

Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance Collaborative Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday May 15, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome & Agenda Review

Kudos/Comments of Appreciation

Sarah White initiated the Kudos and Comments of Appreciation section, highlighting the support received from the Center for Hope and Safety during a tricky situation and extending community love and support to organizations like them, especially since they lost a team member recently. Josh Wolf offered kudos to Sarah and her team at Sheltering Silverton for accommodating a client emergency over the weekend, which was crucial in providing immediate housing.

Committee Business

04/17/24 Meeting Minutes

White requested any suggestions or edits to the minutes from the previous meeting held on 04/17/24. No changes were proposed.

Motion by Stephen Dickey, seconded by Robert Garcia to approve the 04/17/2024 Minutes as presented. The minutes were then approved by all present at the meeting.

Dignity Lens Review & Feedback

White provided an overview of the Dignity Lens document, developed over several months to create a common language rooted in dignity and respect for unhoused individuals. The document aimed to ensure respectful and dignified communication about those they serve.

Several participants, made contributions to the feedback. The discussion emphasized the importance of involving individuals in crafting their stories, discussed the appropriate order of questions to ensure clarity, and highlighted the need for a standardized release of information across organizations. Particular attention was given to experiences from other agencies and the unseen consequences of sharing personal stories.

The collective group appreciated the development of the Dignity Lens document and deemed it an instrumental tool moving forward.

Pre-presentation Survey

White and Elaine Lozier highlighted the importance of pre-presentation surveys to make meetings feel more valuable and inclusive of genuine feedback. Participants took a brief pause to fill out the survey. This new tool was aimed at gathering essential and honest feedback before presentations.

MWVHA Board Report

Church at the Park

A key update from the MWVHA Board involved Church at the Park, which is progressing with operations in Dallas and Monmouth. However, the specific number of beds available in Dallas was not confirmed during the meeting.

Budget

The budget discussion focused on expanding staffing to fill critical roles within the alliance. The conversation extended and will continue in another meeting without a final decision.

Participants were told the budget can be viewed on the organization's website, with another session scheduled for May 23rd.

Announcements

Participants shared updates and announcements related to their respective organizations:

Lozier shared that the Alliance is hiring for three positions essential to supporting HMIS and Coordinated Entry. She provided the rationale and expected impact of these roles on improving data quality and reporting. Additionally, further discussions highlighted the board's keen interest in getting regular updates on data and making informed decisions based on it.

Action Items/Dismiss Meeting

No specific action items were noted for follow-up in the meeting. The meeting concluded twelve minutes early.

00:15:12	Nichole CCS: Nichole Dickey, Catholic Community Services
00:15:30	lalmuhtaseb: Laura Almuhtaseb
00:15:34	Doug Odell (he/him): Doug Odell - Family Promise
00:15:37	Sara Brennan, Center for Hope & Safety: Sara Brennan, Center for Hope & Safety
00:15:37	Sara Quick, Salem Housing Authority: Sara Quick, Salem Housing Authority
00:15:40	David Peak: David Peak MWVCAA ARCHES
00:15:42	Josh Wolf: Josh Wolf, MCSO LEAD
00:15:42	Maureen: Maureen Casey, Catholic Community Services
00:15:46	Robin Winkle, Shangri-La: Robin Winkle, Shangri-La
00:15:46	Tim Weese (He/Him)- MWVCAA: Tim Weese - MWVCAA
00:15:47	Helena Jones - C@P: Helena Jones - Church at the Park
00:15:49	Rachel McKee (she/her) MWVCAA: Rachel McKee - MWVCAA
00:15:50	Robert Garcia: Robert Garcia Salem Leadership Foundation
00:15:55	Jackie Leung: Jackie Leung. Micronesian Islander Community
00:15:57	Dominique Schoessler: Dominique Schoessler Shangri-La
00:15:58	Tiffany Ottis, City of Salem: Tiffany Ottis-City of Salem, federal programs
00:16:00	lalmuhtaseb: Laura with -Marion County Housing - Voucher Navigator
00:16:04	Sean Aker, WESD: Sean Aker, Willamette ESD
00:16:09	Kristin Kuenz-Barber NWHS: Kristin Kuenz-Barber: NWHS
00:16:10	Christina McCollum: Christina McCollum w/ PacificSource
00:16:19	Toni Whitler, Salem Federal Programs: Hello! Toni Whitler, City of Salem :)
00:17:21	Sara Brennan, Center for Hope & Safety: Happy to help. Thank you!

00:17:39 Maricela's OtterPilot: Hi, I'm an AI assistant helping Maricela Fernandez take notes for this meeting. Follow along the transcript here:
https://otter.ai/u/xrp2WcV8wT5g0avJ_VvtRgBL3eM?utm_source=va_chat_link_1

You'll also be able to see screenshots of key moments, add highlights, comments, or action items to anything being said, and get an automatic summary after the meeting.

