

HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup (The CoC Board)

Friday, September 8, 2017

8:30 to 10:30 am

New Location: Room 258, (2nd Floor in hallway past Housing Services)

Juvenile Services Building
111 NE Lincoln Street, Hillsboro, OR 97124

AGENDA

Chair: Annette M. Evans, Washington County Department of Housing Services

Co-Chair: Katherine Galian, Community Action Organization

I. Introductions (8:30 a.m.)

II. Public Comment (8:35 a.m.)

III. Approve Minutes (8:40 a.m.)

A) June 9, 2017 HSSN Workgroup Minutes.....Action

IV. Business Items (8:45 a.m.)

A) FY2017 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Grant Application with \$3,279,139 in Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

1. OR-506CoC Selection of Permanent Housing Bonus Project

- SELECTION OF NEW BONUS PROJECT

\$196,748 = PSH/RRH Bonus (6% ARD).

Review HSSN project score for all new project(s).

Selection of project for inclusion in CoC Program Collaborative

Application [Action - Approval]

- RANK AND RATE ALL PROJECTS

\$3,082,391 = Tier 1 ARD (94% ARD)

\$ 196,748 = Tier 2 ARD (Below Funding Line)

Develop and adopt the Priority Project Listing for CoC Program

Collaborative Application [Action - Approval]

2. CoC Application Questions:

- 3A-2: The actions the CoC has implemented to reduce the length of time (LOT) people remain homeless, and how the CoC identifies and houses people with the longest LOT homeless.

- 4A-5: Furthers fair housing as detailed in 24 CFR 578.93(c) to those who are least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach.

B) Discussion on the apparent increase of homelessness in the City of Beaverton.

C) *A Road Home*: Draft report on Year 9 Outcomes and Challenges by October 19.

D) *A Road Home*: The Next Phase Beyond June 2018.

V. Agency Announcements and Open Discussion (10:15 a.m.)

VI. 2017 HSSN Workgroup Meeting Schedule, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. (10:25 a.m.)

- Friday, October 13, 2017 **Need to reschedule/cancel. [Action - Approval]
- Friday, December 8, 2017

VII. Adjournment (10:30 a.m.)

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HSSN STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DISCHARGE WORKGROUP
Administrative Board of the Continuum of Care in Washington County
Washington County Facilities Building, Large Conference Room
June 9, 2017

Role: The HSSN Workgroup (the CoC Board) is comprised of public and private representatives of the homeless subpopulations that exist within the CoC geographic region, a formerly homeless consumer representative, and the Emergency Solutions Grant recipient agency. The Workgroup is the jurisdictional CoC Administrative Board, as established by the HSSN Mission and Governance Policy.

Responsibilities: Perform CoC strategic planning, coordinate with and/or assist in State and local discharge planning, review performance outcomes of HMIS and HUD-funded programs, develop housing and service systems alignment, seek out and prioritize funding, and approve the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance grant application to HUD.

COC BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

- Evans, Annette - HSSN Chair
- Galian, Katherine - Community Action
- Hille, Marcia - Sequoia Mental Health Services
- Logan-Sanders, Andrea - Boys & Girls Aid
- Mattia, Matthew - Office of Community Development
- Pero, David - Homeless Education Network/
McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Liaison
- Radecki, Kara - Luke-Dorf, Inc.
- Schwab, Jack - Good Neighbor Center
- Turner, Denise - Denise's Spa Petite
- Valfre, Adolph "Val" - Housing Authority
- Werner, Judy - Lutheran Community Svcs NW

COC BOARD MEMBER NOT PRESENT

- Erickson, Dennis - Community Corrections
- Johnson, Ellen - Oregon Law Center
- Orr, Patrick - Cascade AIDS Project
- Ram, Sarala - CODA, Inc.
- Rogers, Pat - Community Action
- Schnitzer, Cole - US Dept. of Veteran Affairs
- Shultz, Robin - Oregon Department of Human Services

OTHER ATTENDEES

Wright, Fulton - PSU Intern

*Indicates representative attending on behalf of elected Board Member not able to attend in person.

Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us

Co-Chair: Katherine Galian, Nonprofit Agency Representative kgalian@caowash.org

Meeting called to order at 8:34 a.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve HSSN Workgroup meeting minutes for April 14, 2017.

