



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, November 4, 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. Jill Cuyler-Crook, Oregon Department of Employment

- “Lower Income Employment and Housing Implications”

Ms. Cynthia Valdivia, Washington County Health and Human Services

- “Preparing Together” Disaster Training

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

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

- Open Nominations to fill vacant position on the HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup (the CoC Board) - December 2 election.
 - ESG/CDBG/HOME Program Representative
 - Veteran Representative
 - Business Representative
- FY2015 McKinney-Vento CoC Program NOFA
 - Project Priority Listing (Tier 1, Tier 2 and New Permanent Housing), to include review of Tier 2 Implications to Rent Assisted Participants in the Event of Funding Loss
 - Board of County Commissioners Approval to Submit on Docket - November 3
 - Submit to HUD – November 18
- A Road Home: 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness
 - 2015 Homeless Assessment Report, Year 7 Outcomes and Challenges approved by Homeless Plan Advisory Committee for presentation to Board of County Commissioners and public release – November 24
 - Adopt HUD CPD-14-012 Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness Action Item

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Guest Speakers: Mr. Pat Rogers and Ms. Valerie Burton, Overview of the 2016 Point In Time Census Activities

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HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
October 7, 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:

Bradley-Tschirgi, Evana— Domestic Violence Res. Center	McVey, Jaycanna—Boys and Girls Aid
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center	Mollahan, Michael—Washington County Parole & Probation
Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Resource Center	Mott, Holly— Housing Independence
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Murray, Leslie—CODA, Inc.
Burton, Valerie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Orr, Patrick—Cascade AIDS Project
Carter, Kyle—ASSIST Program	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program	Radke, Lydia—Wash. Co. Community Corrections
Clemmer, Rhonda	Ram, Sarala—CODA, Inc.
Clevidence, Veronica— Washington County Housing Svcs	Rodriguez, Adriana—Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Ctr.
Cockeram, Tami—City of Hillsboro	Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization
Duncan-Perez, Martha—Wash. County Reentry Council	Schwab, Jack— Good Neighbor Center
Earp, Eric—Bridges to Change	Sechrist, Lauren—Wash. Co. Community Development
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services	Stoullil, Vera—Boys and Girls Aid
Ford, Marcus—Washington County Parole & Probation	Seward, Michelle—Lifeworks Northwest
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Taylor, Molly—Oregon Department of Human Services
Hauth, Larry—Community Action Organization	Trout, Autumn—Housing Independence
Heart, Annie—Family Promise	Trunnell, Alan— City of Beaverton
Herron, Carol—St. Anthony's Severe Weather Shelter	Veary, Anne—Washington County Sheriff's Office
Hoover, Kenneth—Intern with George Fox University	Warner, Emily—Student, George Fox University
Knapp, Mona—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services NW
Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development	Williamson, Drew—Boys and Girls Aid
McKenna, Marielle—HomePlate	

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

Assertive SSI Service Team Program (ASSIST)

Ms. Mellani Calvin, Program ASSIST

Mellani Calvin explained the need for the ASSIST program, what they do, the population they serve, and the outcomes they provide. When a client is helped to obtain their SSI benefits, 100% of that money comes back into the local community and helps to improve the outcomes of all the agencies offering services to those in need, while helping those with a disability to move forward again in their lives.

There is a saying that it takes three times applying for SSI to be approved. This is because the guidelines for eligibility are very strict, and aren't explained very well in the application paperwork. Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) is the income from Social

Security that is intended for those with a disabling condition that prevents them from engaging in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death, or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is for absolute basic needs, and is \$733 per month. A qualified applicant must not have assets equaling more than \$2000 per month. Due to the disconnect between what consumers think are the requirements for SSI and the reality, most of the paperwork isn't done correctly or fully the first time.

Once the paperwork is submitted, 70% of applicants are immediately denied benefits. Only 39% of those denied choose to take advantage of their first appeal to the Federal District Court. If that appeal is denied, it can take up to 18 months to get a hearing with the US Circuit Court of Appeals. If benefits are still denied after the hearing, the final appeal is to the US Supreme Court Appeals Council, which can take up to 2 years to provide a final decision. For those who do qualify, there is a Continuing Disability Review in order to continue receiving benefits.

