

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

Friday, August 10, 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) June 8, 2018 HSSN Workgroup Minutes.....Action

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

A) FY2018 McKinney-Vento CoC Program Grant Application with \$3,369,507 in Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

1. Project Application Threshold Review – New and Renewal Applications

2. OR-506CoC Selection of Bonus Projects: PSH/RRH and DV

- SELECTION OF NEW BONUS PROJECT

\$202,170 = PSH/RRH Bonus (6% ARD)

\$185,531 = DV Bonus (10% ARD)

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

Selection of project(s) for inclusion in CoC Program Collaborative

Application [Action - Approval]

- RANK AND RATE ALL NEW AND RENEWAL PROJECTS

\$3,167,337 = Tier 1 ARD (94% ARD)

\$ 202,170 = Tier 2 ARD (Below Funding Line)

Develop and adopt the Priority Project Listing for CoC Program

Collaborative Application [Action - Approval]

3. CoC Application Questions:

- 3A-5: The actions the CoC has implemented to increase access to employment and non-employment cash sources; and how mainstream employment organizations help participants increase cash income.

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

B) Reschedule HSSN Workgroup meeting from 10/12/2018 to 10/5/2018.

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

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

VI. 2018 HSSN Workgroup Meeting Schedule, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. (10:25 a.m.)

- Friday, October 12, 2018 **Need to reschedule/cancel. [Action - Approval]
- Friday, December 14, 2018

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

June 8, 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

- Calvin, Mellani – ASSIST Program
- Castaldo, Kendra – Cascade AIDS Project
- Evans, Annette – HSSN Chair
- Hand, Judy – Luke-Dorf, Inc.
- Johnson, Ellen – Oregon Law Center
- Kalevor, Komi – Housing Authority of WashCo
- Logan-Sanders, Andrea – Boys & Girls Aid
- Pero, David – Homeless Education Network/
McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Liaison
- Schimmel, Brian – Old Town Church – FG
- Teifel, Gordon – Fam for Independent Living
- Turner, Denise – Denise’s Spa Petite
- Werner, Judy – Lutheran Community Serv. NW

COC BOARD MEMBER NOT PRESENT

- Brouse, Renee – Good Neighbor Center
- Galian, Katherine – HSSN Co-Chair
- Hille, Marcia – Sequoia Mental Health Services
- Lesmeister, Kelly – CODA Inc.
- Loch, Toni – Family Justice Center
- Martinez, Omar – City of Hillsboro
- Mattia, Matt – Office of Community Dev
- Nelson, Marci – Community Corrections
- Rogers, Pat – Community Action
- Schnitzer, Cole – U.S. Dept of Veteran Affairs
- Trunnell, Alan – City of Beaverton

OTHER ATTENDEES

- Eckhardt, Kristy – WashCo Housing Services
- Fellger, Vara – WashCo Housing Services
- Fletcher, Melanie – WashCo Housing Services

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 8:30 a.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Annette Evans welcomed new members of the HSSN Workgroup to include: Toni Loch representing Victims of Domestic Violence, Gordon Teifel representing Developmental Disabilities, and Brian Schimmel representing Faith-Based Organizations. Annette also acknowledged Judy Werner’s service to the HSSN over the years and her contribution to its growth and development.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve April 13, 2018 HSSN Workgroup minutes.

Action: Ellen Johnson

Second: Judy Werner

Vote: Approved, unanimous

IV. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Family Unification Program (FUP) Housing Subsidy Vouchers – Melanie Fletcher.

Melanie Fletcher reported HUD has made funds available for the Family Unification Housing Subsidy Voucher Program which was last available over ten years ago. Housing Authority applications have the option of including either or both eligible populations: 1) Families whose children have been removed and in state custody due to their housing situation or lack thereof, and 2) Youth aging out of foster care, ages 18 – 24. Including both populations on the application would not only provide the best chance of qualifying for the maximum number of vouchers (100), but also would serve a much needed population. The application requires a Memorandum of Understanding between the Housing Authority, Public Child Welfare Agency and the local Continuum of Care. The families would be referred by the State of Oregon through Community Connect for assessment and referral to vouchers at the Housing Authority.

Questions & Answers:

Is there a time limit for use of the vouchers?

There is no time limit if a family voucher, even if all the children move out of the house. The voucher program has a “last remaining member” rule that would be applicable. Voucher use for youth aging out of foster care is limited to three years.

What happens when parents lose custody permanently?

Melanie offered to research the answer and report back to Annette to send out to the workgroup.

Can DHS remove children primarily due to homelessness?

Homelessness is usually not the only factor for children to be removed from the home. This program is for families where the lack of family housing is a “primary” factor. Candidates referred to this program would likely include families who are already working with Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) to get their children back, but who lack housing.

