



**OR-506CoC Hillsboro/Beaverton/Washington County
HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK**

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 - 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

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AGENDA

- I. **INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**
- II. **SPEAKERS/TRAINING: 8:35 a.m.**
 - Kathy Prenevost, Washington County Behavioral Health, “CATT and Measure 110.”
 - Crina Ciceu and Tatyana Huffman, ODHS-Beaverton Self-Sufficiency Programs, “OHP Redetermination Updates”
- III. **MEETING MINUTES: 9:20 a.m.**
 - **Action:** Approve the August 2, 2023 meeting minutes.
- IV. **GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:25 a.m.**
 - FY24/25 HUD Data Standards & HMIS Implementation Update – Heather Skriver
 - Programs Update
 - Shelter Program & Prioritization – DeAnna Negrete
 - SOAR Training – September Learning Community – Dan Coladonato, SOAR Technical Assistance Center
 - NOFO Update – Katherine Galian
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:55 a.m.**
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 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
August 2, 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:

Acuna, Jessica – Community Action Organization	James, Karen –Community Advocate
Alexander-Sheridan, Allie – WC Health & Human Services/WC Housing Services	King, Frances – Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Ambriz, Victoria – Community Action Organization	King, Kandace – Here Together
Avila, Monica – WC Housing Services	Kinish-Omier, Kelsea – Community Action Organization
Baca, Melissa n- Community Action Organization	Krogh, Alli – Community Action Organization
Benavides, Denisse – Community Action Organization	Larsen, Hannah – HomePlate Youth Services
Biggs, Brittney – Community Action Organization	Ludlam, Mandie – Community Housing Fund
Brownell, Amy – EMO-Second Home	Marshall-Gordon, Kim – Project Homeless Connect
Buonocore, Michael – WC Housing Services	McCauley, Ryan – Boys & Girls Aid
Burnham, Jeff – New Narrative	McVey, Drew – Citizen At-Large (Formerly Homeless)
Camp, Kaylie – Oregon DHS	Melton, Holly – Community Action Organization
Cardwell, Shawn – Forest Grove Foundation	Meyer, Dawnell – Just Compassion
Coppiano, Zoi – Community Action Organization	Moshkowski, Melody – The Salvation Army
Denning, Community Action Organization	Palestino, Sara – Beaverton SD/HEN
Dzubay, Dawn – Oregon DHS	Palomar, Caitlin – Community Action Organization
Ezell, Kim – City of Tigard	Pero, David – Forest Grove SD/HEN
Fellger, Vara – WC Housing Services	Quanbeck, Kisa – WC Housing Services
Fleming, Hannah – Community Action Organization	Reno, Madison – Community Action Organization
Fleming, Kadi – Community Action Organization	Sanchez, Annie – Oregon DHS
Fletcher, Torey – Centro Cultural	Skeen, Denise – Community Action Organization
Gallian, Katherine – WC Housing Services	Smith, Gareth “Gary” – Dept of Veteran Affairs
Gawf, Mandy – City of Hillsboro	Smock, Kris – Kris Smock Consulting
Greenough, Carol – Family Promise of Tualatin Valley	Swearingin, Nicole – New Narrative
Harvey, Adam – The Salvation Army	Taylor, Molly – Oregon DHS
Hauth, Larry – Community Action Organization	Taylor, Rowie - DVRC
Heath, Kelsey – Metropolitan Public Defender	Valdez, Bianetth – City of Beaverton
Hoffman, Shawna – WC Housing Services	Valdovinos, Kelvin – WC Office of Community Development
	Voss-Flowers, Charlie – CPAH
	Williamson, Drew – Boys & Girls Aid
	Yehle, Staci – Community Action Organization

Chair: Katherine Galian, WC Housing Services

Co-Chair: Charlie Voss Flowers, CPAH

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

I. INTRODUCTIONS

In order to easily identify voting eligible participants for movement into breakout rooms, HSSN members were asked to re-name themselves listing their organization first, followed by their name.

II. MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the June 7, 2023 meeting minutes

Action: Stacy Yehle

Second: Charlie Voss-Flowers

Vote: Approved, consensus

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CoC Governance – Katherine Galian

Michael Buonocore, Interim Director for the Housing Authority of Washington County provided a brief summary of his experience after which a vote was taken.

Motion: Appoint Michael Buonocore to Housing Authority position on CoC Board.

Action: Rowie Taylor

Second: Stacy Yehle

Vote: Approved, consensus.

B. HMIS User Interface Changes – Kisa Quanbeck

Kisa reported, the HMIS user interface has been revised and the change will go live on August 4. Before it goes live, HMIS users can familiarize themselves with the new design elements by logging into the HMIS training site. The revisions do not include any work flow changes but only design changes. When logging in to the new interface for the first time, users may be asked to change their passwords and accept a new End User License Agreement. She also reported WellSky, the HMIS software developer, is rebranding their product, changing the name from “ServicePoint: to “Community Services.” They also removed the term “Point” from several module names within the site. Kisa also reported, the timeframe for the move to the new HMIS implementation with Joint Office of Homeless Services as Tri-County HMIS Lead, is scheduled for September 2023. All agencies will need to sign a new Agency Participation Agreement that they should receive shortly, along with the link to the new HMIS site. For more information or questions, contact Heather Skriver at heather_skriver@washingtoncountyor.gov.