ASSIST helps clients work through misconceptions and difficult requirements to fill out the paperwork correctly the first time. The belief is that enabling people to correctly access their benefits will help them overcome the same barriers to homelessness that often prevent them from successfully accessing their benefits by themselves. ASSIST's motto is "Get it right the first time." ASSIST helps individuals throughout the state, and their clients are often able to secure benefits from the first application, with 73% positive case results in the first six months. ASSIST has made a request for funding to the Department of Aging and Veterans Services for funding, and would like to provide a caseworker for the Washington County area. Mellani is also open to partnering with others to create similar programs.

The current funding source for ASSIST is fees for service. If they are able to dedicate a caseworker to Washington County, it will not be fees for service. ASSIST utilizes volunteers, and is open to internships from local colleges as well. Annette Evans asked if ASSIST provides training to other organizations. Mellani responded that she offers a one-day seminar for case managers, and opens it up to family and others. She also offers SSI Bootcamp, which is a program which offers agencies the opportunity to have an employee trained to be a Benefits Specialist within their own agency. Lauren Sechrist requested that the video ASSIST recently produced be distributed through the HSSN listserv. Mellani responded that ASSIST was awarded the First Innovators Award from Oregon On, sponsored by the Bank of America, and the award included production of the video. She will send to Annette for distribution.

Washington County's Ordinance on Fireplace and Woodstove Use, and Woodstove Replacement Program

Mr. Matt Davis, Washington County Environmental Health

Matt Davis reported that in Washington County, fine matter particulates called PM2.5 have increased in the past two years, exceeding the federal standards. The particulates are mainly caused by wood burning, and can cause serious health concerns. The county has addressed this problem via community education and outreach and a new ordinance regarding wood burning. The ordinance allowed for the creation of an air quality advisory system that addresses indoor use of fireplaces, wood stoves, and wood stove inserts, and outdoor burning of yard debris. On October 6, 2015, the Washington County Board of County Commissioners passed the ordinance, which takes effect on November 6, 2015, and will apply to anyone living in unincorporated Washington County.

Between November 1 and March 1, Washington County will issue advisories rating the air quality. A red alert indicates unhealthy air quality resulting in restrictions on fireplace and woodstove use. Exempt are households that rely on wood burning as their only source of heat or qualify as low-income; if there is an interruption in utility service; or if the primary heating system is temporarily not working for no more than 120 days. The restriction does not apply to pellet stoves. A yellow alert indicates the air is unhealthy for sensitive groups, and requests voluntary limitations on fireplace and woodstove use. A green alert indicates that the air quality is healthy, and no restrictions apply.

The ordinance restricts the burning of yard debris at all times for anyone living in unincorporated Washington County if they are eligible for yard debris pick-up. There is a hardship permit available for circumstances where burning may be the only possible option for disposing of yard debris. Backyard fire pits, chimineas, and barbecues are not restricted. Matt stressed that red days are rare, and likely will account for no more than two or three per year.

Washington County is also planning to launch a woodstove replacement program for those that wish to upgrade their woodstove to a newer woodstove producing far less particulates. A sign-up sheet was circulated for signatures of those interested in the program, which is expected to be in place by next winter.

Martha Duncan-Perez asked about indoor air quality, particularly when landlords are providing woodstoves that allow too much smoke inside the house. Matt replied these instances are not covered under the new ordinance, but he encouraged those with such issues to share ordinance information with landlords, and to share ideas on how to reach out to landlords regarding air quality, woodstove installation, and maintenance.

Matt provided flyers, rack cards and information regarding low and no-cost Health Clinics in Washington County.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the September 2, 2015 HSSN meeting minutes.

Action: Lauren Sechrist

Second: Katherine Galian

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

FY2015 McKinney-Vento CoC Program NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) Timeline – Target submittal of application by November 18, 2015

Annette Evans explained that the NOFA is a highly competitive HUD grant and Washington County is seeking to renew \$2.7 million for homeless. We should find out in January or February whether the continuum will receive funding from this competitive grant application. This year, the ranking and rating guidelines indicate that 15% of our renewal will go under the funding line. Annette shared that in Washington County, the average rent for a one-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment went up by 50% from 2012 to 2015. Washington County had to return \$221,742 to HUD due to the lack of affordable housing for those with barriers.