Is the wait list that applicants to this program would be placed on, a separate housing wait list or the “general” Housing Authority wait list?

They would not go on the “general” wait list but would go through the Community Connect intake process.

Melanie will work with Annette Evans and Katherine Galian to prepare the Memorandum of Understanding for agency signatures and submission by the due date, July 24. She will also provide a copy of the NOFA and fact sheet to Annette for sharing with the Workgroup.

Motion: Approve the submission of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Family Unification Program (FUP) Housing Subsidy Voucher Program.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Mellani Calvin

Vote: Approved, unanimous

B. Analysis of the System Performance Measurement (SPM) submitted to HUD.

Annette Evans reviewed the SPM's that were submitted to HUD, providing a data sheet that summarized outcomes for the past three years. SPM reporting is required of all CoC's that receive HUD funds and are part of the score used in the federal McKinney-Vento grant application. SPM standards have been incorporated into *A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*.

The data reported for period ending September 2017, indicated people were staying in shelters longer, we were not moving people into housing fast enough as length of time homeless increases, there was an unexplained negative income change for people leaving the system

compared to when they entered, and overall we were serving less people, whether it was the ability to place them into programs, empty beds or placement into permanent housing.

Issues that may have affected the SPM's include: 1) With a housing plan in place, people tended to stay in shelter until they were able to move into permanent housing rather than be required to move out; 2) HUD tracks the length of time persons remain homeless starting with the date they first reported being homeless in HMIS which is being inflated as this date is not being updated to reflect the "current" episode of homelessness, and stops the date they are reported as entering permanent housing. Our data indicates we either should be connecting people to resources faster, or there is an HMIS reporting issue. A known barrier discussed is the length of time to make contact with a family on a wait list when beds became available and actually get them in the shelter; 3) Transitional Living Program may contribute to the increased recidivism rate because of a respite program they offer to youth that encourages them to return to shelter/homeless system. 4) The Social Security Administration were aggressively re-evaluating Social Security Disability status and with no legal services available to help people with re-determination, many people had lost their disability benefits which may partly explain the reason for the drastic decrease in income when exiting the system compared to entry; 5) Fewer people are leaving street outreach to permanent destinations. HUD is using a housing "Start Date" and a "Move-in Date" to find out if people are actually being housed when referred to housing; and 6) Gaps in the populations our system is able to serve affects the SPM's. Some of those gaps are addressed in the new phase of A Road Home.

Annette proposed the HSSN Workgroup view a sampling of people going through the system at the next meeting, to better understand what was happening at a system level and to understand what could have been done differently. For security and privacy, she will make sure the agency providing services for the situations discussed, be in the room during the discussion and names of individuals to be replaced by "John Doe" or "Jane Doe."

C. Review the CoC Program Administrative Plan Draft

Annette Evans reported the CoC Administrative Plan was still in draft form and addressed policies not addressed by other program policies currently in place. Any changes with HUD will be implemented in the Administrative Plan as they occur. Annette will seek County Counsel's assistance in addressing the medical marijuana and illegal drug sections and encouraged comments and feedback on the draft, a copy of which was available on the website. The CoC Program Administrative Plan will be added to the HSSN agenda for adoption.

D. FY2018 CoC Program Grant Application Timeline.

HUD has not released a Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) which is required before the application timeline can be developed. Tabled for future meeting.

E. Review Annual Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Calendar.

The annual planning calendar ensures adherence to HUD's deadlines and provides CoC partners with information to support system level work. Annette provided a draft of the 8/2018 to 7/2019 Planning Calendar incorporating all of the scheduled HSSN and HSSN Workgroup meetings, HUD deadlines, presentations as well as other CoC administrative requirements. She solicited input from the Workgroup for additional guest speakers. This items will be added to the HSSN August meeting agenda for adoption.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

- Ellen Johnson announced Mark Jolin, Initiative Director for Portland's *A Home for Everyone* homeless program, would be willing to bring a group together to discuss HMIS duplication issues (counting people where they were receiving services versus where they actually call

home). It was decided the format of the meeting should include 1) A definition of the barriers the duplication of data presents for the Point In Time (PIT) Count and for case management would require Releases of Information across the three counties or at a minimum share UDE of names and who is working with them, 2) At the meeting, determine if other regions have the same issues/barriers, 3) Whether there was interest in removing those barriers; 4) Develop a plan for how to remove barriers whether it be through Intergovernmental agreements, Memorandums of Understanding or some other type of HMIS sharing. Meeting invitations should include each County's HMIS Leads and Homeless Lead representatives, and Portland Housing Bureau HMIS Lead for the State of Oregon. Wendy Smith, the HMIS Lead for the State of Oregon, would ultimately need to facilitate creating a process to incorporate changes to HMIS for the regions.