C. FY2023 CoC Program Homeless Assistance Grant Competition – Kris Smock

a. Overview of Funding Opportunity for New Projects

Kris explained the CoC Program Homeless Assistance competition is a federal grant administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Washington County Housing Services is the collaborative applicant for the local continuum of care (OR-506CoC) and the Housing and Supportive Service Network (HSSN) is the network implementing the CoC in Washington County and is the CoC’s governance body. For FY 2023, the CoC is eligible to apply for approximately \$5 million which includes renewal projects and an opportunity for new project bonus funding. The process for new projects has two stages that includes the local and national competition. Washington County released its local Request for Proposals (RFP) on July 10, 2023. Organizations submitted their written proposals by July 31, 2023 and will be scored on their project presentations by the HSSN today. The project with the highest score within each funding category will be submitted to HUD to be considered for funding. She noted, there are additional local priorities that are guided by the WC Homeless Services Annual Work Plan. Half the scores on the new project scoresheet are submitted by the HSSN, and the other half are scores by staff based on objective criteria applied to the written proposal. This year the county is encouraging applicants to focus their applications on leasing and rental assistance costs. The score for criteria “F” on the scoresheet (worth up to ten points) reflects how well the project supports the specific priorities identified in the HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and the local RFP. For the national competition, new projects are scored by HUD based on several factors, which include the CoC’s Consolidated Application score (overall score compared to CoC’s across the country), the CoC Board’s ranking of new project applications and HUD’s review of the CoC’s application. HUD is expected to announce funding awards in Spring 2024. Washington County is eligible for an estimated \$350,000 in the CoC Bonus category (Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing) and an estimated \$240,000 in the DV Bonus category (Rapid Rehousing). Bonus points are

awarded in both the national and local competition, for new projects that include partnerships with health care and/or housing.

b. FY2023 New Project Proposal Presentations

1. Expansion of CoC Rapid ReHousing for Families – Staci Yehle, Community Action Organization (CAO)

CAO's new project submission will expand their CoC funded Rapid Rehousing program. During the 2021-2022 grant period, 183 participants (75 adults and 108 children) received funding from this program with 85% of participants remaining in permanent housing at the end of the grant year. Participants in the program also increased their income by 23%, and increased access to healthcare by 91%. The overall program design is summarized in three steps: identify, rapidly re-house, and stabilize. CAO currently has eight housing navigators trained to assess individual needs and develop a client-centered stability plan which involves assessing eligibility for the program and finding eligible rental units. Once housed, case managers help maintain housing stability. The funding request for this project is for the full amount of \$350,000.

Larry Hauth added, the housing stability plan includes a housing support specialist who meets with families bi-weekly to discuss their plan and create steps to reach their goals. He noted, case management is moving to using a family-centered coaching model focusing on the family's expressed needs and assisting them in setting and meeting goals, especially as it relates to training and employment through local partnerships.

What percentage of people who contact Community Action for potential housing get through the process?

Stacy noted every referral sent to them is assessed. She is not aware of anyone who they were not able to house.

2. Intensive Services Housing Program – Allie Alexander Sheridan, WC Health & Human Services (WC HHS)

The Behavioral Health Department within WC HHS is proposing a housing program in partnership with CareOregon. The aim of the project is to integrate rent subsidies with existing intensive behavioral health services to provide permanent supportive housing, behavioral health support, and case management services to those experiencing chronic homelessness with complex behavioral health needs. The four pillars that encompass this project are behavioral health support, case management, rent subsidy, and an identified housing unit. Adding rent subsidies will reduce the length of time individuals experience homelessness and increase their permanent housing placement retention. Using a "Housing First" approach, a multi-disciplinary team will bring person-centered services to the individual. It will also connect and collaborate with culturally-specific service providers, include trauma informed best practices, and be low-barrier. The population to be served are those experiencing chronic homelessness as defined by HUD (individuals with acute behavioral health conditions, people with a history of substance use disorders, those with dual diagnosis, and those with low or no income). This program will be supported by the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program and the Intensive Case Management (ICM) program, both funded by CareOregon and administered by community-based partners. It also aligns with the funding priorities of the HUD NOFO (transitioning people from unsheltered to permanent housing). With its partnership with CareOregon, it also meets the bonus category requirement of coordination with a healthcare provider. The funding request

is for the estimated \$350,000 for rent subsidy and move-in costs and will serve between 20 and 25 households.

Are there proposed properties for this project or will households be accessing their own leases?

Some individuals struggle to find housing even with vouchers due to housing barriers. The program would like to leverage investments in affordable housing sites and project-base some units.

What is included in housing retention services?

This project would provide a permanent supportive housing subsidy. Retention services needed by individuals with ongoing complex behavioral health needs would be provided through continued engagement with ACT and ICM programs.

Would this program be able to support participants who are currently in an RLRA program that have behavioral and mental health issues that struggle to maintain housing?

This project is intended to provide additional housing and not replace those with existing vouchers. If; however, individuals meet the behavioral health criteria for ACT or ICM programs and meet HUD's "chronic homeless" definition, considerations can be made to move individuals into this program.

c. FY2023 New Project Scoring [Breakout Session]

Voting eligible agency participants and citizen/community advocates were moved into breakout rooms to discuss proposed projects and complete a scoresheet (one scoresheet per project per agency/school district/citizen-community advocate).

Scoresheets were to be submitted to cocinfo@washingtoncountyor.gov by end of day August 2, 2023.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hannah Fleming announced Community Connect assessors are now located in Hillsboro, Beaverton, and Tigard to assist individuals with Phase I assessments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Rubio.

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