



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Beaverton City Hall - 1st Floor Conference Room
4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton, Oregon 97075

AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**
- II. GUEST SPEAKER: 8:35 a.m.**
 - Mr. Pat Rogers, Community Action
 - Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program
 - Ms. Laura Spencer, Project Bloom
 - Project Bloom Transitional Housing Program
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:10 a.m. Action Item**
- IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES: 9:15 a.m.**
 - Subcommittee Reports
 - Children
 - Youth
 - Homelessness
 - Permanent Housing
 - Income Support/Workforce Development Workgroup
 - DD Dialogue
 - Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee
 - Veterans
 - Seniors
 - Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup
 - Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC)
 - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- V. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:40 a.m.**
 - Adopt 2012/2013 CoC Planning Calendar Action Item
 - First Quarter Results - Year 5 of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness Action Item
 - HSSN Governance under HEARTH Act 24 CFR 578.5(b)
 - FY2012 McKinney-Vento CoC Homeless Assistance Grant – CoC Registration
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Guest Speakers: *Lisa Davila, Housing TEAM Program

*Pat Rogers & Saul Chavez-Hernandez, Coordinated and Centralized Assessment System

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Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County

Beaverton City Hall

October 3, 2012, at 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:

Adams, Jessi—Community Action	Gibson, Erin—Home Plate
Atterberry, Amy - Sequoia	Hauth, Larry – Community Action
Baca, Melissa – Community Action	Hennessey, Jaidra—Housing Independence
Beggs, Alice – Forest Grove School District	Kruse, Alexis—Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc
Brand, Leah – Community Action	Nelson, Andrea—City of Beaverton
Brillman, Linn – Community Partners for Affordable Housing	Nelson, Barbara – Community Volunteers
Browning, Rose – Good Neighbor Center	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Burton, Valerie—Luke-Dorf, Inc	Proctor, Jennie—Wa. Co. Office of Community Dev.
Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Resource Center	Rafal, Candy – Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Carpenter, Kristin – FamilyBridge/Interfaith Hospitality	Rainey, Kirstin – BSW Grad Pacific University
Christoff, Nicole—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Schwab, Jack – Good Neighbor Center
Connor, Anne – VA HUD VASH	Sechrist, Lauren—Community Development, Wash. Co.
Daniel, Bridget - HomePlate	Smith, Gary—VAMC
Davila, Lisa—Luke-Dorf, Inc	Spencer, Laura—Project Bloom
Demry, James—Homeless To Work/Bridges to Change	Squeglia, Frank – Recovery Association Project
Evans, Annette – Dept. of Housing Services, Wash.Co.	Stoullil, Vera – The Boys and Girls Aid
Ferry, Nancy—Bridges to Change	Tong, Melanie—Wa. Co. Health & Human Services
Fletcher, Melanie— Dept. of Housing Services, Wash. Co.	Turk, Nicki—Cascade AIDS Project
Fowler, Alisa – Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Webber, Julie – DAVS, Washington County
Galian, Katherine – Community Action Organization	Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services NW
Gandy, Annette – LifeWorks NW	

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. GUEST SPEAKERS

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program

Katherine Galian

<http://www.caowash.org/>

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) is a new US Department of Veteran Affairs one-year grant program providing housing assistance and services for veteran families. The 4-county collaborative application was submitted by Community Action Team (CAT) of Columbia County as the lead agency, in partnership with Community Action Organizations in Washington, Clatsop, and Tillamook counties. The SSVF program is similar to the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), and is focused to serve only veteran households.

Washington County's program will serve 35 families, with 0% to 40% of the grant providing homeless prevention, and 60% to 100% of the grant providing rapid re-housing. Services include case management and temporary financial assistance (up to 5 months in a 12 month period or 8

months over 18 month period). VASH voucher holders can access assistance with move-in costs, as well as help people transition from transitional housing or Veteran Grant Per Diem programs. The program serves singles, couples, families (any size household) with the veteran defining his/her family.

Referral process: Please make veteran referrals to Jessi Adams, Community Action Housing Specialist, at 503-906-6492.

