



**HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK**

*Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County*

**Wednesday, October 1, 2014 ~ 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.**

**NEW LOCATION**

>>> The Beaverton Building at “The Beaverton Round” <<<  
Third Floor Training Room  
12725 SW Millikan Way, Suite 300, Beaverton, OR 97005-1641

**AGENDA**

- I. INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**
- II. GUEST SPEAKER: 8:35 a.m.**
  - Ms. Stephanie Cornes, Interim Coordinator at PCC Veterans Resource Center  
- Briefing on Homeless Veteran Student Population Attending PCC
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:00 a.m.** ..... Action Item
- IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES: 9:05 a.m.**
  - Subcommittee Reports
    - 2015 Point In Time Homeless Count
    - Children
    - Youth
    - Homelessness
    - Permanent Housing
    - Income Support/Workforce Development Workgroup
    - DD Dialogue
    - Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee
    - Veterans
    - Washington County Reentry Council
    - Seniors
    - “Community Connect” Oversight Committee
  - Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup [the CoC Board]
  - Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC)
  - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- V. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:40 a.m.**
  - Appoint Liaison to represent Permanent Supportive Housing Subcommittee at the Community Housing Advocacy (CHA) ..... Action Item
  - FY2014 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Grant Competition. New Permanent Supportive Housing Project Presentations ..... Action Item
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**  
Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 5, 2014

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

Beaverton City Hall

September 3, 2014 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:**

Browning, Rose--Good Neighbor Center

Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.

Burton, Valerie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.

Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Resource Ctr

Burleson, David—Wash. Co. Reentry Council

Calfee, Bridget—HomePlate

Clevidence, Veronica—Wash. Co. Housing Services

Cornes, Stephanie—PCC Veterans Resource Center

Demry, James—Homeless To Work/Bridges to Change

DiBernardo, Devin—Wrote Around Portland

Duncan-Perez, Martha—Wash.Co. Reentry Council

Evans, Annette—Wash. Co. Housing Services

Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization

Heart, Annie—Family Promise

Huggins, Sarah—Family Promise

Linder, April—Housing Independence

Loverin, Robert—Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc.

Matisoff, Lisa—Dept. of Human Services, State of Oregon

Matthews, Molly— The Salvation Army Veteran & Families

Miller, Marilyn—Oregon Housing and Community Services

Nelson, Barbara—Community Volunteers/Vet. Advocates

Orr, Patrick—HomePlate

Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center

Pero, David—Homeless Education Network (HEN)

Pruyn, Gerry—Jubilee Transitional Housing

Rogers, Pat—Community Action

Savara, Jessica—Virginia Garcia Health

Schwab, Jack—Good Neighbor Center

Seward, Michelle—LifeWorks NW

Stoller, Rick—The Salvation Army Harbor Light

Stoullil, Vera—Boys and Girls Aid

Turk, Nicki—Cascade AIDS Project

Wilson, Shannon—Comm. Partners for Affordable Housing

Yagle, Dixie—Bridges to Change

Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative [annette\\_evans@co.washington.or.us](mailto:annette_evans@co.washington.or.us)

Co-Chair: Judy Werner, Nonprofit Agency Representative [jwerner@lcsnw.org](mailto:jwerner@lcsnw.org)

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

**II. GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)**

Ms. Marilyn Miller - [Marilyn.K.Miller@oregon.gov](mailto:Marilyn.K.Miller@oregon.gov)

2014-15 CoC Consultation for the Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) Program, and Comments for 2015-17 Biennium.

The HEARTH Act (Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing) requires that ESG recipients consult with the local CoC jurisdiction. The state is very supportive of the CoC programs, and wants the consultation to be useful all-around.

Marilyn provided a packet explaining the discussion points. The state allocates homeless funds including ESG go to Community Action Network. Locally, Community Action of Washington County receives \$73,276. The state complies with the HUD requirement of 60% maximum of shelter and street outreach as activity type. ESG and all state homeless funds are allocated through a Master Grant Agreement process where funding applications are submitted, including a work plan for each funding area.

Questions were covered including:

Whether the state should have direct access to HMIS data or reports, and which reports would be helpful to CoCs and the community. Annette Evans asked if Wendy Smith could run reports for the state. Marilyn responded that they did ask Wendy to run some statewide reports this year, but she isn't sure if it has individual CoC data.

What role should the state play in the Point in Time (PIT)? The state will do whatever is helpful in regards to this. A state goal is to get a PIT that is accurate and useful. For example; some grantees don't do street count when required, some do, making the data unreliable. Should all CoCs conduct annual street counts?

