

Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

CoC Collaborative Committee

September 20, 2023 Minutes

WELCOME – Adam Mennig welcomed everyone and invited people new to the group to introduce themselves, then facilitated kudos.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Minutes of the 7/19/23 meeting were approved without objection.

Charter Review – The group conducted its annual charter review. Ian noted that his second term as co-chair will be ending in January and explained the duties of the position. He invited people who are interested in serving to contact Jan Calvin. There were no suggestions for charter revisions.

MWVHA BOARD AND SELECTED COMMITTEE, SUBCOMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Board – Adam noted that the September board meeting was moved to 9/21 to align with the NOFO process. The previous meeting was August 3 and included approval of the application scoring tools and an update on the projects funded by the Governor's executive order.

YYA Subcommittee – Jan shared that the Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee, which actually existed prior to the Homeless Alliance, has had a long-standing goal to improve local data related to youth experiencing homelessness. They spent the past two years crafting youth outreach and engagement activities for the PIT Count, but the results have been disappointing. This year, with the leadership of Northwest Human Services HOST Program, the YYA Subcommittee is conducting a Voices of Youth count the first week in October. For information or to help, contact Lexi Meyer at lmeyer@nwhumanservices.org

GAPS ANALYSIS

Lisa Trauernicht will highlight data from the preliminary Gaps Analysis and gather input to finalize the document that is slated for board approval in October.

COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE PURPOSE, FOCUS, AND PLANS

Ian reminded the group that the top goal from the spring survey was for this group to develop common goals, projects, and action plans. The preferred approach, identified at the July meeting, is to have a small group develop plans, present ideas, and get feedback from the full group over the next three months. The following people expressed interest in serving on the small group: Christina Bertschi, Sarah White, Amber Brady, Andrea Soemadi, Kristin Kuenz-Barber, and Mercedes Thornton.

HIGHLIGHT: Governor's Executive Order 23-02

Jan shared an update on the efforts of the projects funded under EO 23-02 to expand low-barrier shelter beds, rapidly rehouse unsheltered households, and prevent homelessness. From April through yesterday (9/19/23), nearly 1,100 clients have been served by the following projects:

Provider	Client Count	EE Count
C@TP - EO 23-02 Micro Shelter for Young Adults(8741)	22	22
MWVCAA - Arches Inn (Turnkey)(8411)	73	76
MWVCAA - EO 23-02 - Eviction Prevention(8729)	179	184
MWVCAA - EO 23-02 - RRH Partnership - Marion - Street Outreach - SO(8750)	62	62
MWVCAA - Navigation Center(8710)	52	55
PFCO - EO 23-02 - Eviction Prevention(8743)	4	4
PFCO - EO 23-02 - Street Outreach - RRH Partnership(8768)	22	22
Salem Housing Authority - EO 23-02 - RRH Partnership - Barrier Removal(8768)	51	56
Sheltering Silverton - EO 23-02 Congregate Shelter - ES(8756)	15	37

The next EO 23-02 Implementation Team meeting is Friday, October 6, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Additional Funding - The State reached out to ask if our region could surpass its goals if more funding were provided. Elaine Lozier worked with providers to prepare a response, which could bring additional funding to the region. Jan also noted that the State is developing a method to distribute additional funding approved by the Legislature for ongoing operations of shelter beds and support for households served in the new EO 23-02 RRH projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Local! In-Person!** [Sept 21: QPR Suicide Prevention Training at Salem Health](#)
- **Online!** [Sept 22: Understanding Stress & Substance Use among LGBTQ+ Adolescents](#)
- **October 11:** Town Hall on Salem's wage tax. **GET YOUR FREE TICKETS [HERE](#)**
- **October 24:** QPR Train the Trainer. Learn more about QPR at [QPR Institute | Practical and Proven Suicide Prevention Training QPR Institute \(en-US\)](#) Register [HERE](#)
- **Marion County Health & Human Services** is piloting a Family Rental Assistance Program to provide assistance for up to two years.
- **Marion County Health & Human Services** provides housing navigation for people on TANF and will soon be able to focus on people with serious and persistent mental health diagnoses, IDD and substance use disorders once the Medicaid waiver goes into effect.
- **HomeShare Oregon** is celebrating two years of operation in the region and is interested in sharing information about how the program works. Contact Judy Smith, judy@homeshareoregon.org
- **Northwest Human Services** provides medical bus on Tues, Thurs, and Fri for people experiencing homelessness to receive free medical care. HOAP also has a drop-in clinic on Wednesdays, 9:30 -12:00.
- **Marion County Health & Human Services** will provide Ready to Rent classes on site at shelters or transitional housing programs. Contact Christina Bertschi, cbertschi@co.marion.or.us

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 18
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82165607357?pwd=S0dKbk5hTDh1Y3JYazdrNEJtMndFZz09>

Meeting ID: 821 6560 7357 Passcode: 028983

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