

Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance Collaborative Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday April 17, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Welcome & Agenda Review

Participants were welcomed to the meeting, and the agenda was briefly reviewed to ensure everyone was ready to proceed.

Kudos/Comments of Appreciation

The meeting began with expressions of recognition and appreciation between members. A key highlight was the tremendous kudos given to school McKinney Vento Liaisons, social workers, and those working with youth who are under significant stress, but continue to provide exceptional support for kids and families in need. Further appreciation was extended to the team for being role models of collaboration and showing remarkable passion in their efforts.

Committee Business

03/20/2024 meeting minutes

The previous meeting minutes from March 20th, 2024, were reviewed. Christine Sommer requested an edit, noting that she was incorrectly identified as being associated with Salem Housing Authority rather than Marion County Housing Authority.

The motion was made by Chris Barber to approve the minutes with the noted change, seconded by Christina Bertschi and the minutes were approved by all present.

Values Statement update

A discussion regarding the Values Statement took place, with talk about developing a “Dignity Lens” that proposes several questions to ensure narratives, photos, and videos shared do not unintentionally harm the served populations. Focus was placed on the potential impact of these materials on public perceptions, emphasizing the urgency due to increasing incidents of harm toward people experiencing homelessness.

Collaborative Committee Role and Purpose

A review of the Collaborative Committee's purpose according to the charter was conducted. This portion opened up discussions about the desire for the committee to have a more significant role in informing decision-making process of the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance Board. They explored ways of transforming the committee into a two-way conduit of relevant information for service providers. A survey's results were mentioned to be forwarded to participants post-meeting and included a promise of greater detail and conversation in a follow-up gathering.

MWVHA Board Report

An overview of the report from the latest Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance Board meeting was provided, highlighting various topics such as coordinated entry, the by-name list, HMIS access requests, and updates on governor's emergency orders. Details on micro shelters, rental assistance programs, and potential staffing structures were also touched upon. It was noted that a complete breakdown of the board meeting could be shared upon request.

Announcements

Participants used this time to announce updates from their respective organizations and to share constructive insights. Surveys were a significant theme, with discussions on past impacts and current initiatives seeking information on community belonging in Salem. Participants stressed the importance of sharing this information and encouraged involvement to bolster survey impact. Offerings of other organizations to learn from each other, breakdown operation methods, and avoid the recreation of processes that are already fruitful were appreciated as valuable opportunities for growth.

Action Items/Dismiss Meeting

With the conclusion of announcements, action items were summarized, noting especially the need to circulate the survey results, organize discussions around the suggested topics, and coordinate efforts between subcommittees for a more structured and cohesive operation. The meeting ended earlier than scheduled, providing attendees with additional time to enjoy their day, with a note to reconvene next month.

Zoom Chat

00:07:49 Petra Jauregui: Petra Jauregui-MWVCAA Arches Polk County Rapid
Rehousing

00:08:11 Tara Stephen - CHS: Tara Stephen, Center for Hope & Safety

00:09:05 Kira (She/Her): Kira: Outreach Youth Navigator and Benedita: Youth
Navigator, HOME Youth Services - Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
(MWVCAA)!

00:09:41 Robin Winkle, She/Her, Shangri-La: Robin Winkle, Shangri-La,
robin.winkle@shangrila-or.org

00:09:55 Julie Jefferson Salem Keizer MVP Liaison: Julie Jefferson Salem Keizer
Public Schools MVP District Liaison

00:09:58 Kira (She/Her): Kira: kira.hand@mwvcaa.org

00:09:59 Christina Bertschi, Marion County Health and Human Services: Christina
Bertschi, MCHHS, Housing Programs and Services

00:10:05 Kristin Kuenz-Barber NWHS: Kristin Kuenz-Barber ; NWHS

00:10:10 Doug Odell (he/him): Doug Odell -- Family Promise

00:10:14 Lisa Clark: Lisa Clark, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

00:10:21 Marianne Bradshaw: Marianne Bradshaw, consultant and instructor at
Western Oregon University

00:10:38 Dominique Schoessler: Dominique Schoessler Shangri-La

00:10:57 Kira (She/Her): benedita.rodriquez@mwvcaa.org

00:28:49 lynelle: I love the two-way priority, and the specifics seem very relevant.

00:31:00 Marianne Bradshaw: Yes, I'd love to be able to read through the summary
that's on the screen. Looks great but would help to have a little time to read and process.
Thanks for sharing the doc!

00:37:20 Sarah White (she/her) - Sheltering Silverton: You all do amazing work! Thank
you.

00:39:24 Steve Dickey, Marion County: Marion County Community Services
2024 Community Input Survey link: <https://www.co.marion.or.us/CS/Pages/Community-Development.aspx>

00:41:19 Jon Rahl, Western Oregon University: The following link asks just a few questions about your contact information so our graduate class with Western Oregon University can reach out to you or your team members early next week when our survey goes live.

https://wou.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5A9BYvgi0cHZWKi

If you have questions beyond this survey, please contact me, Jon Rahl (jrahl22@mail.wou.edu), or Marianne Bradshaw (bradshawm@mail.wou.edu).

Thank you for your time!

00:41:44 Marianne Bradshaw: Feel free to fill this mini form in right now during the meeting.

00:42:18 Marianne Bradshaw: It will give the students some info about how to reach out to your organizations for support getting the word out about the project

00:42:44 Marianne Bradshaw: Live or work in or near Salem (20 miles)

00:45:02 Marianne Bradshaw: Lynelle has been such a big part of elevating voices of lived experience through this survey over the past years. Thank you, Lynelle!

00:45:08 Marianne Bradshaw: And thanks in advance to anyone on this call who will complete it personally and who can help us this year get survey responses.

00:47:04 lynelle:yes!

00:48:44 Christina Bertschi, Marion County Health and Human Services: Good point that there are more partners here

00:52:40 Maureen: Thank you! This would be very helpful.

00:52:42 lalmuhtaseb: Yes Please!

00:52:46 Robin Winkle, She/Her, Shangri-La: That would be great!

00:52:52 Tiffany Ottis, City of Salem: I like flow charts!

00:58:02 Sarah White (she/her) - Sheltering Silverton: Apologies, folks. We lost power and internet here.

00:59:23 Christina Bertschi, Marion County Health and Human Services: Have a good day everyone!

00:59:26 Marianne Bradshaw: Thanks, everyone!

00:59:27 lalmuhtaseb: Thank you

00:59:29 Tiffany Ottis, City of Salem: thank you