



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Beaverton City Hall – First Floor Conference Room
4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton, Oregon 97075

AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**
- II. GUEST SPEAKER: 8:35 a.m.**
 - Ms. Marilyn Miller, Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)
- 2014-15 CoC Consultation for the Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) Program, and
Comments for 2015-17 Biennium.
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:00 a.m. Action Item**
- IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES: 9:05 a.m.**
 - Subcommittee Reports
 - 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.**
 - FY2014 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Grant Competition. Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
for OR506CoC is \$2,644,497.
 - Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Funding Allocation Action
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

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Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County

Beaverton Community Center

August 6, 2014, at 8:30am

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:

Melissa Baker – Community Partners for Affordable Housing	Nelson, Andrea - City of Beaverton
Bonvino, Cecilia – Community Action Organization	Nielson, Sharon – The Nielson Group
Browning, Rose - Good Neighbor Center	Orr, Patrick - HomePlate
Bundy, Valerie - Domestic Violence Resource Center	Perkowski, Kaja - Open Door Counseling Center
Burton, Valerie - Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Portman, Cheri - Job Corps
Calfee, Bridget – HomePlate	Rittenhouse, Ron – Goodwill Job Connection
Carlsen, Kurt – Worksource Oregon	Rogers, Jessica – Community Action
Clevidence, Veronica - Washington County HMIS Administrator	Rogers, Patrick - Community Action
Cluff, Demaris – Easter Seals	Schwab, Jack - Good Neighbor Center
Demry, James - Homeless To Work/Bridges to Change	Sechrist, Lauren - Community Development, Wash Co.
DiBernardo, Devin – Wrote Around Portland	Skryha, Vicki - U.S. Department of HUD
Duncan-Perez, Martha – Washington County Reentry Council	Stoller, Rick – The Salvation Army
Evans, Annette - Dept. of Housing Services, Wash. Co.	Stoullil, Vera – Boys and Girls Aid
Heart, Annie – Family Promise of Washington County	Teifel, Gordon - Families for Independent Living/DEAR
Huggins, Sarah - Washington County Reentry Council	Thomas, Joshua - Washington County HHS
Lavalley, Allison – Community Action Organization	Tong, Melanie – Washington County HHS
Linder, April – Housing Independence	Triplett, Jason - U.S. Department of HUD
Lopez, Mayela – Easter Seals	Turk, Nicki - Cascade AIDS Project
Loverin, Robert – Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc.	Watson, Rob – St. Francis Catholic Church - SWS
Mattias, K'Leigh - U.S. Department of HUD	Werner, Judy - Lutheran Community Services NW
McVey, Jaycanna – Boys and Girls Aid	Wilson, Shannon - Community Partners for Affordable Housing

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting commenced at: 8:30 am

II. GUEST SPEAKERS

Goodwill Job Connect Program

Ron Rittenhouse, Goodwill Industries
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The Goodwill Job Connect Program is a community-based job support system with five offices in Washington County. These offices provide resources necessary to offer four different aspects of job searching; Tools, Leads, Skills and Support.

Offices contain computers which can offer uninterrupted access unlike library or some other computer access points. Using these computers, job seekers can search for jobs online as well as create/update resumés and cover letters. Additionally, some seekers haven't had the opportunity to use computers in their past positions. The employment specialists provide side-by-side coaching to improve computer skills.

Employment specialists assist with finding leads via Craigslist and other sites and provide interviewing tips. They can conduct mock interviews to help seekers feel more comfortable before interviewing, and debrief after interviewing to help the job seeker pinpoint what went well, what can be improved upon, etc. Employment specialists also have access to referral services such as Dress for Success and Best Foot Forward. Since applicants must apply daily, employment specialists assist by forwarding information from staffing agencies and temporary services, sending emails regarding employer opportunities and conducting "Meet the Employer" events.

These services are funded by the stores, as are the salaries for Job Connection staff. Statistics are measured and verified: Last year, Job Connections resulted in 13,600 placements. Some were multiple, i.e.; two or three temporary placements for one individual.

Mission: To provide vocational opportunities to individuals with barriers to employment.

