



**OR-506CoC Hillsboro/Beaverton/Washington County
HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK (the CoC)**
Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 - 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**
- II. SPEAKERS/TRAINING: 8:35 a.m.**
 - Rowie Taylor, Executive Director, DVRC, “Safety Planning, Housing and Working with Survivors”
 - Rachel Schutz, Executive Director, “Family Justice Center Services & How to Access Them”
 - Monica Avila & Katie Dockery, WC Housing Services, “VAWA Updates”
- III. MEETING MINUTES: 9:30 a.m.**
 - **Action:** *Approve the September 6, 2023 meeting minutes.*
- IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:35 a.m.**
 - “Bridge to Home” Shelter Program – Rose Money, Family Promise of Tualatin Valley
 - One Governance DRAFT Bylaws – Kim Marshall Gordon, Transition Advisory Group
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:55 a.m.**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 2023

The HSSN is the meeting of the continuum of care in Washington County and is open to the public - all are invited to join – see [HSSN](#) webpage 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
September 6, 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:

Abraham, Doris – The Salvation Army	James, Karen –Community Advocate
Aguilar, San Juana – Open Door HousingWorks	Kennedy, Carolyn – New Narrative
Bennett-Fey, Jenny – Beaverton SD/HEN	King, Frances – Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Briggs, Gena – Open Door HousingWorks	Kinish-Omier, Kelsea – Community Action Organization
Burnham, Jeff – New Narrative	Krogh, Alli – Community Action Organization
Calderon, Cindy - Bienestar	Lloyd, Rhonda – The Salvation Army
Camp, Kaylie – Oregon DHS	Long, April – Metropolitan Public Defender
Cardwell, Shawn – Forest Grove Foundation	Markus, Michelle – Mental Health & Addiction Assoc of Oregon
Ciceu, Crina – Oregon DHS	Marshall-Gordon, Kim – Project Homeless Connect
Coladonato, Dan – SOAR Technical Assistance Center	McVey, Drew – Citizen At-Large
Coppiano, Zoi – Community Action Organization	Mendoza, Remijio – New Narrative
DeJarnette, Grace – Care Oregon	Meyer, Dawnell – Just Compassion of East Washington County
Denning, Kristin – Community Action Organization	Moshkowski, Melody – The Salvation Army
Dent, Lindsay – WC Housing Services	Negrete, DeAnna – WC Housing Services
Dwyer, DaNene – Portland Community College	Palestino, Sara – Beaverton SD/HEN
Esquivel, Melissa – New Narrative	Palomar, Caitlin – Community Action Organization
Ezell, Kim – City of Tigard	Pero, David – Forest Grove SD/HEN
Farr, Danielle – WC Health & Human Services	Pinto, Ursula – Sherwood SD/HEN
Fellger, Vara – WC Housing Services	Potter, Yvette – WC Disability, Aging and Veteran Services
Fike, Madison - DVRC	Prenevost, Kathy – WC Behavioral Health
Fleming, Hannah – Community Action Organization	Saldana, Austin – WC Housing Services
Fletcher, Torey – Centro Cultural	Sanchez, Annie – Oregon DHS
Gaines, Katherine – Project Homeless Connect	Sellers, Zena – New Narrative
Gallian, Katherine – WC Housing Services	Serrano, Nicolasa – New Narrative
Garcia-Gomez, Abelmar – Hillsboro SD/HEN	Skriver, Heather – WC Housing Services
Gibb, Courtney – Hillsboro SD/HEN	Smith, Gareth “Gary” – US Dept. of Veteran Affairs
Gonzalez, Ferzon – Centro Cultural	South, Keisha – New Narrative
Greene, Jacen – PSU-HRAC	Sparks, Amber – HomePlate Youth Services
Greenough, Carol – Family Promise of Tualatin Valley	Stanwood-Gorvine, Alyssa – Beaverton SD/HEN
Guillen, Estela – Community Action Organization	Taylor, Rowie – DVRC
Hageman, Heidi – New Narrative	Teifel, Gordon – Families for Independent Living/DEAR
Hartley, Aneesah – New Narrative	Thompson, Cass – New Narrative
Harvey, Adam – The Salvation Army	Valdez, Bianetth – City of Beaverton
Heath, Kelsey – Metropolitan Public Defender	Valdovinos, Kelvin – WC Office of Community Development
Hoffman, Shawna – WC Housing Services	Waller-Draden, Regina – New Narrative
Huffman, Tayana – Oregon DHS	Williamson, Drew – Boys & Girls Aid

