Veterans Services, (DAVS) invites any non-profit interested in working with veterans to contact him to apply for the Veterans Housing Grant, which is taking applications through May. DAVS also invites everyone to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony which will be held on May 30, 2016, at the Veterans Memorial Gateway on the corner of 34th Avenue and Veterans Drive in Hillsboro from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sarala Ram announced there is increased medical staffing to accommodate more Opiate Replacement Therapy at the CODA Tigard Outreach Program.
- David Pero announced there are 26 school days left this year. The Homeless Education Network (HEN) meetings are usually held on the fourth Thursday of every month, and the Hillsboro Homeless Liaison is retiring.
- Cheri Portman announced Job Corps has beds available for youth 16-24 who need career training and education, and there is the ability to flag homeless youth to expedite admission. Convictions which could screen participants out of this program include felonies that are aggressive person-to-person crimes, sex offenses, animal cruelty, and significant property crimes such as arson. The youth must have resolved any outstanding issues involving these offenses before program entry. Those still under supervision are dealt with on a case-by-case basis and include parole officer consultation.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting is June 1, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Veronica Clevidence
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