What other mechanisms can the state utilize? Would it help to consult with other state homeless/poverty providers and public institutions? Could we work more closely with Corrections or the business community on a state level? Can the state help with that?

Annette asked which state department or division feels that they have "ownership" of homelessness at the state level. Marilyn responded that while other departments deal with homeless issues, Oregon Housing and Community Services "owns" the issue in that they aren't calling the shots, but are being proactive with the other departments and agencies.

Jack Schwab asked what the biggest issue is in the state regarding homelessness. Marilyn responded getting the housing itself, both in investing in dedicated units and in the use of Specialized Housing positions which can open up connections with other areas.

Barbara Nelson asked what the veteran's program is like. Marilyn responded that there is flexibility in how Emergency Housing Assistance Program funds are spent. The legislature has determined that one must be a veteran with a discharge type of honorable to qualify for the veteran's component, targeting special circumstances pertaining to veterans.

Annette asked about how the new Document Recording Fees (DRFs) might affect the number of beds for the veterans programs. Marilyn replied that it's very broad, on purpose. Katherine Galian reported in Washington County, Community Action paired with the SSVF program. Legislatively, they're required to use more funding for Rapid Rehousing (RRH), but the need is greater in prevention. They get \$24,000/year to go entirely toward prevention assistance for veterans. Marilyn reported that the other part of the DRFs is for single and multi-family housing. Unlike services, you can't fund housing with \$24,000, so it will take a year or two accumulating the funds for housing.

Vera Stoullil asked about collaborating with the Oregon Department of Human Services (OR-DHS) for foster kids aging out. Marilyn said that she is unaware of any such conversation, other than housing stabilization funding with TANF if they have a child. David Burlison and Martha Duncan-Perez brought up the need for services for reentry and issues faced by those with convictions, sex offenders, etc. Marilyn stressed that they are talking about all of the issues, and that the feedback for which she has been asking will drive a lot of this. The feedback can be submitted to Marilyn or Annette in any way, and please submit by October 1 so all the relevant information is available for inclusion in the Strategic Plan. Annette asked for a timeline for completion of the Strategic Plan. Marilyn did not have a date. Any new information is on their website.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion: Approve the August 6, 2014 HSSN meeting minutes.

Action: Vera Stoullil

Second: Jack Schwab

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

#### IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

**Children:** *David Pero*

Next meeting: September

No meetings over the summer, will report after first meeting.

**Youth:** *Bridget Calfee* [bridget@homeplateyouth.org](mailto:bridget@homeplateyouth.org)

Next meeting: 9/17/14 @ 4 p.m. at Beaverton Library

Bridget reported they are merging with Mental Health Group. Patrick Orr reported there won't be much HSSN participation in the next two weeks as they are talking about goals/mission of the group.

**Homelessness:** *Pat Rogers* [progers@caowash.org](mailto:progers@caowash.org)

Next meeting: 9/15/14 at 9 a.m. @ CAO, 1001 SW Baseline, Hillsboro

They met 8/8/14 focusing on how they're currently documenting homelessness via Community Correct and families reentering the shelter system. How do we break the cycle?

**Permanent Housing:** *Annette Evans* [annette.evans@co.washington.or.us](mailto:annette.evans@co.washington.or.us)

Next meeting: TBA

This meets as part of the CHA (Coalition Housing Advocacy Group) formerly known as the HAG (Housing Advocacy Group). Andrea's replacement should be here next month. No report.

**Income Support/Workforce Development Workgroup:** *Katherine Galian*

[kgalian@caowash.org](mailto:kgalian@caowash.org)

Next meeting: Not reported

Focusing on a work plan for the next year or so based on feedback from attendees. In early spring, they discussed barriers to employment and which items they would be able to address, what should be done by other groups. Focused on how to let case managers know what Worksource can offer.

**DD Dialogue:** *Gordon Teifel* [mainlight@me.com](mailto:mainlight@me.com)

Next meeting: Not reported

**Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee:** *Jeff Burnham*

Next meeting: October 23, 2014 at 11 a.m. in Room 245, 155 N First Avenue, Hillsboro.

Housing Team Program has 47 people utilizing Section 8 units. 4 people are moving toward the process of housing.