Veterans are encouraged to contact the Veteran Community-based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) located in Hillsboro to access an array of services provided to Veterans; however, Veterans do not need to be referred to the CBOC to access SSVF resources.

Gary Smith, U.S. Veterans Affairs, reported the Community Resource & Referral Center (CRRC) in Portland is another resource for homeless veterans. The CRRC is an access/resource point for homeless veterans located at 1st and Oak in Portland providing primary care, psychiatry, drug/alcohol recovery, boots, jackets, clothing, etc.

Project Bloom Transitional Housing Program

Laura Spencer

<http://www.project-bloom.org>

A new privately funded program that opened in September 2012 that provides up to 12-months transitional housing with supportive services to homeless single adult women and single adult mothers with children. The 20-unit housing complex includes eleven (11) 1-bedroom units and nine (9) 2-bedroom units. A property manager lives on site 24 hours. Project Bloom is self-funded and seeks to partner with anyone who is willing to share the vision of ending homelessness for these homeless women.

Program participants must be clean and sober for 6 months prior to program entry, and have the ability to live independently. The program is not supported with resources to serve high need/chronic homeless populations. The program is suitable for people who are capable and willing to work.

Rent and utilities are paid by the program, with participants responsible for their food. A local bank will help the participant open a savings account where 30% of the household's income is placed into the account, and will be returned to the participant upon exit from the program to be used for move-in costs or other expenses. The participants will need to participate in the Rent Well Tenant Education course. A community center is on site for participants to use for resume, email, apply for jobs, and includes recreation activities, as well.

Referral process: Please make referrals to Laura Spencer, 971-263-5779.

Case worker and homeless woman will complete the referral and application forms contained in the packet (handouts were provided). Generally the applicant comes with their case worker to the initial interview.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve September 5, 2012 minutes as emailed.

Action: Judy Werner

Second: Jack Schwab

Vote: Approved - Unanimous

IV. **REPORTS and PROGRAM UPDATES OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

Children: Alice Beggs abeggs@fgsd.k12.or.us

Next Meeting: The HEN will resume regular meetings in January 2013, as Liaisons have new requirements that need to be implemented by end of calendar year.

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) will release the number of students who qualified for Title 10 homeless services during School Year 2011-2012 in November. A new requirement this year includes a Secure Student ID for academic performance so we can look at how students are doing who experience homelessness. McKinney-Vento Liaisons anticipate there will be more data and this data will inform us on what's working and what's not working.

Youth: Vera Stoullil ystoullil@boysandgirlsaid.org

Next Meeting: November 9, 2012, at 10:30am in Room 225, Washington County PSB

The subcommittee has been focused on expanding resources for youth. At the September meeting, mental health providers informed the subcommittee on access and eligibility of services. November will include a presentation on suicide prevention. No meeting in October so agency's can attend HomePlate's Open House.

The subcommittee will be focused on supporting Oregon Children's Alliance. Legislation drafted to demand Oregon Department of Human Services be responsible for the care of homeless and runaway youth, and maintain a system for these kids. Federal commission has done a lot to align child welfare and homeless/runaway services. Policy and program development discussion on increasing the age to 21 for homeless and runaway youth - similar to foster care - and restore funding from cutbacks. Locally, have created some materials that summarize the programs funded and the results to use with legislators to show success and demonstrate need.

Homelessness: Pat Rogers progers@caowash.org

Next Meeting: October 15, 2012, 9 am, Room 195 at 3700 Murray Blvd, Beaverton

Larry Hauth reported the subcommittee reviewed a proposed model for Coordinated and Centralized Assessment System (CCAS) as mandated in the new HEARTH Act program rules. Pat Rogers will present to workgroup on October 12. CCAS will provide a single front door for any person seeking to prevent or end homelessness through access to housing and service supports.

The HSSN will receive a formal presentation once the model is defined, and welcomes feedback from the network of providers and consumers. Community Action has added more housing specialists. The idea of CCAS is to move away from thinking of the shelter as the destination, and look to housing as the permanent solution from the initial point of contact with homeless households.

