



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 - 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

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AGENDA

I. INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m. -

II. MEETING MINUTES: 8:35 a.m.

- **Action:** Approve the June 7, 2023 meeting minutes.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS: 8:40 a.m.

- CoC Governance – Katherine Galian

Housing Authority	6/30/2024	Michael Buonocore Housing Authority of Washington County
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Action Item: Appoint Michael Buonocore to Housing Authority position on CoC Board vacated by Komi Kalevor.

- HMIS User Interface Changes – Kisa Quanbeck
- FY2023 CoC Program Homeless Assistance Grant Competition – Kris Smock
 - Overview of Funding Opportunity for New Projects
 - FY2023 New Project Proposal Presentations
 1. Expansion of CoC Rapid ReHousing for Families – Staci Yehle, Community Action Organization
 2. Housing Healthcare Partnership with Care Oregon – Allie Alexander Sheridan, WC Health & Human Services
 3. Expansion of Sojourner’s House – Brigid Fallon, DVRC
 - FY2023 New Project Scoring [Breakout Session]

Action Item: Each voting eligible agency to submit one scoresheet per agency, per project by end of day, August 2, 2023.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:55 a.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 6, 2023

The HSSN is open to the public and all are invited to join – see [HSSN](https://www.washingtoncountyor.gov/hssn) website for additional information and past meeting agenda, minutes and handouts. Comments regarding the agenda can be directed to CoCinfo@washingtoncountyor.gov



HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Providing a Continuum of Care (CoC) in Washington County
June 7, 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, Alyssa – Providence	James, WC Behavioral Health Council/Community Advocate
Adkins, Ruth – Kaiser Permanente	Kahn, Yoni – Oregon Health Authority
Alexander-Sheridan, Allie – WC Health & Human Services/WC Housing Services	King, Frances – Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Baker, Vernon – Just Compassion of East Washington County	Krogh, Alli – Community Action Organization
Barrett, Mary – DVRC	Lilli, Sheri – WC Public Health
Benavides, Lucia – Community Action Organization	Lloyd, Rhonda – The Salvation Army
Biggs, Brittney – Community Action Organization	Long, April – Metropolitan Public Defender
Brownell, Amy – EMO-Second Home	Ludlam, Mandie – Community Housing Fund
Camp, Kaylie – Oregon DHS	Marnell, Evita – Oregon Housing & Community Services
Cardwell, Shawn – Forest Grove Foundation	Marshall-Gordon, Kim – Project Homeless Connect
Castaneda, Devinnie – EasterSeals Oregon	McCauley, Ryan – Boys & Girls Aid
Cooke, Beth – New Narrative	McVey, Drew – Citizen At-Large (Formerly Homeless)
Coppiano, Zoi – Community Action Organization	Melton, Holly – Community Action Organization
Deas, Jessica – Oregon Health Authority	Meyer, Dawnell – Just Compassion
DeJarnette, Grace – Care Oregon	O’Neill-Tutor, Marianne – Mental Health & Addiction Association of Oregon
Denning, Community Action Organization	Palomar, Caitlin – Community Action Organization
Dent, Lindsay – WC Housing Services	Pero, David – Forest Grove SD/HEN
Dockery, Katie – WC Housing Services	Potter, Yvette – WC Disability Aging and Veterans Services
Dwyer, DaNene – Portland Community College	Quanbeck, Kisa – WC Housing Services
Dzubay, Dawn – Oregon DHS	Reno, Madison – Community Action Organization
Fellger, Vara – WC Housing Services	Saldana, Austin – WC Housing Services
Fleming, Hannah – Community Action Organization	Smith, Rachel - Providence
Fleming, Kadi – Community Action Organization	Smith, Gareth “Gary” – Dept of Veteran Affairs
Gallian, Katherine – WC Housing Services	Stoller, Rick – Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Garcia-Gomez, Abelmar – Hillsboro SD/HEN	Taylor, Molly – Oregon DHS
Gawf, Mandy – City of Hillsboro	Thomas, Lauren – Office of Community Development
Greenough, Carol – Family Promise of Tualatin Valley	Trinkle, Jamie – Oregon Law Center
Guillen, Estela – Community Action Organization	Valdez, Bianetth – City of Beaverton
Hageman, Heidi – New Narrative	Valdovinos, Kelvin – WC Office of Community Development
Hasan, Connie – Family promise-Greater Washington County	Voss-Flowers, Charlie – CPAH
Heath, Kelsey – Metropolitan Public Defender	Weber, Liz – Oregon Housing & Community Services
Hoffman, Shawna – WC Housing Services	Williamson, Drew – Boys & Girls Aid

Chair: Katherine Galian, CoC Program Manager
Co-Chair: Charlie Voss Flowers

Katherine Galian called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

HSSN members were asked to identify themselves in the chat listing their organization followed by their name for purposes of attendance and voting.