Chair: Katherine Galian, CoC Program Manager

Co-Chair: Charlie Voss Flowers, CPAH

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. SPEAKERS/TRAINING

Kathy Prenevost, Washington County Behavioral Health, “CATT and Measure 110”

The Center for Addictions Triage and Treatment (CATT) is expected to open in 2025 and will offer treatment and support offering rapid access to various types of substance-use treatment. This new facility will provide vital services in the county, some of which are not currently available. Services to be offered will include:

- Sobering
- Withdrawal management (detox)
- Residential treatment
- Transition support
- Assessment and triage
- Co-located services

These voluntary services are available to adults providing support and assistance independent of insurance status and will be divided between two locations. The Beaverton location will offer sobering, withdrawal management, and residential services. CODA has been contracted to provide those services. The Hillsboro location will include community services that will also provide a culturally specific substance-use disorder outpatient clinic operated by Solutions Group Northwest. Future plans include a medical clinic and pharmacy. Community feedback has guided the needed elements of this program. Partnership with law enforcement will provide safety for clients, staff, and neighborhoods. Measure 110 will also provide collaboration with law enforcement with the mental health response team (MHRT).

Is documentation status a requirement to receive these services?

Documentation status will not be a factor in receiving services.

When will the two locations open?

The Hillsboro location is projected to open in the summer of 2024 and the Beaverton location, in the winter of 2024.

How many residential beds will be available?

There will be 24 beds each for men and women.

Will open houses be scheduled for these locations upon completion?

There will be an open house next Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 pm at the intensive services building in Beaverton with an additional open house scheduled closer to completion of the renovation in 2025.

Kathy then provided an overview of Measure 110 which was passed on February 1, 2021 decriminalizing certain drugs. If caught with these drugs the offender has the option of paying a \$100 fine or receive treatment within 24 hours. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will award \$265 million in grants to contribute to the cost of these services. Collaboration with substance use providers was initiated in preparation for applying for the grant. The State of Oregon indicated the grant will cover the following:

- Initial screening for substance-use disorder services
- Low barrier (access) SUD treatment
- Peer delivered services
- ASAM screening (level of addiction)
- Supporting housing
- Supported employment
- Harm reduction

Kathy shared the successes of Measure 110 to include:

- Tremendous growth in the availability of culturally specific services.
- Substance-use providers are more connected and working together
- Thousands of individuals are receiving help
- New peer mentors have been hired
- More housing has become available

Crina Ciceu and Tatyana Huffman, Oregon DHS-Beaverton Self-Sufficiency Programs, “OHP Redetermination Updates”

Crina reported, in 2022 Congress passed the Families First Coronavirus Recovery and Relief Act requiring states to maintain the same level of medical coverage for anyone receiving, or began receiving, medical coverage during the Public Health Emergency. The State of Oregon implemented temporary policies during this time. The public health emergency began unwinding on April 1, 2023 due to the passing of the Consolidated Appropriations Act at the end of 2022. All recipients of medical coverage under the emergency order must now apply for renewal after March 31, 2023. Renewals must begin within ten months of the April 1, 2023 start date and be completed within 14 months. For those who do not respond to the renewal notice, their medical benefits will be discontinued after six months from the renewal date. After that time, a 90-day reconsideration period will be instituted. During the Public Health Emergency, a person's self-attestation was sufficient for most medical coverage without requiring proof via documentation. This policy has changed as of April 1, 2023 and now requires documentation to verify eligibility. In 2024, the Basic Health Program (BHP) for adults has been added allowing individuals to receive OHP+ equivalent coverage with countable income up to 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). To avoid ending coverage during the unwinding period, Oregon received approval to create a temporary Medicaid program called MAGI which is designed to maintain the coverage achieved during the pandemic. Oregon is expanding the income threshold up to 200% that will run through April 2024 for OHP. This will allow the state to establish permanent coverage options for those within 138% - 200% of FPL. This includes current coverage except for long-term care, and will be available for those between the ages of 19 - 64 who meet certain requirements. For additional questions or comments, Crina Ceceu can be contacted at crina.ciceu@odhs.oregon.gov.

How will individuals without an address or whose address has changed, be contacted?

Notifications are sent via the method they had chosen, either a physical copy by mail or electronically by email or text. Some non-profit organizations offer mailing addresses that can be used, or they can be directed to use the address of a friend or relative.

What has been the response to the renewal notices? Do organizations need to be more proactive in educating people on how to respond?

