



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, May 6, 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.**
 - Ms. Kristen Khamnohack and Ms. Molly Taylor, Oregon Department of Human Services
 - Child Welfare Differential Response
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:10 a.m.** Action Item
- IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:15 a.m.**
 - 2015 Point In Time Homeless Count Report
 - Proposal to Standardize Conversion Rate for Community Service Work
 - Affordable Housing Workgroup (Creating units at or below 50% AMI)
 - HSSN Governance – Nominations will open with election at June 3 HSSN Meeting. Positions include:
 - HSSN Co-Chair position (Term 2 years: 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2017)
 - HSSN Workgroup, the CoC Board (Term 4 years: 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2019)
 - Business
 - Chronic Homeless
 - Families With Children
 - Community Corrections, Jail or Prison
 - McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Liaison
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:40 a.m.**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2015

(No Meeting on July 1, 2015)

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Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County

Beaverton Building
April 1, 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:

Armstrong, Kim—Housing Authority of Washington County
Baker, Melissa—Community Partners for Afford. Housing
Blackford, William—Community Partners for Afford. Housing
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center
Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Resource Center
Burluson, David— Washington County Reentry Council
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Burton, Valerie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Calfee, Bridget— HomePlate
Caparelli, Roxanne—Lifeworks Northwest, EASA
Clevidence, Veronica—Wash. Co. Housing Services
Davila, Lisa— Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Day, Bobbi—NARA Northwest
Duncan-Perez, Martha— Wash. County Reentry Council
Earp, Eric—Bridges to Change
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services
Fletcher, Melanie—Washington County Housing Services
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization
Gonzalez, Adriana—Virginia Garcia Health Center
Griffey, Kristin—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Heart, Annie— Family Promise of Washington County
Herron, Carol—St. Anthony's Catholic Church SW Shelter
Hoover, Kenneth— Salvation Army Veterans & Family
Huggins, Sarah— Family Promise of Washington County
Knuth, Sarah—Write Around Portland
Lenilko, Emily—Salvation Army Veterans & Family Center
Matthews, Molly—Salvation Army Veterans & Family Center
McVey, Jaycanna—Boys and Girls Aid
Mellick, Michael—CareOregon
Orr, Patrick—HomePlate
Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Pero, David—Homeless Education Network (HEN)
Potter, Yvette—DAVS
Ram, Sarala—CODA, Inc.
Rittenhouse, Ron—Goodwill Industries - Job Connection
Rodriguez, Adriana—Virginia Garcia Health Center
Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization
Sage, Christopher—Salvation Army Veterans & Family
Savara, Jessica—Virginia Garcia Health Center
Schwab, Jack—Good Neighbor Center
Sechrist, Lauren—Wash. Co. Community Development
Sepulveda, Mary—Care Oregon/Virginia Garcia Health
Seward, Michelle—Lifeworks Northwest
Skryha, Vicki—US Department of Housing and Urban Dev.
Stoullil, Vera—Boys and Girls Aid
Takayama, Sage—Salvation Army Veterans & Family
Thomas, Josh—Wash. Co. HHS, MH Residential Specialist
Townsend, Rachel—Lifeworks Northwest
Triplett, Jason—US Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev.
Turk, Nicki—Cascade AIDS Project
Valfre, Val—Housing Authority of Washington County
Vandecoevering, Anne—Sonrise Church
Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services, NW
Watson, Terry—Ride Connection
Wilson, Shannon— Comm. Partners for Afford. Housing
Yagle, Dixie—Bridges to Change

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

Opening of Section 8 Housing Choice Program Waiting List

Ms. Kimberly Armstrong, Housing Authority of Washington County (HAWC),
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Kimberly Armstrong shared information regarding the May 2015 opening of the Section 8 Housing Choice Program Wait List. HAWC offers two major housing assistance programs that are funded by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);

the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (S8HCV) and the Public Housing Program. Both programs were designed to allow for the client to pay around 30% of their income for housing, with the rest being subsidized.

HAWC can serve about 3,000 low-income households through these two programs, and there is no time limit for how long a participating household can receive assistance as long as they continue to qualify (remain low-income & do not break program rules). While the need in Washington County is much greater than what these two programs can provide, funding is determined through the federal budget process, and Congress decides how many families can be helped through these programs.

Between 1992 and 2011, the amount of people on the wait list that served both these programs continued to increase, and in 2011, there were around 6,000 applicants waiting. Washington County opted to stop accepting new applications and serve those already on the wait list before opening it again to new applicants. Now that the wait list is down to very few clients, Washington County has decided to develop a new wait list, one for each program, during the week of May 2 to May 9, 2015. Once all those on the existing wait list have been served, the county will start drawing from the new wait lists.

