

Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance Collaborative Committee

Meeting Minutes March 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome & Agenda Review

Attendees were prompted to type their names, organizations, and email addresses in the chat box for attendance. First-time attendees were invited to introduce themselves, which included individuals from various organizations such as Punx With Purpose, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinics, Oxford House, Outreach Community Center, Salem Housing Authority, and the Salem Police Department.

Introductions

The meeting commenced with introductions made by new participants, representing a diverse set of agencies and organizations. The introductions underscored the meeting's collaborative nature and the variety of stakes represented in the issue of displacement within the community.

Kudos/Comments of Appreciation

A specific time was allocated for individuals to publicly appreciate colleagues or partner agencies. Participants took the opportunity to acknowledge the support, collaboration, and the community's unity towards addressing the challenges in homelessness services.

Committee Business

Motion to approve the 2/21/24 minutes was made by Christine Bertschi, seconded by Robin Winkle. All were in favor of approval. Christine Sommer of Salem Housing Authority introduced herself and shared her background. Sarah White with Sheltering Silverton then shared her background. During committee business, updates on the workgroups were discussed. It was mentioned that the Values Statement and Common Goals work groups had nearly completed their work. There were discussions around whether the action items from these groups had finished or if something still needed addressing. Some confusion about the continuity of the workgroups existed, prompting the suggestion that the broader committee may need to approve something to move forward.

Pre-Presentation Survey

The concept of implementing a pre-presentation survey was proposed to tailor meeting presentations to the group's needs. There was a consensus that such a survey would help focus the meeting discussions and facilitate engagement. Attendees agreed on the value of this idea and expressed interest in trying it out for future presentations so that presenters could address the group's specific questions and topics of interest.

MWVHA Board Report

Christine Sommer provided updates from the recent Alliance board meeting. The board discussed the Governor's emergency declaration on housing and homelessness, Church at the Park's proposal, and the new Long-Term Rent Assistance program. An Request for Qualifications for administrating the new funding was also announced to be released soon, displaying an ongoing commitment from multiple entities to address housing concerns and support individuals in need.

Announcements

The announcement section was lively, with several individuals sharing exciting news and updates from their respective organizations. Information ranged from new initiatives, growth in service capacity, upcoming events, rebranding, and an introduction of a peer-run respite house. These announcements highlighted the dynamic work being done within the community and indicated a proactive approach towards collaborative efforts in addressing the issues of displacement and mental health support.

Action Items/Dismiss Meeting

No specific action items were mentioned as being needed from the meeting discussion; however, it was implied that follow-up actions regarding feedback on the survey and workgroup progress would be necessary. The meeting next focused on wrapping up and attendees were thanked for their participation and encouraged to attend the next scheduled meeting for further collaboration and discussion.

Additional Notes

In the beginning, there was an expression of concern for individuals experiencing crises, highlighting the real-world impacts and difficulties faced within the community and by service providers.

Participants engaged in reflection on their service limitations and challenges, emphasizing the importance of trust and understanding between different organizations and partners.

Important conversations occurred around the purpose and direction of the collaborative with suggestions to create a clearer vision moving forward, ensuring that it serves as an effective conduit between unsheltered individuals and the board. There was a committed interest in improving collaboration and deepening the understanding and trust within the community for more effective service provision.

The meeting concluded on a unified note, with participants recognizing their shared mission of aiding those less fortunate and aspiring to make systemic changes that would be more beneficial to those served.

Doug Odell (he/him)

05:45

DO

Doug Odell = Family Promise

Sarah White (she/her) Sheltering Silverton

06:03

SW

Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton

Debra

06:37

D

Debra Rice from Recovery Outreach Community Center

T.J. Putman - Family Promise

06:41

TP

T.J. Putman, Family Promise.