**Veterans:** No update

**Washington County Reentry Council:** *Martha Duncan-Perez* [wcrcome@gmail.com](mailto:wcrcome@gmail.com)

Next meeting: 9/17/14 @ Community Corrections

The reentry council is leading a charge that is aggressively pulling together a core group to look at transition housing for people leaving custody. If you are interested in participating in the planning meeting, contact Martha. Meetings are held monthly with people currently in custody at the corrections center, and there is a resident reentry meeting in which we provide resources for those that will be leaving custody, including housing. This and employment are their main concerns as they look toward reentry. If you have housing resources like a brochure or contact, we can distribute them to those reentering.

**Seniors:** No update.

**Community Connect Oversight Committee:** *Annette Evans*

[Annette\\_evans@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Annette_evans@co.washington.or.us)

Next meeting: 9/12/14 @ 8:30 a.m. at Housing Services

Please attend these meetings if you are an agency receiving HUD funds. The focus of the Oversight meeting is to review how the assessments are going and look at difficult case studies to figure out how to better serve these people. The Community Connect policy will be updated and reviewed with HSSN for approval.

Last meeting we discussed length of time for assessment. We've seen more at-risk elderly people calling. Annette is meeting with Disability Aging and Veterans Services to look at aligning and coordinating services in a way that helps people to the right resources.

**Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup:** *Annette Evans*

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Next meeting: October 10, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 105, 155 N First Avenue, Hillsboro.

There will be a presentation and discussion on how to help persons with criminal history overcome some of the challenges to housing and employment. We've talked about Clean Slate and Next Steps, a proposed program from a few years ago that wasn't implemented, and are looking at that process again. We'll also look at our CoC Program Administrative Plan. We're hoping to have the draft available with the written standards and policies that include all the requirements for HEARTH Act compliance.

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

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Next meeting: October 16, 2014 at 2:30 p.m., Beaverton Main Library, Cathy Stanton Conference Room, 12375 SW Fifth St., Beaverton

The meeting scheduled for 9/11/14 was postponed due to a delay in the cost data for the study. A joint meeting of the Homeless Cost Study Advisory and the Homeless Plan Advisory Committees will review the cost study findings. The phase two cost study is the longitudinal study that looked at the individuals studied in phase one for two years, including costs of housing, health care, jail, police, fire, EMS, all the institutional systems. Now that they have been housed for two years, what was their cost to these same institutions? Northwest Economic Research Center is completing this study along with Portland State University.

**Homeless Management Information System:** *Veronica Clevidence*

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Working on compiling User Agreements for all users. Please get back to Veronica with any requested user agreements not yet sent. Veronica also needs primary contacts for each organization as well as email addresses for all users.

## V. GENERAL BUSINESS

FY2014 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Grant Competition: Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for OR506CoC is \$2,644,497

HUD has accepted the registration Annette submitted. The grant should open up in the next 30-45 days and we'll begin the process of applying.

Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Funding Allocation

This is a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration) program that provides emergency food and shelter to communities that meet a certain threshold to include poverty level and unemployment level within the jurisdiction. Washington County crosses

over with a portion of Portland for unemployment numbers, triggering us to qualify for EFSP allocation. This would be for Phase 32, since an appropriation was made at the federal level for these dollars. The process for the EFSP Local Board is that each jurisdiction determines the allocation of funds. We've used this process for the past three years. It's very transparent and open. Annette Evans provided a handout showing the historical numbers. The CoC needs to determine where we are going to put those dollars. Katherine Galian mentioned that these dollars cannot be counted on, they are extra. They won't add beds to shelters, just give them additional resources to do what they do.

Motion: Recommend allocating Phase 32 EFSP funding in Washington County to 30% Shelter, 47% Rent, 23% Food/Meals, and 0% Offsite Lodging  
Action: David Pero  
Second: Annie Heart  
Vote: Approved, unanimous

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- James Demry announced that this could be his last meeting, as he has applied for a different job.
- Gerry Pruyn announced that Jubilee Housing will be having their second annual fund-raising dinner on 9/20/14. Information on the website and on Facebook.
- Nicki Turk announced that this Saturday is the AIDS walk and they'd love for people to come show support.
- Bridget Calfee announced that Homeplate has added a second Jesuit volunteer. They could use some desk space with wi-fi if anyone has any available.
- Martha Duncan-Perez announced that the Reentry Council provides Youths Anonymous group at the Corrections Center and are looking for a secondary space to meet. This will need accommodate 30-40 people and will be a great benefit.
- Annette Evans announced the HSSN meeting will change in the future. Please look at your agenda when it's sent to verify where the meeting will be.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next HSSN meeting is October 1, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

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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