In order to apply, people will need to log onto <https://www.waitlistcheck.com/OR945> during the week and fill out the online form. Once the wait list closes, 2,500 names will be randomly selected for each list. Eligibility screening will be done after the random selection, and people could potentially be on both lists.

If people need special accommodations, they are encouraged to contact HAWC prior to May 2, 2015, so that arrangements can be made. Those who are unable to apply online will be able to go to the HAWC offices and fill out a paper form or download a form from the HAWC website and mail (though all are encouraged to apply online if at all possible). Data and time of submittal will not be a factor in the selection, so all applications submitted within the week will have an equal chance of being chosen.

There will be HAWC staff available to assist those trying to apply at several locations during the week, including several libraries, the HAWC Office, and two Portland Community College Locations. More information is available at: www.washington.or.us/housingpreap.

Update on Community Partner Roundtable

Ms. Melanie Fletcher, Washington County Housing Services,
Melanie_fletcher@co.washington.or.us

Due to current time constraints on housing staff, this forum will be re-addressed in the fall. The original timeline didn't align with staff availability. Melanie and her staff will be looking at some ways in which they can still interact with partner agencies in the interim, and will keep the group informed.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the March 4, 2015 HSSN meeting minutes.
Action: Lauren Sechrist
Second: Valerie Burton
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Children (HEN): *David Pero*
Next meeting: 4/16/15 in Hillsboro

David Pero reported that they are trying to extend the sub-grant and have a regional homeless liaisons group representing Multnomah, Yamhill, Washington and possibly Clackamas Counties on 4/1/15.

Youth: Vera Stoullil vstoullil@boysandgirlsaid.org

Next meeting: 4/16/15 at 3:30 p.m.

Several months ago, the group expanded membership and brought two groups together to learn about all resources available to youth. Last month they were at SafePlace, and next month the group is at HomePlate. At the last meeting, the group discussed whether there is a need for increased drop-in and outreach hours. Bridget Calfee added that the topics included silo services and mental health resources, and the group discussed HomePlate as a drop-in for mental health.

Homelessness: Pat Rogers progers@caowash.org

Next meeting: 4/20/15 at 8:30 a.m.

Still inputting data from the 2015 Point in Time (PIT) count. Focusing on inputting that data and plan to be finished in a couple days. He received more forms from the Washington County Jail and Community Corrections this year than he has in years past. Annette Evans said that it is safe to assume that literally homeless numbers are up in Washington County, which is different from the declining trend we've seen in the last five years. Annette has spoken with other jurisdictions, and Washington County is not alone in having an affordable housing crisis.

Permanent Housing: Jeff Salvon jsalvon@beavertonoregon.gov

Next meeting: 4/2/15 at 8:30 a.m.

Annette Evans reported that, while not part of this group specifically, with the Homeless Cost Study finalized in January, different tools for developing affordable housing were reviewed by the Homeless Plan Advisory Committee. From this, a Affordable Housing Workgroup was created to target the focus of providing affordable housing at 30% to 50% area median income. Washington County Thrives will be included in these efforts.

Income Support/Workforce Development Workgroup: Katherine Galian

kgalian@caowash.org and Annette Evans annette_evans@co.washington.or.us

Next meeting: 4/2/15 at 10:00 a.m.

The group is putting together a forum of providers, one primary goal of which is to make resources for getting clients to Worksource programs more accessible. The focus will be on discussing barriers and solutions to getting clients through the program. An event is scheduled for May 19 and Annette will forward the registration information.

DD Dialogue: Gordon Teifel mainlight@me.com

Next meeting: Not reported

Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee: Lisa

Davila ldavila@luke-dorf.org

Next meeting: 4/23/15 at 11 a.m. in Room 245, 155 N First Avenue, Hillsboro.

The Housing TEAM is nearing the end of its CABHI grant, which will be finished in August. We will be starting with our Community Development Block Grant. We have 58 people in housing, and two more are coming in. We started in January with Shelter Plus Care vouchers, and are moving people in.

Veterans: Christopher Sage

Next meeting: Not reported

Christopher reported that Salvation Army just started offering ten single-room, permanent, substance-free housing units for single male veterans. These units are in addition to the existing units.

Washington County Reentry Council: *Martha Duncan-Perez* wcrcome@gmail.com

Next meeting: 5/13/15 from 1 to 3 at the Community Corrections Center.