00:17:55 Kat Fox: Kat Fox, Marion Polk CCO, PacificSource Community Solutions

00:18:29 Amy Hamilton: Amy Hamilton, DevNW (sorry I was a few minutes late. I was at my daughter's jog-a-thon)

00:23:24 Christina Bertschi, Marion County Health and Human Services: Sorry I'm late, I had to meet with a resident at our residential facility

00:25:16 Tara Stephen - CHS: Tara Stephen, Center for Hope & Safety

00:29:29 Steve Dickey, Marion County: Steve Dickey, Marion County Community Services

00:30:04 Elaine Lozier: If you hopped in late, and haven't done so already, please stick you name and organization in the chat :)

00:30:06 Sara Brennan, Center for Hope & Safety: I love that you are bringing this forward. We have very firm boundaries around sharing client stories and I think this is important for all service providers to consider.

00:30:09 Christina Bertschi, Marion County Health and Human Services: Christina Bertschi, Marion County Health and Human Services Housing Programs and Services

00:31:11 Renee Naylor : Renee Naylor Sable House

00:31:28 Ian Dixon-McDonald: Ian Dixon-McDonald, Marion Polk Food Share

00:32:39 Tara Stephen - CHS: Reacted to "I love that you are ..." with ❤️

00:34:09 Christina Bertschi, Marion County Health and Human Services: brb

00:39:06 Elaine Lozier: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5JLZW5D>

00:40:21 Michael Couch: Michael Couch from Crossroads Communities-- was on via my cell, but I'm now back at my office. Happy to be here!

00:40:42 Sarah White (she/her) Sheltering Silverton: Welcome, Michael!

00:41:10 Maureen: Should I be seeing the survey only screen?

00:41:13 Kat Fox: mine is good

00:41:16 Josh Wolf: Mine works fine

00:41:21 lalmuhtaseb: Mine stated that it was already completed

00:41:27 Christina McCollum: It says I already done the survey.

00:42:07 Elaine Lozier: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5JLZW5D>

00:42:12 Maureen: Same with me

00:42:19 Tiffany Ottis, City of Salem: mine is working and need time to type answers

00:43:09 Elaine Lozier: Try this link if the other one isn't working for you:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPPRBKT>

00:43:29 Robert Garcia: It worked for me.

00:43:33 Elaine Lozier: Reacted to "It worked for me." with 👍

00:48:19 Elaine Lozier: <https://mwvhomelessalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/ORS-190-Entity-MWVHA-Proposed-Budget-FY-2024-25.pdf>

00:49:27 Kat Fox: 21

00:50:10 Elaine Lozier: elaine.lozier@mwvhomelessalliance.org

00:50:19 Nichole CCS: Hi, I wanted to let you all know that the waitlist is open for CCSF Affordable Properties. Applicants must demonstrate they meet income limits for the property to be approved. Pinehurst Management is accepting waitlist applications, please call 503-362-3031, email millcreek@pinehurstmanagement.com, or stop by 200 25th St NE, Salem, OR 97301.

00:50:26 Sara Brennan, Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to "Hi, I wanted to let ..." with ❤️

00:50:39 David Peak: Reacted to "Hi, I wanted to le..." with ❤️

00:51:49 Michael Couch: CRC and our property developer partner Applegate Homes will be breaking ground this summer on Applegate Terrace, a 48 unit affordable housing project in West Salem. We look forward to providing housing in 2025!

00:53:00 Elaine Lozier: Reacted to "Hi, I wanted to let ..." with ❤️

00:53:41 lalmuhtaseb: Replying to "Hi, I wanted to let ..."

I would love to connect with you about your available units in Mt Angel and Woodburn 😊
Lalmuhtaseb@mchaor.org

00:53:45 lalmuhtaseb: Reacted to "Hi, I wanted to let ..." with ❤️

00:53:50 Toni Whitler, Salem Federal Programs: Thank you everyone for all you do for the community! Have to leave early. Toni

00:54:26 Elaine Lozier: <https://mwvhomelessalliance.org/job-openings/>

00:55:04 Mark Parrish ROCC: ROCC is hiring for peer support. Email justin@roccsalem.org

00:55:17 Elaine Lozier: Reacted to "ROCC is hiring for p..." with 👍

00:56:39 Helena Jones - C@P: C@P also has several open positions! Linked below:

<https://jobs.lever.co/churchatthepark>

00:59:17 Kat Fox: Will this allow for us to receive some stats at each of the COC meetings? for example how many individuals are currently considered houseless, how has the work we are all doing helped move people/families into housing, I think this might help get some excitement in the meeting to remind everyone the work they do makes an impact :-)

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01:02:38 lalmuhtaseb: Thank you!

01:02:44 Nichole CCS: Thank you!