FY2015 CoC Program Request For Proposals (RFP) for new Permanent Housing Bonus projects not to exceed \$409,250 for OR-506CoC.

The RFP was published on September 24, 2015, with an added Permanent Housing Bonus project. There are two proposals for the bonus funding, and after presentations by each, voting members of the HSSN will score the projects, and then the HSSN Workgroup

will review the scores and select a project to be included in the application. The application will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners to provide them with an opportunity to comment and approve, as county funds will be provided as match.

Scoring is done using the same questions as in the past. Per the HSSN policies, each agency will be eligible for one vote if they had representation for at least 8 of 12 meetings in the year from July to June. HUD priorities include ending Veteran Homelessness by 2015, ending Chronic Homelessness by 2017, ending Youth and Family Homelessness by 2020, and ending all other homelessness by 2020. The last Point in Time indicated that there are still significant amounts of these people that are homeless in our continuum.

1. New Rapid Rehousing sponsored by Community Action Organization – Ms. Katherine Galian

Katherine Galian presented information regarding Community Action's proposed new project, RISE: Re-housing In Support of Employment. This project will provide housing and services to families with children. The CoC lacks housing for families in need, and Community Action seeks to increase the continuous capacity to serve literally homeless families with children while focusing on long-term employment options and children's success. The bundled services project uses a cohort model to increase supports and motivation, and focuses on landlord outreach to increase access to existing units. The projected outcomes are to serve 10 families with children, with 80% permanently housed with earned income at exit and 75% with income of some kind at exit. As this exceeds HUD's target of 20% across the continuum, it is aligned with HUD priorities and will help the continuum reach its goal.

Staffing will be in place prior to program start, with a job-coaching program starting at the beginning of 2016. The plan is to have the program fully implemented by October 1, 2016. Intakes will be done through Community Connect, with the first five families housed by October 2016 and the second five families housed by the end of December 2016.

This innovative model focuses on both the children and the adults, as this improves outcomes for everyone. The essential components for a two-generational model include early childhood education, post-secondary education and pathways for adults, economic assets (stability, budgeting), health and wellbeing, and social connections. The target population is literally homeless families in the moderate range, and the adults must have at least a high school diploma or GED. Successful families will score less than 7 in the employment history dimension in the Community Connect assessment, and have a desire to engage in services benefitting their families. Bundled services will include housing, support, employment and child-centered services. The amount of HUD funding requested for this project is \$186,440.

2. Clover Court sponsored by Luke-Dorf – Ms. Mona Knapp and Mr. Jeff Burnham
Mona Knapp described Luke-Dorf's proposed project as a 6-unit permanent supportive housing apartment building they seek to build on property already owned by Luke-Dorf. Jeff Burnham talked about Luke-Dorf's mission to provide exemplary community mental health and addiction services that promote lasting wellness. Luke-Dorf is well-established in the community, having 38 years of experience in 28 facilities serving 700 clients. The services Luke-Dorf provides to the continuum of care reflect their commitment to all aspects of recovery. With the right housing opportunities and support, Luke-Dorf believes people can transition successfully from homelessness into housing.

Luke-Dorf's Washington County PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) outreach and the Housing TEAM are two projects that reflect the services

and care provided by Luke-Dorf to help end homelessness. With these two programs, Luke-Dorf is able to provide outreach to those currently experiencing chronic homelessness, help them navigate and become familiar with the system, prepare for housing, acquire housing, and offer support enabling them to retain housing. Luke-Dorf has acquired and renovated several projects on time and on budget. At Clover Court, Luke-Dorf intends to provide permanent supportive housing with studio apartments for six chronically homeless adults on property in Tigard. There will be on-site office space and support staff. Outpatient mental health services will be provided at the Howard Spanbock campus in Tigard or at client residences for those wishing to participate. Project funding will consist of the HUD bonus project dollars, with Luke-Dorf match and leverage for construction and residential services, and the project is expected to be move-in ready by the end of 2016. Referrals and outreach would come from the Housing TEAM and PATH programs, as well as HSSN participants and the Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium.

