



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

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 SPEAKERS: 8:35 a.m.

- Ms. Emily Starbuck, Oregon Department of Employment
-Low-Income Employment and Housing Implications

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:10 a.m. Action Item

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:15 a.m.

- FY2017 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) presented by Annette Evans. CoC approval to submit by 12/1/2017. Action Item
- Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) consultation with CoC.
- Nominations open to fill two positions on the HSSN Workgroup (the CoC Board) due to retirements. Election will occur on December 6:
 1. Community Corrections or Jail Representative
 2. Housing Authority Representative
- Severe Weather Shelters for Winter 2017/2018 open November 1. Schedule available online at www.co.washington.or.us/homeless.
- Update on strategic planning for the next phase of A Road Home. Workgroup meeting notes and information available online at <http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/a-road-home.cfm>

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Friendly Reminder:

Roll your clocks back one hour on November 5 - Daylight Savings Time Ends.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Guest Speaker(s):

- Ms. Stacey Darden - Adoption Services and Supporting Adoptive Families
 - Mr. Tim Davis - Washington County Wood Stove Program

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HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
October 4, 2017, 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:

Aggeler, Lexi—Community Action Organization
Alfaro-Martinez, Kevin—Virginia Garcia
Brouse, Renee—Good Neighbor Center
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program
Castaldo, Kendra—Cascade AIDS Project
Cervantes, Maria—DHS Tigard
Cohen, Megan—City of Beaverton
Earp, Eric—Bridges to Change
Eckhardt, Kristy—Washington County Housing Services
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization
Graslie, Christina—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Griffey, Kristin—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Griggs, Molly—Mental Health Association of Oregon
Heart, Annie—Family Promise of Washington County
Hernandez, Alma—Hillsboro School District 1J
Hernandez-Fuerte, Isabel—Impact Northwest
Herron, Carol—St. Anthony's Shelter
Hester, Pam—CareOregon
Holmes, Karissa—Wolf Pack
Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund
Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development

McVey, Jaycanna—Washington County Housing Services
McWilliams, Sara—Luke-Dorf, Inc. Intern
Nelson, Barbara—Veteran Family Resource Center
Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Peterson, Marlys—Safe Families for Children
Potter, Yvette—DAVS, Washington County
Pratt, Jenny – Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Radecki, Kara—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Ram, Sarala—CODA, Inc.
Rizo, Regina—US Veterans Affairs
Rogers, Patrick—Community Action/Formerly Homeless
Ruiz-Hom, Elise—Boys & Girls Aid
Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Schimmel, Brian—FG Temporary Emergency Shelter
Schnitzer, Cole—US Department of Veterans Affairs
Seaton, William—PEER Support/Wellness
Sell, Wendy—LifeWorks NW
Smith, Gary—US Department of Veterans Affairs
Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries, Second Home
Taylor, Molly—Oregon Department of Human Services
Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living/DEAR
Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton CDBG
Williamson, Drew—Boys & Girls Aid
Yokoyama, Kelly—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 SPEAKERS

Ms. Cindy Sorum, Saving Grace Maternity Home, “The Saving Grace Maternity Home Program”

Ms. Cindy Sorum presented on her faith-based program for expectant teens. Saving Grace Maternity Home opened in February 2017 with room for 4 girls plus their babies and 2 rooms for emergency use. The home is open to any pregnant woman aged 13 to 25 who have found themselves (for whatever reason) homeless.

Girls can stay at Saving Grace for free and are expected to follow house guidelines that work to support their self-sufficiency goals. When the expectant mothers begin receiving assistance from the State, they contribute \$200 per month in a savings account to be given

to the girl upon leaving the house. In addition, all participants provide a portion of their food stamp allowance to the household meals as the meals are prepared and consumed in a congregate (family) setting which has been approved by DHS and is required.

Any pregnant girl can be referred to the program but all participants participate in group faith activities; e.g. bible study. The program also teaches a life skills class once a week to give the girls the necessary tools to live independently. While the baby's father cannot live in the house, they are welcomed and allowed to visit, so long as it is safe for the mom, baby, and other girls. Residents are allowed to stay up to their child's first birthday.

The home is licensed by the State, but is funded solely by private donors. More information is available at www.savinggracematernityhome.org.

