

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

Friday, October 5, 2018

8:30 to 10:30 am

Room 258 - 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) August 10, 2018 HSSN Workgroup MinutesAction

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

A) FY2018 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Grant Application submitted to HUD
9/14/2018 requesting \$3,858,293 available online at

<https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/homeless-programs-and-events.cfm> – Annette Evans

B) CoC Racial Disparity Analysis Results – Annette Evans

C) Federal Appeals Court Affirms Right of Homeless Persons to Not be
Punished for Sleeping in Public in Absence of Alternatives – Attorney Ellen
Johnson, Oregon Law Center

D) Review of 2018 Homeless Assessment Report: Outcomes and Challenges
in Year 10 of the 10-Year Plan – Annette Evans

E) Proposed December Meeting Topics:

1. Analyze Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) data submittal to HUD
and System Performance Measurement outcomes to map future
funding priorities for CoC resources.
2. Annual Point-In-Time Homeless Count and Housing Inventory “Bed
Utilization” Planning.

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

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

- Friday, December 14, 2018
- Friday, February 8, 2019
- Friday, April 12, 2019
- Friday, June 14, 2019
- Friday, August 9, 2019
- Friday, October 11, 2019 (Note: Columbus Day holiday is October 14)
- Friday, December 13, 2019

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

The HSSN Workgroup is open to the public.

Comments and questions can be directed to Annette Evans at 503-846-4760 Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us

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HSSN STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DISCHARGE WORKGROUP

Administrative Board of the Continuum of Care in Washington County

Washington County Facilities Building, Conference Room 258

August 10, 2018

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

- Brouse, Renee – Good Neighbor Center
- Calvin, Mellani – ASSIST Program
- Castaldo, Kendra – Cascade AIDS Project
- Evans, Annette – HSSN Chair
- Galian, Katherine – HSSN Co-Chair
- Kalevor, Komi – Housing Authority of WashCo
- Loch, Toni – Family Justice Center
- Mattia, Matt – Office of Community Dev
- Rogers, Pat – Community Action
- Schimmel, Brian – Old Town Church
- Schnitzer, Cole – U.S. Dept of Veteran Affairs
- Teifel, Gordon – Families for Independent Living
- Turner, Denise – Denise's Spa Petite

COC BOARD MEMBER NOT PRESENT

- Hand, Judy – Luke-Dorf, Inc.
- Hille, Marcia – Sequoia Mental Health Services
- Johnson, Ellen – Oregon Law Center
- Lesmeister, Kelly – CODA Inc.
- Logan-Sanders, Andrea – Boys & Girls Aid
- Nelson, Marci – Community Corrections
- Pero, David – Homeless Education Network/
McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Liaison

OTHER ATTENDEES

- Eckhardt, Kristy – WashCo Housing Services
- Fellger, Vara – WashCo Housing Services
- Jim, Jennifer – Sequoia Mental Health Services
- Taylor, Rowie -- DVRC
- Williamson, Drew – Boys & Girls Aid

*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 June 8, 2018 meeting minutes.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Renee Brouse

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. FY2018 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Grant Application.

Annette Evans reported the Washington County's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) was for \$3,369,507 and included Tier 1 and Tier 2 project categories. Funding for Tier 1 projects would be 94% of the ARD (\$3,167,337) and the remaining 6% would be allocated to Tier 2 (\$202,170).

1. Project Application Threshold Review – New and Renewal Applications.

Annette reported all current projects had submitted their applications for funding, and a threshold review had been completed using HUD's ranking tool and she was pleased to report everyone was in good standing. There were two new projects that applied for funding in separate bonus categories that also had met the threshold for project models and the requirements based on HUD's technical guidance.

2. **OR-506 CoC Selections of Bonus Projects.**

- a. Selection of New Bonus Project. Annette reviewed the project scoring and the particulars for the two bonus projects that were voted on at the August 1 HSSN meeting, noting both applications were for a 1-year grant but had the option to be renewed. She explained the funding mechanisms that would apply based on the ranking of each project. There were no other applications for bonus funding.

Motion: Recommendation to select both projects to move forward in the application process, one exercising the domestic violence bonus and the other, a permanent housing bonus expansion grant.

Action: Katherine Galian

Second: Gordon Teifel

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

- b. Rank and rate all new and renewing projects.

The Workgroup reviewed the Measuring Performance of HUD-funded OR-506 CoC Programs matrix. Annette explained what each column meant, where the scores come from and provided a status of each project. She noted the application will also include funds for a CoC Planning grant. After providing an opportunity for questions and comments, projects were ranked and rated based on performance scores and placed into a two-tier matrix. Tier 1 (in rank order) included: Transitional Living Program, Safe Haven, CoC Rapid Re-housing for Families, Sojourner's House, Housing Stabilization, Homeless Management Information System, Hillsboro Graduated Independent Living Program, and Shelter Plus Care Renewal which straddled between Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 2 also included the Shelter Plus Care Chronic Expansion project.