Permanent Housing: Andrea Nelson anelson@beavertonoregon.gov

Next Meeting: October 4, 8:30 am, Beaverton City Hall

Guest speakers have been scheduled to present information on sequestration and how it may affect the budget in relation to housing. Anyone is welcome to participate.

The city of Beaverton is partnering with Boys And Girls Aid on a new housing project serving homeless youth. The exterior rehab is near completion, and the Open House is scheduled for October 18 beginning at 10 am.

Income Support/Workforce Development: Katherine Galian Kgalian@caowash.org

Next Meeting: October 4, 2012, at 10:30 am, Willow Creek One-Stop Center

The Workgroup has seen outcomes in addressing previous issues, to include lack of Washington County representation on the Workforce Investment Board (WIB), and the need for more engaged

WIB members. Vacant WIB positions have been filled, and members are more engaged. WorkSystems employees are more involved in Washington County, and seek feedback on their strategic plan. Annette Evans will forward a copy of the WorkSystems Local Workforce Compliance Plan to the HSSN for review (comment period ends 8 am on October 29, submit to PlanPublicComment@worksystems.org). The Workgroup will be reviewing services provided at the one-stop employment centers, and propose ways to partner and bring more services to people at the one-stop locations.

DD Dialogue: Gordon Teifel mainlight@me.com

Next meeting: October 30, 6:30 pm at SDRI, just east of Beaverton High School

Mental Health and Special Needs: Valerie Burton Kburton@luke-dorf.org

Next Meeting: The Subcommittee will meet after the HSSN meeting today, October 4. Future meetings will be combined with the Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium (MHSNCC) Steering Committee scheduled on October 25, 11 am in Room 105 (first floor), Washington County Housing Services, 111 NE Lincoln Street, Hillsboro. Brainstorming barriers to housing and services, and where do we want to be going.

Veterans: Gary Smith gary.smith10@va.gov

A Veteran's Job Fair was held at the Willow Creek Center on September 27. Today is the Stand Down in Portland at the Convention Center. Preparing process for conducting the Point-In-Time (PIT) of homeless veterans and find ways to do more outreach.

Seniors: Julie Webber Julie_Webber@co.washington.or.us,

As people approach age 65, we need to perform outreach to inform people on need to apply for Medicare. Everyone qualifies for Medicare, as this is not income-based. Handout provided on Oregon State Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program. SHIBA program advisors are trained, certified volunteers who can coach people with good, sound information on their Medicare decisions.

October 15 – December 7 is the annual Medicare enrollment period. This is an opportunity for people to make changes, time for them to understand their different enrollment needs, and review their income and employment status.

Strategic Planning & Discharge Workgroup: Judy Werner jwerner@lcsnw.org

Next Meeting: October 12, 8:30 am in Room 105/115 in the Public Services Building
The Workgroup will receive a presentation by Pat Rogers on the proposed CCAS model, address policy and action steps to develop an open/semi-open HMIS system, and review HEARTH Act program rules. Anyone is welcome but please commit to coming to each meeting.

HPAC: Annette Evans Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us

September 13 held joint meeting with Cost Study Advisory Committee to discuss the research project on the costs of homelessness on local institutions. Hoping to have a report by the end of December; however, the study has been slightly delayed due to lengthy approval process of forms.

HMIS: Melanie Fletcher Melanie_fletcher@co.washington.or.us

AHAR year is now closed as of September 30. First draft data is due in the HUD Homeless Data Exchange in early November so work will begin on the report shortly. Many APRs are also coming due at this same time. If you have a program whose grant year recently closed, expect that you will be contacted by Melanie soon to get your data in shape for your APR.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Adopt 2012-13 Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Calendar

Annually the HSSN prepares a planning calendar to outline meeting dates, homeless events, guest speakers, and timelines for completing the Point-In-Time Homeless Count, Annual Homeless Assessment Report and other HUD required activities.

Motion: Adopt 2012/2013 CoC Planning Calendar as presented.

Action: Andrea Nelson

Second: Larry Hauth

Vote: Approved - Unanimous

- Year 5 Work Plan – A Road Home: 10-Year Plan To End Homelessness

First quarter updates were provided on the strategies identified in the Year 5 Work Plan. The Work Plan is posted on the Housing Services website.