Christina McCollum

06:58

CM

Christina McCollum - PacificSource Community Solutions

Jay Greenfield

07:00

JG

Jay Greenfield Epic Mobile Outreach Services

Dominique Schoessler

07:04

DS

Dominique Schoessler Shangri-La

Roman Riojas

07:11

RR

Roman Riojas- Oxford House Outreach (willamette valley)

Ryan Pollard

07:21

RP

Ryan Pollard - Polk County Family & Community Outreach

Lisa Clark

07:27

LC

Lisa Clark-Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

Union Gospel Mission

07:39

UG

Katie Dara from Union Gospel Mission of Salem

sbasu

07:58

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Sammy Basu Willamette University, Public Health

Trevor Womack

07:59

TW

Trevor Womack, Salem PD

Noelle Gore

08:01

NG

Noelle Gore Church at the Park

kborsberry

08:03

K

Kellee Borsberry, NW Human Services, and I apologize, I have no camera or microphone but I am listening!

lynelle

08:26

L

Lynelle Wilcox, SafeSleep United

Julie Jefferson Salem Keizer MVP Liaison

08:27

JJ

Julie Jefferson District Liaison for MVP Salem Keizer Schools

lalmuhtaseb

08:31

L

Laura Almuhtaseb-Marion County Housing Authority

Ashleigh Duda (she/her) MWVCAA

08:33

AD

Ashleigh Duda - MWVCAA

Robin Winkle, She/Her, Shangri-La

08:43

RW

Robin Winkle, Shangri-La - sorry, camera not cooperating today.

Renee Naylor (She/Her)

08:56

RN

Renee Naylor, Sable House

Amy Hamilton

09:00

AH

Amy Hamilton, DevNW

Renee Naylor (She/Her)

09:01

RN

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Sean Aker, WESD

09:06

SA

Sean Aker, Willamette ESD

Colleen Henry, WESD

09:11

CH

Colleen Henry, Willamette ESD

Petra Jauregui MWVCAA Program Manager Polk County Rapid Re-housing

09:29

PJ

Petra Jauregui MWVCAA-Arches-Polk County Rapid Re-Housing

Jay Greenfield

09:29

JG

pitpcommunityoutreach@gmail.com

Tara Stephen - CHS

09:30

TS

Tara Stephen - Center for Hope & Safety

Kristin Kuenz-Barber NWHS

09:37

KK

Kristin Kuenz-Barber - Northwest Human Services

Eli Kinsley

10:02

EK

Eli Kinsley (he/him) Bridgeway Community Health ekinsley@bridgewaych.org

Lisa Clark

10:05

LC

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Anna- Salem Housing Authority

10:07

AS

Anna- Salem Housing Authority- abrase@salemhousingor.com

Roman Riojas

10:13

RR

Roman Riojas (503)428-1136

[1 Reply](#)

Maureen

10:46

M

Maureen Casey, Catholic Community Services

Kat Fox

10:54

KF

Kat Fox, PacificSource Community Solutions

mark wigg

10:58

MW

Mark Wigg

[1 Reply](#)

Andrea Soemadi

11:25

AS

Andrea Soemadi Easterseals Oregon SSVF

Peter Buekea - NWHS, HOAP

13:45

PB

Peter Buekea, Northwest Human Services - Homeless Outreach & Advocacy Project (HOAP). E-mail: pbuekea@nwhumanservices.org Office#: 503-588-5827 Ext. 3273

Christina Bertschi, Marion County Health and Human Services

17:43

CB

Christina Bertschi, Program Supervisor, Marion County Health and Human Services, Housing Programs and Services

Debra

22:35

D

Debra Rice email is debra@roccsalem.org

Melissa Keller

23:31

MK

Mel Keller, Fair Housing Council of Oregon

Trevor Womack

24:40

TW

Treat everyone with basic human **dignity** and **respect** in all situations.

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Elaine Lozier

29:45

EL

Here's a link to last month's agenda. The Values Statement work is on pages 3-4:

<https://mwvhomelessalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024.02.21-Collaborative-Committee-agenda.pdf>

lalmuhtaseb

30:51

L

I think the questionnaire would be helpful

Debra

31:03

D

I like surveys!

Amy Hamilton

32:14

AH

I love this idea! It's always great to hear what others are doing, but sending out a request ahead of time could help the presenter tailor their message. It's also a great thought to talk about what agencies/orgs don't do.

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read.ai meeting notes

33:02

RM

Clay added [read.ai](#) meeting notes to the meeting.

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Elaine Lozier

34:04

EL

I'll reach out to Tricia to get a copy of that document to send out to the group.