Clover Court is in alignment with HUD's NOFA priority to end chronic homelessness by 2017 by assisting people with high barriers and high needs to obtain and retain permanent housing. The project will use the Housing First, low barrier approach, and provide wraparound supports to all residents.

Anne Veary asked whether there will be live-in staff, if it is to be a permanent home, and if clients will be required to take their meds, etc. Mona Knapp replied that there will not be live-in staff, but staff will be there regularly, the home will be a permanent home for all who wish it to be, and per landlord/tenant law, clients will not be required to adhere to rules regarding their treatment. Predatory offenders will be screened out, but other high-barrier clients will be considered. There is only one neighbor, and Luke-Dorf intends to provide outreach to the neighbor. The complex isn't very far from the bus that goes down Walnut. Anne asked if the same worker is in contact with the clients from outreach to supportive services. Jeff responded that they try to give the clients a warm handoff when a different caseworker is necessary, and outreach often stays involved. Clients will be able to be access through Community Connect, and clients other than Luke-Dorf clients would be considered.

Jeff concluded by saying that the best way to end homelessness is to provide homes and wraparound support to people that will help them to reach their goals and become successful.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annette Evans announced that the initiative to provide a Legal Clinic in Washington County is moving forward, and will help many people with legal issues to mitigate barriers to housing. The referrals started yesterday, and two clients have been referred, with appointments scheduled for Thursday October 15, 2015. The clinics will be held alternating months at the Hillsboro and Beaverton Public Libraries, and clients will be referred to the Legal Clinic during their Community Connect assessment. If the library levy passes in November, the Tigard library might become an option for the Clinics if they are able to open on Thursdays again.
- Annette Evans also announced that members from the HSSN Workgroup and the Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC) have formed a subcommittee to rework the public service conversion rate initiative which was discussed earlier in the year. The desire is to change the rate from the current \$10/hr to adhere to BOLI (Bureau of Labor and Industry) standards for Landscape Technician, matching that rate as it changes. The subcommittee will gather information and discuss at the next HPAC meeting.

- Matt Mattia announced this is his first HSSN meeting as Lauren Sechrist's replacement at the Office of Community Development.
- Evana Bradley-Tschirgi introduced herself as the new Clinical Director for Monika's House and Mary Mac House.
- Lauren Sechrist reintroduced Matt and said this is her last HSSN meeting, and that she will miss everyone.
- Annie Heart announced the week of the 18-25th of October is Family Promise week. This aligns with Family Promise's 26 year anniversary. Family Promise has programs across the county, with three in Oregon. On October 29th there will be a fund-raiser at Sweet Tomatoes, with 15% of the proceeds going to Family Promise.
- Valerie Bundy announced the Mary Mac House, named after a domestic violence survivor, will provide transitional housing for people transitioning from Monika's House. There will be housing for four families and two single adults, with continuity of care from Monika's House to the Mary Mac House. She will oversee both. She also thanked Annette for obtaining two years of funding for the project.
- Drew Williamson introduced himself as Rebecca Jenkins' replacement for Boys and Girls Aid SafePlace.
- Jack Schwab toasted Lauren Sechrist for her work at the county.
- Ken Hoover introduced himself as an intern from George Fox University. He is studying social work, and is here to glean information from the HSSN to serve the people he works with.
- Marcus Ford introduced himself as a member of the sex crimes team from Washington County Parole and Probation, here to learn about supports for homeless offenders.
- Sarala Ram announced that CODA has opened a clinic in Tigard offering opiate replacement therapy and care assistance.
- Valerie Burton reminded everyone that the severe weather shelters will be opening next month and encouraged people to inform their clients. Sonrise will be offering their sign-up soon, Annette Evans will send the information to the HSSN.
- Patrick Orr announced Cascade AIDS Project is hiring an employment services coordinator geared toward the trans community.
- Martha Duncan-Perez announced the Washington County Reentry Council is seeking a location to house sex offenders. Their next meeting will be on November 11 at Community Corrections, and they are also hiring for several positions.
- Mellani Calvin announced the HSSN can help get the word out regarding ASSIST in Washington County, and thanked Annette for allowing her to present.
- Autumn Trout from Housing Independence announced she is at the meeting to gather information regarding services in the community.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:04am. The next meeting is November 4, 2015 at 8:30am.