Motion: Approve the rankings and prioritization of projects.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Katherine Galian

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

Upon completion, Annette will make the application available for review on the County's website before presenting it to the Board of County Commissioners at the September 4 meeting. There will then be a one-week public comment period before submission of the finalized application to HUD. Funding awards are usually announced January/February of 2019.

3. **CoC Application Questions.**

Annette Evans solicited feedback to assist her in responding to the below-listed questions on the CoC Application:

- a. 3A-5: Describe the actions the CoC has implemented to increase access to employment and non-employment cash sources (TANF and Food Stamps); and how mainstream employment organizations help participants increase cash income.

The Workgroup reviewed charts provided reporting income data (by income type) at exit from Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing. Annette acknowledged the difficulty in producing positive income data for emergency shelters, given the short period of time individuals were housed there, but emphasized it was an excellent place to start the employment conversation.

Renee Brouse reported Good Neighbor Center implemented a two pronged approach, working case management (finding housing) and self-sufficiency (finding jobs and

potential careers) simultaneously. They have an excellent relationship with WorkSource Oregon, and have successfully funded GED application fees for individuals, and work closely with Health Careers Northwest to provide healthcare career paths for their clients. They recognized a lack of a pre-school option for homeless families and were looking at developing an in-house program.

Katherine Galian stated homeless individuals identifying as veteran and not already connected to Veteran services are always made aware of the services available to them. She added all agencies are part of the Aligned Partner Network and have a relationship with Worksystems, Inc., the Local Workforce Investment Board for the City of Portland and Multnomah and Washington Counties, to provide a coordinated progression of services that help individuals move into career-track employment.

Drew reported Boys & Girls Aid have a relationship with Oregon Human Development Corporation (OHDC) to connect youth with NextGen Services through WorkSource Oregon. They help with increased readiness and access to employment in four specific pathways, healthcare, information technology, construction and manufacturing. Jobs Corps is another service they make available for youth in foster care.

Gordon Teifel reported adults with developmental disabilities receive services through Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services (DAVS). Housing is extremely important to stabilize that population and there is monthly support to help them live in the community. In July 2012, the Governor enacted "Employment First" encouraging individuals with developmental disabilities to work. DHS Vocational Rehabilitation department actively coordinates with DAVS to help them find employment.

Mellani Calvin stated a presentation by DHS Vocational Rehabilitation might be beneficial to the HSSN so that agencies were aware of the services available to help disabled homeless with jobs. Renee Brouse has a contact there that she will provide to Annette. Annette Evans will invite a speaker from WorkSource Oregon to speak to the HSSN as well.

Annette reported the HSSN will receive a presentation by Disability Rights of Oregon on the "Work Incentive Program." She thanked the Workgroup for their input and will draft an appropriate response.

- b. 3B-5: Assessment of Racial Disparity in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

The Workgroup reviewed Race and Ethnicity charts provided noting a disproportionately higher representation of Black or African American and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islanders in the one-day Point In Time (PIT) Count for Washington County compared to representation in the general census. Racial demographic data from all CoC Programs in 2008-2009 compared to program participation data for 2017-2018 also reflected an increase in the number of homeless persons served who identified as Black or African American.

It was agreed the PIT data was representative of the general Census, reflecting the homeless population in Washington County was representative of the population as a whole. Also, the PIT data and program participation data did not appear to have significant differences and reflected, "who we are seeing is in line with who we are serving." The only unknown was the "exits to permanent housing" data by race and ethnicity. Annette acknowledged there was no easy way to gather outcome data, but will investigate if such a report could be generated.

Annette asked how each agency ensured their programs were culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate.

Kendra Castaldo reported Cascade AIDS Project hires employees that are representative of the populations being served and provide language services.

Drew Williamson added Boys & Girls Aid application asks for self-identification of race and ethnicity and whether they would like assistance in being involved in the race or ethnicity and if the race or ethnicity was important to them with regard to access to specific services. Many of the participants report family as the most important.

Matt Mattia noted the Hispanic/Latino representation of 12% at the PIT Count was significantly lower than the Hispanic/Latino representation at the Census (17%) and felt it would be interesting to see ethnicity data for program participation in addition to the race data as a comparison. He also suggested looking further into the increase in program participation of Black or African American in light of the increase from 6% to 9%.

Annette shared Coalition of Color did a presentation with their Outcomes Report which indicated African Americans were an increasing population in Washington County.