Mrs. Jenny Pratt and Mrs. Pauline Burkey, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO), "Metro Home Share and Second Home"

Metro HomeShare and Second Home are collaborative programs under the housing umbrella of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO). These programs are looking to partner with other organizations in the community to make progress in reducing homelessness and address larger social issues. Both programs are based on inter-faith, public advocacy, education, and awareness..

Metro HomeShare opened on October 2, 2017 as an expansion and revitalization of Shared Housing, which served the area for 29 years. They pair home providers and home seekers through a mediation process. Metro HomeShare currently has 22 home providers, and they are actively recruiting more through community outreach.

Second Home serves unaccompanied youth by providing a stable living environment so they can concentrate on finishing high school and pursuing their goals. The teens and homeowners are supported by Second Home throughout the process. They employ mediators that help create rental agreement contracts, conflict resolution, and contract amendments. Research has shown that living in a stable environment benefits physical, mental, and emotional health of a child. In addition, they experience normalized housing which helps to form healthy long-term relationships and helps break the cycle of poverty.

Both programs follow Landlord Tenant and Fair Housing laws. They are partnered with, advised, and monitored by the Fair Housing Council of Oregon. Though the Rent Well program is not offered to clients, the staff has earned certification. Having a criminal history is not an automatic disqualifier from participating in the program but certain convictions in person-to-person crimes, financial crimes, or sex offenses will. More information is available at www.emoregon.org.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the September 6, 2017 HSSN meeting minutes.
Action: Gordon Teifel
Second: Annie Heart
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. Reports and Program Updates

Children (Homeless Education Network): Alma Hernandez hernanda@hsd.k12.or.us
Next Meeting: October 17, 2017

Alma Hernandez reported on grant funds being used to provide unaccompanied youth in grades 11 and 12 residing in several of the Washington County school districts with dropout

prevention. Work is being done with the Beaverton mediator to address truancy issues before schools have to take action.

Youth: *Drew Williamson* dwilliamson@boysandgirlsaid.org

Next Meeting: December 12, 2017

Drew Williamson reported their last meeting had a great turn out but they are still trying to get more programs involved with transitional age youth. During the meeting, Boys & Girls Aid presented on their pregnancy options program.

Homelessness: *Pat Rogers* progers@caowash.org

Next Meeting: October 16, 2017

Pat Rogers reported this committee has split into two groups to provide adequate time to case conference shelter families separate from the HSSN Homelessness Subcommittee that will focus on the By-Name (Master List), outreach and other topics. The first planning meeting for the 2017-18 PIT Count is October 6.

Permanent Housing: *Jeff Salvon* jsalvon@beavertonoregon.gov

Next Meeting: November 2, 2017

Jeff Salvon reported they are looking for ways to incentivize developers to build more affordable housing. Washington County is in the process of passing an ordinance to reduce parking ratios for retirement homes. This subcommittee is also the Housing Workgroup for the next phase of A Road Home and will hold its first meeting October 5 during the Coalition for Housing Advocates Meeting.

DD Dialogue: *Gordon Teifel* dearinc@me.com

Next Meeting: October 5, 2017

Gordon Teifel reported they are currently working with management at Sunset View apartments and Fircrest Manor to implement the Families for Independent Living (FFIL) model. They continue to advocate for an Annual Resource Fair to help transitional age youth leaving high school navigate into adult services.

Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee:

Greg Watson and Josh Thomas

Next Meeting: October 16, 2017

Greg Watson and Josh Thomas will facilitate this committee, which is also the Human Support Services Workgroup for the next phase of A Road Home. Focus will be on developing cross-sector systemic strategies that work to reduce discharge into homelessness from institutions of care, a focus on re-housing populations experiencing disabilities; e.g. severe mental illness, chronic substance addiction.

Veterans: *Cole Schnitzer* cole.schnitzer@va.gov

Next Meeting: Not reported

Cole Schnitzer announced Pomeroy Place is still accepting application for 2 and 3 bedroom units. This is project based housing with a preference given to veterans. For information contact Cole.

Washington County Reentry Council:

Nothing Reported

Seniors: *Yvette Potter* yvette_potter@co.washington.or.us

Next Meeting: Not reported

Yvette Potter announced Washington County Disability, Aging, and Veteran Services has produced a brochure highlighting services available to seniors including; benefits enrollment, meal and nutrition, Medicare counseling, and options counseling.