Minutes prepared by Veronica Clevidence
Washington County Department of Housing Services

To be added to the HSSN email list, contact Annette Evans at
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FY2015 NOFA: CoC PROGRAM HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

Funding Opportunity No. FR-5900-N-25 CFDA No. 14.267

Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) Annual Renewal Demand: \$2,728,665

FY2015 CoC PROGRAM PROJECT LIST
 OR-506CoC Hillsboro/Beaverton/Washington County, Oregon

PROJECT LIST				
Rank	Project Priority	Project Sponsor	HUD Request	Grant Term
1.	Shelter Plus Care Chronic Homeless Individuals, 22 units Target Pop: Chronic Homeless Singles	Washington County Department of Housing Services	\$220,690	1 Year Renewal 9/1/16 – 8/31/17
2.	Safe Haven, 10 beds Target Pop: Chronic Homeless Singles	Luke-Dorf, Inc.	\$297,426	1 Year Renewal 3/1/16 – 2/28/17
3.	Hillsboro Graduated Independent Living Program (HGILP), 14 beds Target Pop: Chronic Homeless Singles	Luke-Dorf, Inc.	\$87,300	1 Year Renewal 11/1/16 – 10/31/17
4.	Tri-Haven, 12 SRO units Target Pop: Single Adults with mental health	Washington County Department of Housing Services, with Sequoia Mental Health Services	\$78,706	1 Year Renewal 7/1/16 – 6/30/17
5.	Housing Stabilization Program, 12 units Target Pop: Rapid Re-housing for Families	Good Neighbor Center	\$31,618	1 Year Renewal 9/1/16 – 8/31/17
6.	Transitional Living Program, 6 units Target Pop: Youth ages 18 to 24 years	Boys and Girls Aid	\$121,741	1 Year Renewal 7/1/16 – 6/30/17
7.	Shelter Plus Care Chronic Permanent Housing Initiative, 4 units Target Pop: Chronic Homeless Singles	Washington County Department of Housing Services	\$40,728	1 Year Renewal 9/1/16 – 8/31/17
8.	CoC Rapid Rehousing Families, 30 unit Target Pop: Rapid Re-housing for Families	Community Action	\$392,948	1 Year Renewal 9/1/16 – 8/31/17
9.	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	Washington County Department of Housing Services	\$39,742	1 Year Renewal 4/1/16 – 3/31/17
10.	Washington County Transitional Housing, 3 units Target Pop: Families on Probation/Parole	Washington County Department of Housing Services, with Sequoia Mental Health Services	\$14,772	1 Year Renewal 7/1/16 – 6/30/17
11.	Shelter Plus Care Renewal, 126 units Target Pop: Chronic Homeless, Singles, and Families with Children	Washington County Department of Housing Services	\$993,694* *Straddle Tier 1 & Tier 2 [Total \$1,402,994]	1 Year Renewal 9/1/16 – 8/31/17

TOTAL TIER 1 CoC PROGRAM FUNDING REQUEST: \$2,319,365

11.	Shelter Plus Care Renewal, 126 units Target Pop: Chronic Homeless, Singles, and Families with Children	Washington County Department of Housing Services	\$409,300* *Straddle Tier 1 & Tier 2 [Total \$1,402,994]	1 Year Renewal 9/1/16 – 8/31/17
12.	Clover Court, 6 units Target Pop: Chronic Homeless Singles	Luke-Dorf, Inc.	\$409,250	New PSH Bonus [Construction]

TOTAL TIER 1 and Tier 2 CoC PROGRAM FUNDING REQUEST: \$3,137,915

n/a	OR-506 CoC Planning Application FY2015	Washington County Department of Housing Services	\$81,860	1-Year New
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TOTAL FY2015 CoC PROGRAM FUNDING REQUEST: \$3,219,775