Action: Katherine Galian

Second: Kara Radecki

Vote: Approved – Unanimous

IV. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Review and recommend policy changes to CoC Program Application and Award Process, Policy # 578.9-ORC506CoC—Annette Evans

A copy of the policy was reviewed to align with new HUD ranking and rating process, and to clarify the record retention of the documents associated with the scoring of new and renewal projects. It was noted the ranking and rating process that includes scoring detail by agency by

project for new projects is compiled in a New Project Summary Score Sheet. The standard performance criterion scoring was changed from a possible 52 point to 55 points possible; the “Aligns with Local CoC and HUD Priorities” score was changed from 2 points to 5 points. Workgroup reviewed public record request for the detail of voting results by agency in FY2015 competition. It was determined that review of the detail at the time of selecting projects to go forward was sufficient. Summary of voting results will be retained for public record. Washington County Housing Services is the collaborative applicant.

Motion: Approve with changes and submit to HSSN for final adoption.

Action: Katherine Galian

Second: Jack Schwab

Vote: Approved—Unanimous

B. Approve 2017-2018 CoC Planning Calendar—Annette Evans

Workgroup reviewed and made changes to the calendar to include guest speakers and policy review dates. Potential future speakers include Habitat for Humanity and Metro Homeshare. The calendar will be adopted at the August 2 HSSN Meeting.

Motion: Approve the CoC Planning Calendar with changes.

Action: Judy Werner

Second: Andrea Logan-Sanders

Vote: Approved—Unanimous

C. Homeless families on Shelter Wait List request extra time before moving into shelter. What are the challenges and opportunities to reduce vacant shelter beds?—Annette Evans

The Point-in-Time (PIT) reports a low occupancy level for shelter beds. The workgroup discussed what barriers are preventing the use of these beds and what to do to remove the barriers. Most agencies have removed the requirement for TB testing and drug testing. It has been determined that the risk of TB is very low and testing delays entry to shelter by 3 days. Agencies are pulling two names at a time from the shelter wait list, and if the first person does not respond they go to the second person. The goal is to minimize delays between offer and intake into shelter. If a person can make it through the intake process and is not experiencing an active crisis they get a bed. Discussion about how to effectively reach people on the wait lists ended with texting being the most effective.

D. Year 10 Work Plan: What strategies will increase outcomes in preventing and ending homelessness?

Year 9 focus included prevention. Annette provided historical trend data on evictions filed with the court system reports an increase over the past three years. These numbers do not include no cause evictions. Katherine Galian reported an increase in funding to prevent evictions due to rise in rent costs. The cost per person is higher, but a one-time infusion of cash is not enough to preserve tenancy.

E. Vacant HSSN Workgroup Positions: Families (Vacant 7/2017, Jack Schwab retirement) and Domestic Violence (Current Vacancy).

Nominations opened. HSSN will take action at the August 2, 2017 meeting to fill vacant HSSN Workgroup positions. Jack Schwab was recognized for his leadership and commitment to serving the homeless as Executive Director for Good Neighbor Center. Congratulation to Jack on his retirement.

F. Update: A Road Home: The Next Phase Beyond June 2018.

Annette reported this topic will be brought before the HPAC on July 20 to see approval to move forward with developing the next phase of the plan, and anticipates planning subcommittees will begin meeting in October/November.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

- Annette reported on June 7, 2017, a letter of acknowledgement was mailed to Martha Bennett, Paul Slyman, and Don Robertson at Metro thanking them for their collaborative work in contacting Washington County prior to sweeping homeless campsites.
- Marcia Hille announced the Hawthorne Walk-In Center has opened and is providing mental health services. Marcia reported expanded services at Sequoia to include families and children.
- Katherine Galian announced the new Elderly Rent Assistance program will be available July 1, 2017.
- Val Valfre reported the Veterans General Housing Account Program (GHAP) NOFA is anticipated to be released in June. Oregon Housing and Community Services will announce the \$8 million to house low-income veterans through either new construction or acquisition and repurposing of existing property. Val also announced the Housing Authority of Washington County will be opening 236 units at Sunset View.
- David Pero announced the approval of a \$60,000 grant for a high school mentoring program.
- Jack Schwab announced the June 28, 2017 ribbon cutting ceremony for the Club House addition to the Good Neighbor Center Shelter.
- Andrea Logan-Sanders reported the Cooling Center at Safeplace is open during daytime hours.
- Kara Radecki reported on the hiring of Jeanne-Marie Ritter as the Path Outreach worker with opportunities for homeless to meet with outreach staff at walk-in events at libraries

VI. WORKGROUP MEETING SCHEDULE – SAVE THE DATE

- Friday, August 11, 2017
- Friday, October 13, 2017
- Friday, December 8, 2017

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kristy Eckhardt, Washington County Housing Services

HANDOUT: CoC Program Application and Award Process, CoC Planning Calendar 8/2017-7/2018.

To be added to HSSN Workgroup email list, or the HSSN Coordinated and Centralized Assessment System, contact Annette Evans at Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us.

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