- HSSN Governance: HEARTH Act 24 CFR 578.5(b):

Discussion on implementing the CoC Program rules, as defined by the HEARTH Act, that consolidates the former Supportive Housing, Shelter Plus Care, and SRO Mod-Rehab programs into one CoC Program. The regulations also codify the CoC model, and calls for each CoC to have a “Board” that has decision-making authority. The HSSN at-large currently serves as the decision-making authority, and is comprised of partner agency’s represented at the monthly meetings. As the HEARTH Act is implemented, additional information and technical assistance will be made available by HUD to assist CoC’s in meeting the federal regulations. In the interim, the HSSN Workgroup will begin to work on formalizing the existing HSSN Governance into formal Bylaws and Board model with all proposals presented to the HSSN at-large.

- HSSN Governance: Mental Health and Special Needs Subcommittee

Opening Doors, a Federal Strategic Plan to end homelessness calls for federal agency’s to work across sectors to prevent and end homelessness. Several federal initiatives have been released that seek the expansion of access to supportive housing through integrated systems of housing and services.

Luke-Dorf, Inc. received a Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) grant that requires community partners (housing and services) come together as a Community Consortium to develop an integrated system of care providing housing and services to chronic homeless individuals. A requirement of this grant is the formation of a Community Consortium Steering Committee – of which was formed on August 30, 2012. To maximize the work of these Consortium agencies, and to reduce the fragmentation of this committee outside of the CoC homeless system, a proposal was presented to the HSSN to fold the work of the HSSN Mental Health and Special Needs Subcommittee into the Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium (MHSNCC) Steering Committee. An invitation was extended to current subcommittee members to attend the monthly meeting of the MHSNCC Steering Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25 at 11 a.m.

Motion: Adopt the incorporation of a Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee into the HSSN Governance Structure.

Action: Vera Stoullil

Second: Alexis Kruse

Vote: Approved - Unanimous

- FY2012 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Grant - CoC Registration
Annette Evans reported the Washington County Department of Housing Services, acting as the Collaborative Applicant for the jurisdiction's CoC partner agencies, prepared and submitted the CoC Program Homeless Assistance grant registration on September 27. The registration is the first step in the competitive grant application process, with a budget request of \$2,317,392 for renewal of existing Supportive Housing and Shelter Plus Care programs, with \$120,205 available for a competitive new Permanent Housing Initiative project. Once the NOFA is released, an RFP will be published to solicit new projects for the \$120,205 bonus.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lauren Sechrist reported the CDBG applications are due October 5 at 5 pm.
- Linn Brillman reported CPAH is experiencing high occupancy rates, with few vacancies. The trend is that affordable complexes are staying full or nearly full.
- Andrea Nelson reported Beaverton non-public service CDBG applications will be posted next month. Please keep an eye out for social service applications as well.
- Vera Stoullil reported funding for the Transitional Living Program and Safe Place Youth Shelter expired on September 30. Had to submit new applications for both of those, and learned on Friday Boys And Girls Aid secured both of those grants.
- Lisa Davila asked for referrals of landlords willing to partner with Luke-Dorf to house chronic homeless individuals with project-based Section 8 rent assistance.
- Alexis Kruse introduced Amy Atterberry, Housing Specialist with Sequoia Mental Health Services Inc. Sequoia is going to be starting a child and family program in a couple of weeks. The HSSN is invited to attend the November 16 Real Choice Forum on building sustainable housing partners. RSVPs to Debbie Wilder at Sequoia by November 5.
- Larry Hauth reported Rent Well is now in Spanish. New classes start in November.
- Jack Schwab reported the Good Neighbor Center shelter has a new roof – special thanks to the CDBG funding and the Office of Community Development.
- Melanie Fletcher reported the Project-based Section 8 application will be online October 9.
- Bridget Daniel reported HomePlate has added a new night to their youth outreach program. Starting October 17, 6 to 8 p.m. they will be open at Merlo High school. Ribbon cutting ceremony will be October 12 with Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m. The next HSSN meeting is Wednesday, October 3, at 8:30 a.m.

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