



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 - 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

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AGENDA

- I. **INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**
- II. **GUEST SPEAKER(S)/TRAINING: 8:35 a.m.**
Mel Keller and Marlee Baker, Fair Housing Council of Oregon, “Updates on Fair Housing, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.”

Carley Adams, Nadia Mohammad & Michael Troper, Center for Mediation and Dialogue, “Housing Mediation”
- III. **MEETING MINUTES: 9:35 a.m.**
 - **Action:** Approve the January 4, 2023 meeting minutes.
- IV. **GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:40 a.m.**
 - System Performance Measurement Outcomes Analysis – Katherine/Heather
Action: Recommend CoC Board Approval of SPM data for submission to HUD
 - Washington County Program Update – Alex Devin
 - One Homeless Services System – Transition Advisory Group
 - 2023 HUD NOFO – Katherine Galian
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:55 a.m.**
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 1, 2023

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Providing a Continuum of Care (CoC) in Washington County
January 4, 2023, 8:30 a.m. (Virtual Meeting)

Mission: Housing and service provider agencies working to bring a broad spectrum of organizations together as partners in the community to perform strategic planning, gaps analysis, prioritize resources needed to provide a continuum of care for individuals and families who are at-risk of or experiencing homeless.

ATTENDEES:

Adams, Jessi – WC Housing Services	James, Karen – Community Advocate/WC Behavioral Health Council
Aguilar, San Juana - Bienestar	King, Frances – Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Aguilar Vasquez, Maria – City of Beaverton	Larson, Jes – WC Housing Services
Alexander-Sheridan, Allie – WC Health & Human Services	Lloyd, Rhonda – The Salvation Army Veteran & Family Center
Angeles, Nic – Housing Independence	Long, April – Metropolitan Public Defender
Bell, Melinda – Project Homeless Connect	Markus, Michelle – Mental Health & Addiction Assn. of Oregon
Benavides, Lucia – Adelante Mujeres	Marshall, Kim – Project Homeless Connect
Brownell, Amy – Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	McLeod, Mike – WC Housing Services
Camp, Kaylie – Oregon DHS	McVey, Drew – Citizen At-Large/Formerly Homeless
Coppiano, Zoi – Community Action Organization	Mendoza, Mayra – Family Promise-Tualatin Valley
Devin, Alex – WC Housing Services	Meyer, Dawnell – Just Compassion-East Washington County
Dockery, Katie – WC Housing Services	Pero, David – Forest Grove SD/HEN
Donner, Crystal – Community Action Organization	Potter, Yvette – WC Disability, Aging & Veteran Services
Erisman, Liz – HomePlate Youth Services	Rose, Dixie – Providence-St. Vincent Hospital
Farr, Danielle – WC Health & Human Services	Saint, Michelle – US Department of Veteran Affairs
Fellger, Vara – WC Housing Services	Schimmel, Brian – Centro Cultural
Gallian, Katherine – WC Housing Services	Sell, Wendy – Lifeworks Northwest
Garcia-Gomez, Abel – Hillsboro SD/HEN	Simmons, Lucy – HomePlate Youth Services
Gawf, Mandy – City of Hillsboro	Skriver, Heather – WC Housing Services
Gibb, Courtney – Hillsboro SD/HEN	Smith, Gareth “Gary” – US Department of Veteran Affairs
Grant, Bambi – WC Community Corrections	Sonsalla, Melissa – WC Housing Services
Greene, Jacen – PSU-HCAC	Stoller, Rick – Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Guillen, Estela – Community Action Organization	Thomas, Lauren – WC Office of Community Development
Haggerty, Grace – Cascade AIDS Project Northwest	Trinkle, Jamie – Oregon Law Center
Hasan, Connie – Family Promise-Greater Washington County	Voss-Flowers, Charlie - CPAH
Heath, Kelsey – Metropolitan Public Defender	Williamson, Drew – Boys & Girls Aid
Hoffman, Shawna – WC Housing Services	

Chair: Katherine Galian, CoC Program Manager

Co-Chair: Charlie Voss Flowers, CPAH

Katherine Galian called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Katherine Galian introduced the new HSSN Co-Chair, Charlie Voss-Flowers.

II. MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the December 7, 2022 meeting minutes.

Action: San Juana Aguilar

Second: Dawnell Meyer

Vote: Approved, consensus.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Washington County Program Update

Jessi Adams announced the Tri-County Request for Programmatic Qualification (RFPQ) for Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS) funding will be released on January 17, 2023 for qualified providers to apply for this year's funding. She noted, this was also an opportunity to become qualified in other counties if an agency had never applied or only applied to one or two counties in the past. There will be two pre-proposal conferences in the next several weeks and applications will be due on March 17, 2023. Training and technical assistance will be available to assist agencies in writing proposals or with any submission issues. Translated RFPQ materials would be available if needed.

Alex Devin reported the Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Program has already housed 51 people with the number continuing to grow. An analysis was conducted on the Community Connect waitlist which revealed there were an abundance of families with minor children. As a result, it was decided that the RRH Program would be expanded by an additional 200 slots. The SHS team has reached out to seven providers to contact those families and move them off the waitlist. Alex also reported that, of the 1300 households that could receive a RLRA voucher through the HCMS Program, Case Managers have enrolled 909 households and housed a total of 583 households to date.

Lived Experience Workforce Pilot - Allie Alexander-Sheridan

Allie reported on the Housing Careers Workforce Pilot which provides career opportunities for those with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability that identify as LGBTQ+ and/or BIPOC. These populations will be prioritized but it is not a requirement to be referred to this program. The goal of the pilot is to increase the workflow of the housing services system while creating a more representative workforce. This is a one-year pilot that begins January 9, 2023 with two cohorts taking place in the winter and spring. Worksystems, Inc. and Open Door Housing Works are partners in this program. Three weeks of training will be provided initially with training continuing throughout the paid internship. Participants will then be placed with an agency in the homeless services continuum where they can work up to 1,000 hours. Upon completion of the internship, supported employment services will be recruiting and screening applicants and assisting them in securing permanent employment.

Allie's presentation is available [online](#). Organizations interested in hosting interns should reach out to [Allie Alexander Sheridan](#).

Where do people submit referrals?

Allie committed to providing an agency referral form via the HSSN listserv following the meeting. Agencies interested in referring interns should send the referral form to [Alyssa Hall](#) of IRCO.

B. HB 3115 – Time/Place/Manner – Jes Larson

Jes reported on [House Bill 3115](#) which requires cities and counties to ensure that any policies defining when, where, and how people camp or sleep on public property be reasonable and allow for the rights and protections of people who are homeless when there is inadequate shelter space available. This policy, called Time, Place, Manner references HB 3115 to ensure there are no current laws that do not comply. Jes reported refining this policy will be ongoing for the next six months with input from key stakeholders to ensure the safety and health of everyone in the community. The finalized policy will be presented to the Washington County Board of Commissioners for approval by the end of June 2023. The [Encampment Management Program](#) allows unsheltered individuals to set up encampments under certain parameters. City partners will be assimilating their policies to comply with HB 3115 as well. The Washington County Board of County Commissioner's discussion on this topic is scheduled for January 10, 2023. The public is welcome,

<https://washingtoncounty.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>. A full copy of HB 3115 can be found [here](#).

Is the goal to have one policy in place for the entire county or will there be multiple policies in place across the region?

HB 3115 requires all cities and counties to ensure that any policies that involve restrictions around camping to be aligned with the new standards as defined in the bill. There will be several policies that need to meet the standards required under HB 3115 and work is underway across jurisdictions to ensure alignment in the best manner possible.

Will individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness be involved in the conversations around these new policies?

Shelter providers and outreach staff will be involved in gathering feedback from the unsheltered community as these new policies are formed.

C. PIT/HIC Update – Katherine Galian

The Tri-County homeless census will launch on January 25, 2023 and run through to the end of the month. The Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) accounts for those who are enrolled in services in the county including the inventory of beds and availability of housing services in the continuum. Shelter providers who have enrolled beds will be contacted by the HMIS team to make sure participants are counted to ensure accurate data. Anyone interested in volunteering for the unsheltered count should register [here](#).

D. Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) Review – Katherine Galian/Heather Skriver

The LSA is an annual data collection and analysis tool that allows the county to view the homeless response system as a whole. This data informs congress on what is happening with housing and homeless services to assess future appropriations. The analysis includes people who participate in the county's homeless programs during the federal fiscal year (October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022). This analysis includes aggregate data, demographics, length of time homeless, patterns of system use, information specific to different populations, and housing outcomes for those exiting the system. Information about past cohorts are also included to show what is happening with those who exit the program over a 6, 12 and 24-month time period. It also shows who is enrolling in the system and the length of time from entry to enrollment in housing and how they remain housed. Street outreach and coordinated entry data is not included in this analysis.