II. GUEST SPEAKER(S)/TRAINING: 8:35 a.m.

Jessica Deas, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), “OHP 1115 Medicaid Waiver”

Jessica explained the 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver (1115 Waiver) is one of several that Oregon has been granted which renew every five years and define how the State of Oregon will carry out the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) to increase flexibility, improve services and increase Medicaid coverage. She noted, currently, health equity is the central tenet for federal rules being waived. The current 1115 Waiver focuses on maintaining coverage of individuals, improving health outcomes, ensuring smart and flexible spending for health-related social needs and health equity, and creating a more equitable, culturally and linguistically responsive, health care system. The elements of the waiver will phase in over five years from 2023 through 2027. There is another piece of the waiver that is still under negotiation around being able to offer some OHP access before people leave incarceration.

Yoni Kahn of OHA added, the 1115 Waiver also provides Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) to stabilize services outside of a clinical setting. It also provides services and support for people who leave one setting and need help with other resources, such as housing, nutrition and climate changes. Eligibility requirements for these involve social and clinical risk factors that are still being defined. These changes are required to be supplemental to the services the state already provides and doesn't supplant existing Federal, State, and local services or programs. The transitional populations approved in the waiver include seven different categories of both youth and adults. Collaborative efforts will work to further define and refine to make sure there is equitable access and ensure the federal funds received are used in the best possible manner. The first phase of the HRSN implementation will begin January 2024 with the climate benefit (heaters, air conditioners, humidifiers) and the housing and nutrition services phase to begin July 2024. The housing goals are to meet the Governor's Housing/Homelessness and Behavioral Health Initiative to align with funding for tribal housing as authorized in Executive Order 23-02. It will also complement existing programs and connect to broader social service networks, and demonstrate the relationship between health-related social needs, improved health outcomes, and reduced costs to Medicaid.

Liz Weber shared Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) is partnering with OHA on the development of this 1115 Waiver as questions are being developed for the community. There is a lot of work being done to figure out the mechanisms that exist in the current homeless system and how the state can make this waiver work within that system to supplement the current work that is already in place. The foundation between healthcare and housing is being set right now to see where the points of overlap are working well and where work needs to be done to provide a seamless system.

For questions or more information, contact OHA at 1115waiver.renewal@odhsoha.oregon.gov. More information is also available at www.oregon.gov/1115waiverrenewal. This presentation can be found [here](#).

Lauren Thomas noted Washington County has a health and rehabilitation program to help elderly or disabled individuals who have medical or safety repairs needed and collaboration would be helpful to provide additional resources to assist those who may not qualify for other programs.

What portion of the HRSN funding will be set aside for the housing portion?

The federal government has allotted \$1.1 billion to implement this program which is to be spent over a five year period. Collaborative efforts are important to define the transitional populations and the eligibility to provide the greatest impact. Up to \$119 million can be used for infrastructure spending like workforce development proposals, business operation needs, community outreach

and engagement, and technology. Whatever portion of this funding is not utilized can be used for services so input from agencies will be important to utilize these funds where it is needed.

Having an easily accessible system is key to engage potential participants. How can youth access these funds when they become available?

They are working through the details right now and will need to make sure and account for when this benefit can be utilized after existing resources have been used.

How will clients access these funds? Will it be implemented via the One system? Will input from OHP assisters be taken into consideration as changes are made in how this funding will be administered?

These are the details that are currently being worked out now and agency partners will be able to give their input as a plan are put into place.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the May 3, 2023 meeting minutes

Action: Charlie Voss-Flowers

Second: Ryan McCauley

Vote: Approved, consensus.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (MAC G) – DeAnna Negrete

The MAC G was formed as a sub-committee of the CoC Board to focus on system improvements to reduce unsheltered homelessness in compliance with [Executive Order 23 -2](#). The second layer was the implementation of Locally Coordinated Command Centers (LC3), the first of which was established at the Forest Grove-Highway 47 encampment. Engagement with the individuals at this encampment is underway, with 45 individuals identified and placed on the ByName list. Of those, four have moved into shelter and two more are moving today. Several households were already in the homeless system, either in HCMS, Rapid Rehousing or Shelter Plus Care programs and ongoing work to connect outreach workers with housing providers to work on their housing plans are underway. Individual and system barriers are also being identified to assist households.

B. Community Connect Homeless Consumer & Partner Agency Survey – Kisa Quanbeck

Kisa presented survey results for provider and consumer surveys that were conducted May 15 - 21, 2023.