The Washington County Transitional Housing Coalition is looking for locations in Beaverton and Hillsboro to house 12 to 16 people. The focus will be on those hardest to house and families.

Seniors: *Julie Webber* Julie_Webber@co.washington.or.us

No Report

Community Connect Oversight Committee: *Annette Evans*

Annette_evans@co.washington.or.us

Next meeting: April 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at Washington County Housing Services

The wait time between screening and assessments has been reduced to 3-4 days. Annette will be producing more informational wallet cards, so please let her know if you need more cards or have feedback. The Law Enforcement Council was very appreciative of the cards, as was the Fire Defense Board.

At the last meeting, HUD's required system-wide performance measures were discussed. There is a need to hone the Dashboard report to measures such as recidivism and length of homelessness. Currently, 23% of those coming into Community Connect have been in homeless programs previously.

Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup: *Annette Evans*

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Next meeting: 6/12/15 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 105, 155 N First Avenue

Annette reported that the April meeting is cancelled.

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

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Next meeting: 4/16/15 at 2:30 p.m., Washington County Murray Building, room 195

Annette reported that during the April meeting, the HPAC will receive updates on the work being done with Judge Bailey regarding the conversion rate for public service, affordable housing, the Point in Time count, and the Public Safety Levy.

Homeless Management Information System: *Veronica Clevidence*

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Veronica reported that she is working on completing the Point in Time count. The Youth RHMIS (Runaway Homeless Management Information System) entry and exit assessments, which are required to be in use starting today, April 1, 2015, are in place for Boys & Girls Aid's Transitional Living Program and SafePlace. There are some guidelines HUD will be releasing soon that will affect how additional questions are to be addressed. Veronica will send an update once that information becomes available.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

CoC Endorsement of Subgrantee's Oregon Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Katherine Galian provided Certifications of Endorsement itemizing the Homeless Prevention, Rapid Re-housing and Good Neighbor Center services and populations that Community Action proposes to fund for the 2015-17 work plan. Washington County receives two different ESG allocations. One comes through the Washington County Office of Community Development, and the other comes through the state of Oregon. When a city has more than 50,000 individuals, it gets its own allocation, but if the allocation is below a certain dollar amount, it goes into the state pool and is reallocated across the state using a different formula. The allocation that is estimated to come back to Washington County from the state for the next biennium is about \$71,000, and will be used to supplement county money.

Katherine stressed that for years, this money wasn't coming back into the county, until Jennie Proctor did a lot of work with the state to get it back.

In 2009, the ways that the funds were to be allocated changed. The shelter money had been distributed to all of the emergency shelters based on their percentage of bed nights. With the changes, a lot of the shelter money went away, so a portion of this money is proposed to go to Good Neighbor Center, as they lost the most with the change. The rest is split evenly between Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention.

Motion: Endorse the Subgrantee's ESG 2015-17 Work Plan
Action: Vera Stoulil
Second: Bridget Calfee
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vera Stoulil announced that the Rose Festival chose Boys & Girls Aid as its 2015 charitable organization recipient.
- Bridget Calfee announced that HomePlate is accepting applications for the youth employment programs. If you know someone in the target population, have them contact the HomePlate employment coordinator. HomePlate is putting together its annual Kickball Tournament, Home Runs for Homeless Youth, so if anyone is interested in being on a kickball team, it's great fun. HomePlate also turned ten this year. There will be a ten-year anniversary and volunteer appreciation potluck-style celebration on 4/25/15 at Bethel United Church of Christ.
- 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.
- Christopher Sage announced that there will be a cruise-in fundraiser at Valley Catholic on 7/11/15 to help fund the Veterans and Family Center.
- Melissa Baker announced that there are still tickets available for Community Partners for Affordable Housing's Homeward Bound fundraiser to be held on 4/10/15, featuring some great local authors.
- Lauren Sechrest announced that a public hearing on the Consolidated Plan/Action Plan will be held following the HSSN meeting on April 1, 2015, with one more hearing next week after the Policy Advisory Board meeting, for final feedback.
- Annette Evans announced that the Guest Speakers for next month's meeting will be from Oregon Department of Human Services, and will be speaking on the Child Welfare Differential Response. Pat Rogers explained that Child Welfare will be contracting with service providers to offer different paths for families reported to Child Welfare. The goal is to assess the home and family for safety threats and potentially give families an opportunity to take a differential response path as an alternative to putting children in foster care or in the court system, depending on the level of concern.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m. The next meeting is May 6, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Veronica Clevidence
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