Question from Gordon Teifel: Who does Job Connections not serve?

Answer: Individuals under 16 years of age; those who are not legally allowed to work in the United States; those who would not readily pass a drug test.

Question from Annie Heart: Childcare is a barrier. How is this issue being addressed?

Answer: Job Connections helps troubleshoot the childcare issue with the job seeker by helping them brainstorm to identify friends, neighbors, family and other resources. Once a seeker is hired, DHS has childcare resources.

There are currently less applicants for job postings than in the past, but they are not sure whether this means that there is less need or less qualified applicants. They have been involved with job fairs, PCC and networking events, and when indicated, they call employers to ask what they are looking for.

For additional information, contact Ron Rittenhouse.

Outcomes of the Non-Housing Needs and Citizen Surveys for the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan

Lauren Sechrist, Washington County Office of Community Development, 503-846-4436
Andrea Nelson, City of Beaverton Community Development Department, 503-526-2533

The two surveys were conducted via Survey Monkey to receive feedback on needs to be addressed in the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan for Washington County and the City of Beaverton. The Focus groups included feedback from minorities and persons who are low-income. The results of these surveys were used to create Objective Statements to be used in Year One of the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan. The Objective Statements derived from these surveys were provided to HSSN for their review and comment before seeking approval from the Policy Advisory Board for its use for grant applicants to qualify potential projects in the 2015-2015 CDBG funding cycle.

Slides were shared detailing the results of the Non-Housing Needs survey, which was sent to service providers and cities. Most responses addressed the overwhelming need for Public Services.

The Citizen Survey was bi-lingual, and had 584 initial participants both online and via paper. Focus groups included minorities, low-income and others; some groups were led by professors

from Pacific University. Additional surveys were sent in July to the Section 8 waitlist to increase the number of responses received from persons who are low-income. These ~200 responses were not included in the presentation, as they were received yesterday.

A variety of needs were identified for infrastructure-related projects, including street improvements and sidewalks. Public Facility needs identified included a variety of needs for senior centers, parks (including greenbelts or linear parks), and other facilities intended to serve low-income and vulnerable populations. The majority of Public Service needs identified were for homeless services, tying many of the strategies in the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness into the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. Other public service needs identified included health and child care needs, as well as landlord/tenant legal issues. Economic Development needs for the City of Beaverton and the City of Hillsboro include Microenterprise programs as well as storefront façade improvement programs.

Sharon Nielson mentioned the need to involve other plans when considering the Consolidated Plan, i.e.; Aloha-Reedville.

Lauren Sechrist said that needs identified in the Aloha-Reedville Planning study were incorporated into the needs identified in the proposed Objective Statements to be adopted under the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan, but the ability to perfectly align these two studies as suggested would be difficult going forward because they each attempt to accomplish two different objectives. Lauren reported that there are compliance requirements and timelines involved with public funding and in producing the Consolidated Planning document that would make trying to dovetail these efforts problematic.

Vicki Skryha clarified that the Consolidated Plan is a broadly-used document for public use and governs the use of not only Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, but also HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding and must be submitted to HUD in a prescribed format and manner, and governs primarily the use of public funds in the community and for Washington County as a whole.

The results of these surveys will be posted on the Washington County Office of Community Development website and the City of Beaverton Community Development website.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve meeting minutes for June 6, 2014.

Action: Gordon Tiefel

Second: Annie Heart

Vote: Approved - Unanimous

IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Children: David Pero DPero@fgsd.k12.or.us

No update.

Youth: Vera Stoullil vstoullil@boysandgirlsaid.org

Next meeting: Crossover with Medically-served group facilitated by Lifeworks on August 15, 2014 from 10:30am to 11:30am at 155 N First Avenue, Hillsboro. There will be continued discussion regarding merging of the two groups. No updates.

Homelessness: *Pat Rogers* progers@caowash.org

Next meeting: August 18, 2014 at 9am in Room 195 at 3700 Murray Blvd, Beaverton
There was no meeting in July; no updates.

Permanent Housing *Andrea Nelson* anelson@ci.beaverton.or.us

Next meeting: August 7, 2014, at 8:30am in the First Floor Conference Room, at 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton. June meeting was housekeeping and no meeting was held in July.