Community Connect Oversight Committee: *Annette Evans*

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Next Meeting: October 27, 2017

Annette reported that during the last meeting the committee went over the Community Connect policy in alignment with HUD CPD Notice 17-01 and addressed items such as Equal Access Act and Anti-Discrimination. Training of assessment staff in Mental Health First Aid, Trauma Informed Care and various other training requirements were agreed upon. Also discussed the need to upload Rent Well Tenant Education Course Certificates in HMIS for each person completing Rent Well. This will help individuals and agencies to retain a copy of the certificate.

Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup: *Annette Evans*

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Next Meeting: December 8, 2017

October 13 meeting has been cancelled. For more information, please review the agenda online at www.co.washington.or.us/homeless.

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

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Next Meeting: October 19, 2017

Annette announced the HPAC approved moving forward with the next phase of A Road Home at their July meeting. Next meeting will focus on the Year 9 Outcomes Report HPAC have 6 board terms expiring on December 31 with 2 vacancies.

Homeless Management Information System: *Annette Evans*

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Annette announced the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) is due to HUD on October 31. HUD subcontracts with Abt Associates and the University of Pennsylvania to compile data on use of homeless shelters and housing programs. The data is presented to Congress.

Jaycanna reported HMIS Agency Administrator training is scheduled October 4, 2017 to address changes to HMIS and the new Release of Information form. HMIS Basis 101 user training is scheduled on the second (2nd) Wednesday each month.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

Work Plan Overview for A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

Annette reviewed the work plan for A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. Four workgroups have been formed and facilitators have been chosen. The goal is to have a final draft to present at the April 19 Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC) meeting with a recommendation to present to the Washington County Board of Commissioners at their June 5, 2018 meeting. Implementation would begin on July 1, 2018. For information on these groups, including agendas, meeting notes, and future meeting schedules, go to www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/a-road-home.cfm.

Severe Weather Shelters for Winter 2017/2018

There will be eight (8) faith community shelters opening for the 2017-18 season. Some will open the first week of November, the schedule will be available on the County website.

Shelters will open assigned nights each week and during inclement weather. SOS-Shelter in Hillsboro will be a 90-day enrolled program like prior years. The two shelters in Forest Grove will service families with children as well as adults while the remaining shelters will only serve adults 18+ years old. Each shelter as assigned two people to attend the Train-the-Trainer session on October 11 they will then be responsible for training other shelter volunteers. For schedule information go to www.co.washington.or.us/homeless

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Katherine Galian announced the Community Action fundraiser lunch will be held at the Oregon Zoo, October 12 at 2:00 P.M. Tickets and information at www.caowash.org.
- Jaycanna McVey announced HMIS Agency Administrator training today.
- Joshua Groesz with the Salvation Army announced the Veterans and Family Center is full. Notice of funds available from the VA should be released in the next couple of months.
- Many Ludlam announced the ground breaking ceremony for Cornelius Place, 45-units of affordable housing for seniors. She also announced Willow Creek Crossing has been approved by the county planning commission, when complete it will have 121 units of affordable housing.
- Alan Trunnell asked for assistance with helping a homeless woman, “Rhonda”, who is the victim of domestic violence, botched medical procedures, and most recently the suicide of her son. She needs help getting her sons remains released to her. Annette will contact County Medical Examiner for instruction.
- Drew Williamson introduced Elise Ruiz-Hom. She joined Safe Place in June as their Program Coordinator.
- Kendra Castaldo with Cascade AIDS Project announced the hiring of Omar Al Rais, an Equity Outreach Worker.
- Kara Radecki announced Luke-Dorf is looking to fill two positions. More information available on Luke-Dorf’s website at www.luke-dorf.org.
- Christine Graslie with Luke-Dorf, Inc. announced their partnership with Washington County Sheriff’s Office to assist outreach workers.
- Annie Heart announced that Family Promise of Washington County has re-opened and is currently housing 2 families. The official grand re-opening will be held on October 22.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kristy Eckhardt, Washington County Department of Housing Services

Handouts:

- Saving Grace Maternity Home brochure
- Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Metro HomeShare flyer
- Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Metro HomeShare brochure
- Washington County, DAVS Key Services and Programs brochure
- A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, Workgroup information

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

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