- Ellen Johnson announced the Oregon Law Center was looking for clients to represent in a potential legal action against Beaverton's Anti-Camping Ordinance which is to be voted on June 12. The ordinance is likely to be a model to other jurisdictions and they see it as a significant event in the war against homelessness. Even though it will most likely pass, they felt it important to demonstrate community concern at the hearing. Denise Turner reported her experience with homeless in downtown Hillsboro and the effect it was having on her decision whether to move her business. Homeless congregated in front of her business and were causing issues for her patrons as well as patrons of the neighboring businesses. Police had been called on numerous occasions for homeless entering businesses, using their bathrooms and physical altercations. There was mounting frustration because homeowners and businesses felt they had no recourse other than to call the police, whose hands were tied with the lack of enforcement options. Denise recently received an email from the City of Hillsboro about a meeting to discuss homelessness in downtown Hillsboro. Annette will contact Tami Cocheram, the meeting's organizer, to get more information and forward it to the Workgroup for those that may want to attend. Judy Hand reported Luke-Dorf outreach workers had been out to the area on several occasions, having noticed the increase in homeless activity, and were monitoring the situation. Some homeless were in the throes of addiction and not interested in housing. Annette asked Judy Hand to find out how often Luke-Dorf has been going out to the site. Denise offered to report back to the Hillsboro Downtown Partnership on the discussions from this meeting.
- Mellani Calvin of the ASSIST Program announced she will hold training to outline criteria for a good Social Security Disability referral. The training will be for partner agencies who provide referrals to the ASSIST Program, to give them a better understanding as to who would qualify for Social Security Disability. She will work with Annette on a venue.
- Mellani Calvin provided an overview of the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) program, a training curriculum through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The SOAR program seeks to increase access to Social Security disability benefits for people with behavioral health issues experiencing or at risk of homelessness working with state and local municipalities. ASSIST is somewhat SOAR based, but do not report numbers to them as there is no funding available for their administrative requirements. HUD still focuses on SOAR and scores the CoC for the number of agency reps that complete SOAR training on the application. In order to stay competitive, the CoC was due for another SOAR training as the last training was conducted by Mellani in 2016. Annette will work with Mellani to plan a SOAR-based training.
- Gordon Teifel shared successful "housing stability" examples for adults with developmental disabilities. Families for Independent Living (FIL) had aligned themselves with Sunset View Apartments to implement their supportive model (develop a social support network for residents with developmental disabilities to provide additional support for them in crisis when their primary advocate or parents is unavailable) which currently has a 96% lease rate. Also, The Bridge (opened in 2005), where nine of the original 14 resident were still residing there.
- Kendra Castaldo of Cascade AIDS Project announced they have an Equity Outreach Coordinator to provide intake services in all six counties they serve, for those with HIV but not

connected to services. A host of services are available including housing and peer support. They are available to come out to wherever the client is most comfortable.

- Ellen Johnson announced Oregon Law Center is now up to a full complement of attorneys and welcome client referrals for Domestic Violence, Public Benefits, Housing and Employment.
- Andrea Logan-Sanders of Boys & Girls Aid announced the opening of a new program, The Compass, for young adults at their 4-plex facility in Beaverton. The program will serve six young people aging out of foster care for up to 24 months, and will help bridge the gap between exiting foster care and becoming self-sufficient. The Teen Services unit of DHS has partnered with them to refer youth and to pay part of their housing stipend in rent. Two young people have already moved in with two more interviews scheduled next week.
- Annette Evans shared Oregon Coalition of Housing and Homelessness (Coalition) Coalition is a state-wide non-profit that is provider based who have an upcoming conference in Welches. The conference provides an opportunity for CoC's to come together and share ideas. She encouraged attendance and then a report back with ideas.
- Brian Schimmel announced Old Town Church-Forest Grove was partnering with Pacific University to develop a workshop for September to mobilize the university's faculty and students to support service programs. He will keep the Workgroup updated as plans formalize and will solicit their participation.
- David Pero shared McKinney-Vento offered a sub-grant this year that made funds available for community volunteers to provide mediation and graduation coaching for families of homeless students with chronic absenteeism. The Beaverton and Hillsboro McKinney-Vento liaisons were meeting today to discuss plans for how the program would be implemented next year.
- David Pero announced this week was the last week of school at Washington County schools. His 9-month contract ends next Friday; however, he will respond via email or cell phone. Any McKinney-Vento issues should be routed to Beaverton and Hillsboro Liaisons, who were the only year-round liaisons.

VI. WORKGROUP MEETING SCHEDULE – SAVE THE DATE

- August 10, 2018
- October 12, 2018
- December 14, 2018

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Vara Fellger, Washington County Housing Services

HANDOUTS

- Page 1 of 5-page FUP fact sheet.
- Washington County CoC System Performance Outcomes
- CoC Planning Calendar: 8/2018 to 7/2019

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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