Income Support/Economic Development Workgroup *Katherine Galian*

kgalian@caowash.org

Next meeting: August 7, 2014, at 10:30am at PCC Willow Creek; Worksource Oregon. Annette Evans reported on new programs with Worksystems to align with Code Oregon. Kurt Carlsen mentioned Worksystems' new self-paced training to assist with obtaining badges, certifications, etc. required for available jobs, particularly manufacturing jobs, as they often want pre-certification rather than offering on-the-job-training as in the past.

DD Dialogue *Gordon Teifel* mainlight@me.com

Next meeting: Not reported. The State of Oregon's billing system has changed from daily to hourly in the new K-plan, but all the details on how to use the system have not been provided as yet. This has led to frustration for the providers.

Mental Health & Special Needs Community Consortium (MHSNCC) *Lisa Davila*

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Next Meeting: October 14, 2014, at 11 am in Room 245, 155 N First Avenue, Hillsboro
Annette Evans reported that they are researching developing access to services with Community Connect.

Veterans: *Rick Stoller* Richard.Stoller@usw.salvationarmy.org

Next Meeting: Not reported. A successful car show fundraiser was held at the Veteran's Center.

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

No update.

Community Connect Oversight Committee: *Pat Rogers* progers@caowash.org

Next meeting: August 22, 2014 at 8:30am. Pat reported that they screened more than 800 households that called the central phone line since January 2014. 60% of the calls were prevention, and 40% were homeless. The need is greater than their ability to respond. They increased capacity and added 7 assessors. This decreased the wait time for assessment from one month to around two weeks. Adding to the time issues are no-shows for assessments. There were 41 no-shows in June, and 106 in July. The next meeting will include discussion on barriers and data review.

Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup: *Judy Werner* jwerner@lcsnw.org

Next meeting: August 8, 2014 at 8:30am in Room 105, 155 N First Avenue, Hillsboro.
Annette reported that Ellen Johnson had joined the committee and wants to look at landlord debt and perceived concerns that low-income individuals are being excluded by landlords.

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

Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us

Next meeting: September 11, 2014 at 2:30pm, 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton.

No update.

HMIS: Veronica Clevidence Veronica_Clevidence@co.washington.or.us

Veronica reported that she is the new HMIS contact. She's been with the county for over six years in Health & Human Services and Assessment & Taxation, and has extensive database background. Looking forward to working with everyone.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

2014-15 CoC Planning Calendar

Motion: Approve the 2014-15 CoC Planning Calendar with two spelling corrections.

Action: Gordon Tiefel

Second: Vera Stoullil

Vote: Approved - Unanimous

FY2014 McKinney-Vento CoC Grant Completion

The CoC Registration is due today, and has been submitted. There is a \$2.6 million annual renewal demand request for Washington County. It's likely that Tier II cuts will be necessary. The CoC will review on 8/8/14.

VI. Announcements:

- Rob Watson reported that there will be a Severe Weather Shelter at St. Francis in Sherwood. Annette reported that Forest Grove United Church of Christ will open as a shelter in partnership with Pacific University who will fund the coordination for the shelter.
- Lauren Sechrist reported that there will be a CDBG workshop on 8/19/14.
- Ron Rittenhouse reminded everyone that the brochures he passed out had contact information for both employers and job seekers.
- Melanie Tong introduced Josh Thomas, who will be taking her place in the HSSN.
- Martha Duncan-Perez reported that the Washington County Reentry Council meets at the Community Corrections Center, 2nd Floor, located at 260 SW Adams St. in Hillsboro on the second Wednesdays from 1pm – 3pm.
- Bridget Calfee reported that HomePlate will be doing their FarmPlate fundraising.
- Mayela Lopez reported that Easter Seals will be taking applications at the Beaverton Library.
- Pat Rogers reported that he got married to Jessica Poletski. Congratulations to Pat and Jessica!

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:02am. The next HSSN meeting is Wednesday, September 3, at 8:30am.

To be added to the HSSN email list, contact Annette Evans at Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us