So far people have been responding well.

Has the practice of ending coverage for incarcerated individuals and then reinstating them upon release, been discontinued or modified?

That is the standard practice for those individuals and there are no plans to modify it at this time.

Can people who have SSDI and are not enrolled in other programs, apply for the MAGI program?

They will research the answer and provide an update via email.

Would individuals who are over 65 and do not have status or qualify for Medicare due to income limits, be eligible for Medicaid (OHP)?

They will reach out directly with the answer to this question.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the August 2, 2023 meeting minutes

Action: San Juana Aguilar

Second: Zoi Coppiano

Vote: Approved, consensus.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. FY24/25 HUD Data Standards & HMIS Implementation Update – Heather Skriver

The Tri-County HMIS implementation launch has been delayed due to technical issues with the vendor. The new HUD data standards go into effect on October 1. Live training sessions on these new standards will take place in the last week of September and first week of October. HUD Data Standards training is required prior to attending the live training.

Heather reviewed HUD Data Standard changes to include:

- Race and ethnicity are combined into one field with an option to choose multiple races and a text field to add additional details.
- Added ethnicities (Middle Eastern/North African and Hispanic/Latina/e/o).
- REALD will still be collected to allow for more specificity.
- Gender updates with the choice to add an option not listed.
- Legal name is no longer required and only last four digits of SSN required.
- Assessment questions were added, removed, or reworded.
- Assessment name changes in some of the wording.

B. Shelter Program & Prioritization – DeAnna Negrete

The Emergency Shelter system includes year-round congregate and non-congregate (families and individuals with needs not suitable for congregate settings). It also includes alternative options like pods, winter shelters, youth, and shelters for inclement weather. The shelter capacity currently stands at 426 and will increase to 486 in the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

The shelter referral process is completed through HMIS, or via Community Connect at 503-640-3263 for those who do not have access to HMIS or are unable to do a Phase I assessment.

There is currently a waitlist for shelter beds. Anyone is eligible for shelter access if they are identified in population A (low income, one or more disabling conditions and experiencing frequent episodes of homelessness) or population B (experiencing or in substantial risk of homelessness). DeAnna then reviewed the current prioritization method. All referrals are prioritized by addressing the unsheltered first, then those over the age of 55, those with medical or judicial discharge, length of time homeless, and connection to Enhanced Case Management (ECM). The congregate and non-congregate shelters prioritize households enrolled in the ECM program. The family non-congregate locations prioritize those enrolled in ECM first serving minor children and then households with two or more adults. Then those not enrolled in ECM will be prioritize with minor children first and then households with two or more adults.

Questions regarding the shelter system can be directed to Deanna Negrete at deanna_negrete@washingtoncountyor.gov.

C. SOAR Training Orientation at September Learning Community – Dan Coladonato, SOAR Technical Assistance Center

SSI, SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery ([SOAR](#)) is a method of assisting eligible individuals to apply for social security and disability benefits. This model is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Information about the [2022 national outcomes](#) and how to [get involved](#) in this program can be found in the provided links. SOAR training is available to service providers who assist clients in obtaining SSI or SSDI.

Lindsay Dent reported the orientation to SOAR training will take place next Wednesday September 13, 2023 at 10:00 am. and asked that the membership register to receive meeting links and a link to the recorded training if unable to attend.

Are ASSIST Program funds still available?

Katherine noted ASSIST is accepting referrals from Washington County on a limited basis.

D. NOFO Update – Katherine Galian

The NOFO process is underway with the intent to submit by September 26. The intensive service housing program was voted to be submitted as a new project that will serve 20 households experiencing homelessness and behavioral health challenges.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Abel Gomez announced the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Network is up and running in all school districts in Washington county. The HEN provides services to families and students with housing instability. A contact list of all the liaisons in the county can be found [here](#).
- Katherine announced Molly Rogers has been selected as the new Executive Director of Washington County Housing Services. An article announcing her appointment can be found [here](#).
- Vara noted the [pre-disaster recovery workshops](#) and CATT open house information will be sent via the HSSN listserv following this meeting.
- Hannah Fleming shared, people are calling Community Connect daily and weekly thinking it will increase their chances of getting housing. To get matched quickly, they only need to call in once a month to ensure their information on the Phase 1 assessment is accurate. Calling in excessively only prevents the ability to assist others when the phone lines are tied up.
- Hannah also announced Community Connect is hiring a bilingual Community Resource Advocate (CRA).

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Rubio.

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