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Ryan Pollard

36:27

RP

Case conferencing is exactly what I was thinking! We do that here at Polk County

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Elaine Lozier

39:37

EL

<https://mwvhomelessalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Collaborative-Committee-Charter-revised-Dec-2022.pdf>

Peter Buekea - NWHS, HOAP

41:27

PB

FYI: HOAP Hours:

- o Day Center: 9am-1pm
- o Closed: 1pm-2pm
- o Window Services: 2pm-4pm (mail, hygiene items, bathrooms, etc.)

· Mondays are Women & Nonbinary Day from 9am-1pm.

· As a reminder, we offer showers, laundry, and Drop-In Services throughout the week on a first come, first served basis.

· Brunch will be served from 10:30am-12:00pm. *Please note on Mondays, brunch is only available to Women and Nonbinary folks.

· There are no changes to our Medical Bus Run (operates every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) or On-site Medical Clinic (Wednesdays at HOAP, 694 Church St NE).

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Debra

46:42

D

My organization provides Drop-In Centers, peer support and resource navigation, as well as support groups for anyone. We have a large number of people experiencing homelessness utilize our free services and we are proactively trying to connect them to appropriate organizations that provide housing services. I hope to be able

to refer people appropriately through participating in these meetings. It is very helpful to attend meetings such as this to receive real time education regarding how to assist this population.

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Debra

55:34

D

For more information about ROCC you can find a lot of information at www.roccsaalem.org.

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Sarah White (she/her) Sheltering Silverton

56:21

SW

Thank you, Debra! You always have such great information to share and I love your programming!

Sarah White (she/her) Sheltering Silverton

57:25

SW

That sounds fantastic, Clay!

Judy Smith

58:07

JS

I am still figuring out who works where - please mention your organization when sharing an announcement.

Thanks

Judy Smith

01:01:28

JS

Ryan - that sound fabulous! Great work!

Amy Hamilton

01:01:34

AH

My hubby works in law enforcement in Monmouth, and has been working with the Polk Resource Center closely. You all have been so helpful! Thank you for the amazing work you are doing!

Roman Riojas

01:01:51

RR

Great stuff Ryan!

Ryan Pollard

01:02:35

RP

Ryan Pollard - Polk County FCO - Tour of Polk Community Resource Center: 1407 Monmouth Independence Hwy, Monmouth, OR 97361 - 503-751-1644 email: pollard.ryan@co.polk.or.us for questions or a tour

Todd Baughman, Dallas SD#2

01:02:35

TB

Polk County Resource Center ROCKS!

Peter Buekea - NWHS, HOAP

01:04:06

PB

"Emergency Financial Assistance

The Hotline provides limited emergency assistance to prevent utility disconnections and eviction, and to pay for life-sustaining prescription medications.

Please call us at **503-581-5535** for an eligibility screening."

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Trevor Womack

01:04:18

TW

<https://salempd.info/cvri>

Sarah White (she/her) Sheltering Silverton

01:07:35

SW

Thank you for this information, Chief Womack. Thank you also for caring so much about the needs of unsheltered folks.

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Trevor Womack

01:08:08

TW

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/home/showpublisheddocument/22126/638436015896930000>

Dominique Schoessler

01:08:29

DS

Shangri-La outpatient mental health clinic. Please call 503 581 1732 zero out for reception to be connected to the clinic.

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Michael Couch - CRC

01:10:08

MC

Michael.couch@crossroadsc.org

Judy Smith

01:10:31

JS

That's wonderful Lynelle! What a great resource

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Elaine Lozier

01:14:29

EL

<https://schoolhouseconnection.org/infant-and-toddler-homelessness/?emci=56e2adcf-09e2-ee11-aaf0-002248223197&emdi=4df65179-b3e6-ee11-aaf0-002248223794&ceid=11622433>

Amy Hamilton

01:15:59

AH

20 minutes of Unicorn time! I'll take it!

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Colleen Henry, WESD

01:16:20

CH

Thank you

Roman Riojas

01:16:21

RR

Thank you all for what you do in and for our community! This was very informative.

Amy Hamilton

01:16:22

AH

Thank you everyone!

Peter Buekea - NWHS, HOAP

01:16:23

PB

Thank you

lalmuhtaseb

01:16:27

L

Thank you!

Debra

01:16:31

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Thank you everyone for sharing

Ryan Pollard

01:16:36

RP

Thanks bye everyone!