Provider Agency Survey:

- 57 agency responses were received with the majority stating they have worked for their agency for a year or less.
- 49% agreed there was good inter-agency communication. An option for respondents to provide feedback on what they felt needed to be improved upon will be added next year. Case conferencing and the addition of the LC3 centers is helping to improve communication.
- A majority of respondents indicated Phase 1 assessments were complete and accurate; however, there were a significant number that felt they were inaccurate. A Phase 1 training will be offered in July to address some of these areas.
- 55% indicated the referrals given to their agency was appropriate and these outcomes should improve with the additional training.
- Most were able to contact clients that were referred to them but just less than half had difficulty making contact. Resolution of these issues to increase outcomes is underway.

- 79% agreed they received the appropriate level of training; however, the responses indicated the training needs some revision.
- System improvements included having increased transparency in the matching and prioritization process, communication about available resources, increased resource capacity, more accurate data entry in the Phase 1 assessment, and more types of trainings available.

Consumer Survey:

- The survey was provided online and in paper form at the Community Action Organization walk-in center and to the outreach workers in the field.
- 107 Phase 1 assessments and 10 online surveys were completed. Suggestions were made by providers to help increase survey completions next year.
- Most respondents indicated the ease of connecting with an agency to complete the assessment and accessibility options like language translation was reported as favorable.
- Most indicated housing resources were provided or presented.
- 89% said they understood their next steps and the staff was professional.
- Participants were positive in their comments as to their experience with the system.
- Improvement suggestions was for increased efficiency in responses, agency influence in resolving conflict between residents and temporary shelters, safer senior, HUD housing availability, and recommendation of a complete review of the system to prevent anyone from falling through the cracks or assisting people when they are literally homeless.

- C. One Governance Transition Advisory Group (TAG) – Zoi Coppiano/Kim Marshall Gordon
Zoi stated the goal of the TAG is to align the separate governance bodies that already exist and support and advise in the development of a single governance structure. A survey was conducted and input was garnered to help guide the new governance structure. The various advisory bodies within Washington County participated in the survey with most stating they participate in the HSSN and CoC Board.

What is Working Well:

- Networking and collaboration
- Openness to new ideas
- Leadership within the committees.

Areas of Improvement:

- Clear information and streamlined process for accessing homeless resources and services.
- Utilize community engagement (provides transparency and accessibility to the process) to address public fears and concerns.
- Reduce the number of committees and provide a streamlined process for more effective decision-making.

Kim explained the proposed structure will include the Homeless Advisory Body (HAB) where the oversight of the overall system and decision-making will take place. Permanent sub-committees will be convened to provide technical expertise and include HAB and community members with related experience (Lived Experience Body, System Performance & Oversight, HUD Programs and Community Connect). Temporary technical work groups will be convened as needed. Both sub-committees and work groups will be working together to ensure alignment with the goals outlined. Also included in the structure are community and stakeholder convenings that include the HSSN, learning communities, and other community engagement that might be convened as needed. The development work is currently in the process of drafting Bylaws in preparation for presentation to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

This presentation can be viewed in its entirety [here](#).

D. Time, Place, Manner (TPM) Draft Policy Update – Katherine Galian

House Bill 3115 requires each jurisdiction to develop ordinances to replace those that did not allow a reasonably prudent manner for experiencing unsheltered homelessness in their community. Jurisdictions must allow for unsheltered homelessness when there is no shelter available. The landing page for these ordinances can be found [here](#).

E. CoC Governance

McKinney-Vento Liaison, David Pero is stepping back from his responsibilities on the CoC Board and Abel Garcia-Gomez will be filling his role on the CoC Board per the recommendation of the Homeless Education Network. Abel shared his experience working in education for the past eight years, three as McKinney-Vento Liaison at Hillsboro School District. He also has lived experience of homelessness in his youth and teenage years. A vote was taken following the presentation, approving by consensus, the appointment of Abel to the McKinney-Vento position on the CoC Board.

With the agreement of board members currently holding CoC Board positions to remain in place, the HSSN approved by consensus, the extension of terms for those expiring positions until such time as the One Governance structure is in place.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Katherine Galian announced the NOFO has not yet been released for next year's funding and if it is released in the next few weeks, the HSSN will hold a special meeting on July 5, 2023 at 8:30 am. The new work plan year begins on July 1, 2023 so everyone will need to re-register for HSSN meetings going forward.
- Mandy Gawf from the City of Hillsboro shared that Community Partners for Affordable Housing's Gardens project in Tualatin is having its groundbreaking soon to create 100 new affordable homes in the county.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:59am.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Rubio.

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