

Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

CoC Collaborative Committee

June 21, 2023 Minutes

WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW

Co-chair Adam Mennig welcomed everyone and asked people to enter their name in the Chat and include an email address if we don't have it. People new to the group introduced themselves.

Welcome Carole, Judy, Daniela (Dani), and KayLynn!

Kudos were shared in appreciation of people throughout the region. *Joyce Stone gave a shout out to Ashleigh Duda and all the folks at ARCHES; Jan Calvin recognized all of Joyce's and Ashleigh's work to establish a mechanism for UniteUs users to refer people for CE Assessments; and everyone applauded Janet Carlson for her tireless efforts to help create the CoC and make things work from behind the scenes for the past three years!*

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Minutes of the 5/17/23 meeting were approved by consensus.

MWVHA BOARD AND SELECTED COMMITTEE, SUBCOMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Board - Adam and Ian noted that the main highlight from the June Board meeting was that Elaine Lozier will be the new (first) executive director for the Alliance. She could not be at today's meeting, but starts in her new role on June 26. The Equity Lens was also presented at the board meeting and will come back with a plan for implementation at a future board meeting.

HMIS Users Workgroup - Jan shared that the group has completed, and the Board has approved the CoC's HMIS Data Quality Management Plan.

Health & Safety Subcommittee – Co-chair Chris Barber provided an overview of the various tasks being undertaken, including work on information sharing between systems, identifying best practices for the Navigator's role in an emergency department, conducting service mapping to share with health care providers and with emergency shelters, preparing an infectious disease policy for the CoC, and updating their actions in the Strategic Plan.

PRESENTATION: The Annual NOFO – More than Money

Each year, the CoC compiles a response to HUD's annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). HUD scores this "comprehensive application," but provides only minimal information about the scoring. Janet Carlson presented a PowerPoint with information about the 2021 and 2022 scores. Jan Calvin shared some insights (attached) and noted that the agenda planning team will use the information to focus upcoming discussions. Actions to improve our CoC's score will need to include training, policies, greater incorporation of voices of lived experience, and specific plans to improve system performance.

DATA HIGHLIGHT: Annual Gaps Analysis

HUD requires CoCs to conduct an annual needs assessment or gaps analysis to help guide community planning. Lisa Trauernicht will be leading the effort to update the Gaps Analysis over the next couple of months and noted that she will be reaching for new data. She also invited anyone with ideas about how the document can be most useful to contact her directly at lisamostlyconsulting@gmail.com The [2022 Gaps Analysis](#) can be found on the Alliance website.

COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE PURPOSE, FOCUS, AND AGENDA PLANS

Ian noted that more than 40 people completed the recent surveys on the Collaborative Committee purpose, focus and upcoming agendas and results were shared and included in today's packet. The agenda planning group prepared nine items to discuss in breakout groups to dig deeper into topics, such as ways to do action planning, sharing of resources, training, and how best to share/learn about committee efforts and other projects. Each group shared brief highlights, and a compilation of comments from the four groups will be attached to the minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NWHS HOAP can transport people to their West Salem Clinic for medical care on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and HOAP also has drop-in clinic hours every Wednesday (except for 5th Wednesdays) at its day center.

People interested in helping with Collaborative Committee agenda planning were invited to contact Ian, Adam, or Jan.

Ian noted that the link to the new Alliance video, which debuted at the Affordable Housing Summit is now available: [Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance - YouTube](#)

Doug Odell with Family Promise
Kristin Kuenz-Barber with NWHS
Ian Dixon-McDonald, Marion-Polk Food Share, Collaborative Committee co-chair
Robin Winkle, Shangri-La
Jayne Downing, Center for Hope & Safety
Tara Stephen, Center for Hope & Safety
Sara Brennan, Center for Hope & Safety
Matt Sorenson, Director of Housing, Easterseals
Carole Boliou, Marion County WIC
Christina McCollum w/ PacificSource
Daniela Maldonado, Oregon Human Development Corporation
Diana Cvitanovich, Polk CDC
Joyce Stone, Unite Us (Connect Oregon)
Lynelle Wilcox, SafeSleep United
Maureen Casey, Catholic Community Services
Ashleigh Duda - Assessment Coordinator at MWVCAA ARCHES
Peter Buekea. Northwest Human Services (NWHS) - Homeless Outreach & Advocacy Project (HOAP)
KayLynn Gesner, HOAP (NWHS)
Shawntel Black, Neighbors Serving Under Sheltered Neighbors
Corissa Neufeldt, Marion County Health and Human Services
Chris Barber, Curandi
Judy C Smith, Area Manager, Home Share Oregon
Adam Mennig, Chemeketa CC, Collaborative Committee Co-chair
Claire Vogelsang, Safety Compass, Human Trafficking Task Force Coordinator
Steve Dickey, Marion County Community Services
Mel Keller, Fair Housing Council of Oregon
Lisa Trauernicht, Consultant to the MWVHA
Janet Carlson, Consultant to the MWVHA
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