LSA data highlights for 2022:

- Since 2020 the number of households served has increased from 505 to 1,286.
- Length of time homeless is still down overall but is up slightly from 2021.
- About 400 more households exited to permanent housing this year compared to last year.
- Families with children had the highest rate of exit to permanent housing at 66%, followed by youth-only at 48%, and adult-only at 35%.
- Youth-only had the highest rate of exit to temporary housing at 41%, followed by adults-only at 43% and then families with children at 21%.
- 571 of the 907 that exited the system were interacting with the homeless system for the first time.
- There was a return rate of 11%.
- From the individuals that were housed, 942 were placed in emergency shelters or transitional housing, 409 with Rapid Rehousing, and 376 placed in permanent supportive housing with the majority of those coming from the streets or homeless shelters.

The System Performance Map visually displays how people flow through the system and where they are most likely to have a successful permanent destination exit. It reveals how long it is taking and which pathways are the most popular. The largest percentage of those served came through emergency shelters and engage in other services before reaching a permanent housing destination.

Is Housing Retention data available?

There is a chart that shows a breakdown with that information that is included in the LSA. The System Performance Measures will also show the returns to homelessness by type.

Are people with behavioral health challenges being successfully enrolled in housing services and placed in housing?

Disability status is shown but it does not breakdown the disability type. Katherine committed to making that data available.

Motion: Recommend CoC Board Approve the LSA data for submittal to HUD
Action: San Juana Aguilar
Second: Charlie Voss-Flowers
Vote: Approved, consensus.

E. HMIS Privacy Notice – Heather Skriver

Heather reported on the new HMIS Privacy Notice that went into effect January 1, 2023. How data is shared has not substantially changed in the new policy but it provides clarity as to how and why the data is used. A Release of Information (ROI) is no longer required from the participant as the new Privacy Notice model operates on implied consent. Three factors define implied consent for this policy which include clearly articulating how the data will be used in the privacy notice, use of the data as stated, and make the notice visible and accessible to participants. The *A Road Home* ROI will no longer be required to provide consent for data sharing. The [Privacy Sign](#) will need to be posted in a visible location where intakes take place or taken to offsite meetings. Visibility in HMIS is controlled by provider level settings which get turned on by an ROI in the system. This new policy will not affect the ability of agencies to limit what gets shared. The change to this new policy is considered best practice in terms of data privacy and security while reducing the administrative burden on providers. Organizations will need to update current participants on the new Privacy Notice. New participants will have the [Privacy Script](#) read to them and notated in the system. If a participant initiates a request for their data not to be shared, there is an option to note that in the client summary. HMIS can be accessed on a phone if providers are connecting with people offsite. Since Washington County is part of a shared HMIS implementation, ROI will still need to be input in HMIS for visibility to work correctly. Race, Ethnicity, and Language, Disability (REALD) questions and contact information has been added to the WashCo “Participant Profile Questions” area of the Client Summary. The training session registration link will be distributed to all providers for their staff to attend one of the upcoming sessions taking place in the next 2-1/2 weeks. The Privacy Notice Training Presentation, HMIS Privacy and Security Notice, HMIS Privacy Sign and Privacy Script and all available on the 2023 [HSSN meeting webpage](#).

Does the policy need to be presented for new clients moving forward or does the new policy apply to past clients as well?

This will need to be done for all clients that providers are currently working with.

With the ROI still needing to be input into HMIS, will a blank ROI be input into HMIS?

You can mark it as yes, leave the consent type blank, and type “privacy script” in the witness portion.

If a participant has an *A Road Home* ROI already in place, is there still a need to read the script?

Yes, because it will record that the client has agreed to the new privacy policy.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Katherine Galian announced a new meeting link is available for the HSSN that will be used going forward. She also noted if anyone would like to help clarify Washington County's governance structure, the application to participate in the Transitional Advisory group closes January 6, 2023.
- Grace Haggerty with Cascade Aids Project asked providers to reach out if they have clients living with HIV.
- Jaime Trinkle of Oregon Law Center announced Governor Brown had issued a [remission order](#) lifting traffic debt for thousands of Oregonians whose drivers licenses were suspended because they couldn't afford to pay minor traffic tickets. More info is posted on their [website](#).

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Rubio.

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