

Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

HMIS Workgroup Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024, 3:30 p.m.

Welcome & Business Items

The meeting commenced with Elaine, the acting executive director for the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance, welcoming the participants. Attendees were requested to introduce themselves via chat by stating their names and organizations. Wyatt from Easterseals was specifically acknowledged as a new member of the group.

Workgroup Staffing/Chair Updates

The group was informed of staffing and leadership changes. Elaine replaced Jan as the temporary staff for the workgroup. Community Action had been providing back-end support for the HMIS but would be phasing out by the end of June 2023, with the COC assuming those roles. A new staff position would be created to help support this transition. Furthermore, Jimmy Jones stepped down from his role as co-chair, and an opportunity for new chairs was announced for those interested in leadership roles within the workgroup.

Homeless Alliance Updates

HMIS Support Roles

The COC has become the new HMIS lead for the region, previously managed by Oregon Housing and Community Services. This transition was part of a longer process finalized recently. The shift signifies more responsibilities for the COC and adjustments in collaborative work with state agencies. Tim from Community Action reassured the group that the goal is to ensure data integrity within HMIS during this transitional phase.

Technical Assistance

The assistance provided by HUD through Homebase to aid in the transitional process of HMIS was communicated. George and Emma from Homebase will be involved in facilitating meetings and the transition process.

Staffing

Elaine highlighted the steps underway in hiring a staff person to take on roles related to committee support following the phase-out of Community Action's role. While this evolution was underway, there was an expressed commitment to ensuring a smooth experience for current HMIS users.

Communication Needs and Q&A

There was an open question to the group about preferred methods of communication for updates and feedback, stressing the importance of engaging and not overloading members with information. It was decided to discuss these updates at the HMIS users' workgroup meetings, but members were encouraged to reach out to Tim and Elaine with any immediate questions or issues.

Workgroup Survey

Members were informed about an upcoming workgroup survey aiming to capture participants' past experiences and future expectations with HMIS and this workgroup. Feedback from members is sought to ensure effective functioning and improvements moving forward. Additionally, the survey will assist in revisiting the governance charter, redefined roles, and the workgroup's purpose.

Action Items/Dismiss Meeting

The meeting was concluded after the last call for any further questions, with none raised. Members were reminded they can contact Tim and Elaine for support with HMIS-related concerns.

Please note, no motions were made during the meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

00:31:00Marianne 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!

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

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

00:41:19Jon 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!

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

00:42:18Marianne 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

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

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

00:45:08Marianne 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.

00:47:04lynelle: yes!

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

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

00:52:42lalmuhtaseb: Yes Please!

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

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

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

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

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

00:59:27lalmuhtaseb: Thank you

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