Discussion ensued regarding the four response options in application question 3B-5a. It was agreed that until the additional outcome data was available, it was impossible to answer question 3B-5a of the application.

Annette will research to obtain system (Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing) exit to permanent housing data by race and ethnicity.

Annette thanked the Workgroup for their input and will provide a draft of her analysis for their review.

B. Reschedule HSSN Workgroup meeting from October 12 to October 5.

Annette Evans reported the October meeting will be a draft review of the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (Year 10): Summary of Outcomes and Challenges and she will be out-of-country on the current meeting date of October 12. Annette would like to be available to make any suggested changes from this Workgroup's review of the draft and proposed changing the meeting date to October 5. There was general agreement to move the meeting date to October 5, unless Annette heard from anyone to the contrary.

C. A Road Home: Draft report on Year 10 Outcomes and Challenges by October 18.

Komi Kalevor will present the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (Year 10): Summary of Outcomes and Challenges to the HPAC on October 18 in Annette Evans' absence.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

- Annette Evans reminded the Workgroup that the December 14 meeting will be a review of the System Performance Measurements and the Longitudinal Study Analysis (LSA).
- Matt Mattia announced Washington County's Office of Community Development (OCD) will be conducting CDBG Application Workshops on Tuesday, August 21 at 9:00am for Public Services and at 2:00pm for Public Facilities & Infrastructure on the same day, and a HOME Application Workshop on August 23 at 2:00pm. All workshops will be held at the Washington Street Conference Center. Attendance at the workshops is mandatory for all program applicants.
- Mellani Calvin announced ASSIST has launched community outreach meetings and she is available to make presentations to community partners on the ASSIST Program, their referral process and an overview of what it takes to navigate the SSI/SSD application process.

- Komi Kalevor reported Washington County is very engaged with Metro regarding the bond measure to be voted on in November. If passed, the measure will provide \$188 million in housing funds to Washington County translating to 1326 units of affordable housing, 544 of which will be for extremely low income individuals.
- Komi Kalevor reported the Housing Authority is working on two projects: 1) Willow Creek located at 185th and Baseline for 120 units, is on course and expect to close on the financing by end of August; 2) A project located in Tigard for 64 units, 10% of which will be for 30% Area Median Income or below with rental assistance, using Housing Choice Vouchers. Both projects are with the same developer, DBG Properties, LLC.
- Rowie Taylor of DVRC expressed her appreciation on behalf of survivors of domestic violence for all of the work being done in Washington County to support them.
- Renee Brouse announced two vacant positions at Just Compassion of East Washington County. A part-time Executive Director position to be announced shortly and a combined, Beaverton Severe Weather Shelter Coordinator with a Resource Center Coordinator position, which will be a full-time, year-round position. The link for both job applications will be available on their website.
- Brian Schimmel is seeking a dynamic facilitator for a meeting in Forest Grove to be scheduled for the week of November 10 with community leaders, non-profits and the public to coincide with the opening of the Forest Grove Severe Weather. The meeting will include a meal and conversation and is intended to improve the community's understanding of homelessness.
- Katherine Galian reported PGE had not been sending out "disconnect" notices for the past several months due to issues with moving to a new computer system, but expect to shortly. She urged agencies to encourage their clients to contact Community Action's Energy & Emergency Rent Program sooner rather than later as they expect a rush as people being to receive their delinquency notices. There are still funds available, but won't be for long.
- Annette Evans announced she met with Clover Court contractors who are putting up fencing next week. They were awaiting a permit from Washington County which she learned would be available next week. They expect occupancy at the project for mid-Spring. A notice went out to the neighbors yesterday through the Clover Court webpage that construction will begin and included Luke-Dorf, Inc. contact information.
- Denise Turner reported the downtown business community was very frustrated with the lack of support from officials regarding the homeless issues they were experiencing. There have been altercations, defecation in parking lots and an instance where a homeless person exposed himself to a group of children at the Children's Tutoring Center. She suggested a presentation by a representative of this Workgroup to the Hillsboro Downtown Partnership might be beneficial and appropriate. Annette will follow-up on the outreach activities to the downtown Hillsboro area.

VI. WORKGROUP MEETING SCHEDULE – SAVE THE DATE

- October 5, 2018
- December 14, 2018

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Vara Fellger, Washington County Housing Services

HANDOUTS

- FY2018 Permanent Housing Bonus and Reallocation Funds Scoring Summary
- Measuring Performance of HUD-funded OR-506 CoC Programs Matrix
- CoC Application: Job & Income Growth Charts
- Homeless Analysis on Racial Disparity: PIT Compared to Census
- Analysis on Racial Disparity: Persons in Homeless Programs (Year 1 Compared to Year 10)

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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