

CoC Collaborative Committee

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 | 10:00-11:30 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES *(approved 5/20/20)*

1. Welcome and Introductions

**Kim Parker-Llerenas & Ian Dixon-McDonald,
Committee Co-chairs**

Introductions were noted on Zoom teleconferencing due to the closure of non-essential businesses in response to COVID-19 pandemic. Kim noted the Chat feature and how to “raise your hand” in Zoom.

2. Review Notes from 3/13/20 Meeting

Ian Dixon-McDonald

Kim McBeth made the motion to approve the 3/13 Collaborative Committee meeting minutes; Jack Elliott Vermeer seconded the motion. No discussion or comments were made. ***Minutes were approved unanimously.***

At the 3/13 Collaborative Committee meeting, interest was expressed for recruiting more representation from the business sector to join the MWVHA. The CoC Governance Charter states “The Board will conduct outreach at least semi-annually with business organizations, such as economic development forums, chambers of commerce, and Rotary clubs, to inform business leaders about current issues surrounding homelessness and gather information from a business perspective.” Tricia Ratliff noted that she is a member of Downtown Rotary and could help make a connection there. Others interested in the semi-annual outreach with the business community were asked to contact staff. Since the Collaborative Committee is open to everyone, people were encouraged to make individual invitations and to **provide Jan Calvin with email addresses of anyone to add to the invitation list.**

3. COVID-19 Coordinated Response

Kim Parker-Llerenas

Ashley Hamilton gave an update on coordinated responses for the homeless community to COVID-19. An overwhelmingly positive response has been happening throughout the community, especially around outreach, aligning wraparound services and supports, and identifying and providing shared resources. Food insecurity remains an emergent need. Ashley has been convening a weekly group on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. This past Monday the agenda evolved: the first hour is focused on outreach work, and Jayne Downing facilitates the second hour with a focus on shelter operations. **Please send an email to Ashley Hamilton at Community Action Agency if you’d like to be included in meetings and notes.**

The following information was also shared:

- CAA started a hotel program for homeless people experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, which also accommodates families.
- Education continues for social distancing.
- HIV Alliance has been contacted to see if they will go out to camps.
- Easterseals noted that they received additional funding to help house Veterans.
- Various locations for a mass congregate sheltering site are being looked at throughout the region.

- Salem Housing Authority stated Redwood Crossing is scheduled to open this summer and will be using Coordinated Entry for permanent supportive housing and will have medical respite units available.
- The need for food has increased dramatically. Marion-Polk Food Share's supply of produce, meat and dairy will be increasing and is **looking for partners to help move this additional food supply**. A new grant is expected to help purchase more non-perishable food, including products specific to serving the homeless population.

4. Committee Updates and Next Steps

Kim Parker-Llerenas

a. Performance & Evaluation Committee, Carla Munns

Carla presented an overview of [HUD's seven system performance measures](#) for preventing and ending homelessness:

- 1) Length of time persons remain homeless;
- 2) The extent to which persons who exit homelessness to permanent housing destinations return to homelessness;
- 3) Number of homeless persons;
- 4) Jobs and income growth for homeless persons in CoC Program-funded projects;
- 5) Number of persons who become homeless for the first time;
- 6) Homelessness prevention and housing placement of persons defined by Category 3 of HUD's homeless definition in CoC Program-funded projects;
- 7) Successful housing placement.

More information can be found on HUD's website. A more in-depth overview of each measure can be found [here](#). The Performance and Evaluation Committee did not meet last month due to COVID-19 response. The next meeting is May 5th at 3pm for any who would like to listen in for a conversation about these system performance measures and integration of local data. There will also be a joint meeting of the P&E and HMIS committees to look through the local data, as the HMIS committee is responsible for improving data quality, and the P&E committee is responsible for making recommendations about improving outcomes. **Questions and feedback can be directed to Dan Clem, P&E chair or Carla Munns, staff.**

b. HMIS Users Workgroup and Coordinated Entry Committee, Ashley Hamilton

Ashley presented draft goals of the joint HMIS Users Workgroup and Coordinated Entry Committee:

- 1) Geographic coverage;
- 2) More agencies doing Coordinated Entry/Assessment;
- 3) Quality Coordinated Entry/Assessment, By-Name List, and Collaborative Case Management (which includes working on a universal ROI);
- 4) More agencies using HMIS;
- 5) Quality data; and
- 6) Ensure quality HMIS vendor services; and

Questions and feedback can be directed to Ashley, CE chair or Jan Calvin, staff.

c. Built for Zero Initiative/Strategy Team, Dana Schultz

Dana provided an update to BFZ. The Strategy Team is working on Built for Zero priorities: 1) Collaborative Case Conferencing; and 2) Coordinated Outreach across providers and sectors. An overview of case conferencing was provided—need to assemble a team, bringing the right people to the table for each session who hold key information about the top 'by-name list' clients being case conferenced *and* can take action to house them faster. The Strategy Team is planning logistics

and hopes to begin case conferencing by early summer. Questions and feedback can be addressed to Dana.

d. Challenge to End Youth Homelessness, Tricia Ratliff

Tricia noted the committee meets monthly and has been discussing including youth in the coordinated entry system and providing information to people interested in the idea of Host Homes. She shared a draft of FAQ created in response to the community and families asking basic questions on how to legally host youth who are couch surfing and staying in homes with them, especially during this time of COVID-19. She noted that the draft FAQ is not meant to provide legal advice but is meant for sharing information to host youth in a way that doesn't interfere with the youth's biological parents but allows them to stay with them. Host Homes does not require parent permission, whereas Safe Families for Children (Catholic Community Services) requires parent permission as it's a family respite program to support parents experiencing toxic stress.

Eddie Maestas from Salem Housing Authority asked how to support youth presenting as being unhoused during this pandemic. Most important is to make contact with youth and link them to resources, such as the HOME Drop-In Center and emergency shelter—Taylor's house has beds available. Tricia noted the HOME Drop-In Center is open for three hours every day, but numbers are reducing as people are sheltering in place. Alberto Maldonado from Youth ERA said youth they are in contact with are couch surfing and staying with friends. Youth ERA partnered with Marion-Polk Food Share to provide food to these youth that is convenient to make and transport. Contact Tricia if interested in getting more information, have feedback on the FAQ, or would like to join the online platform for the Challenge to End Youth Homeless and/or monthly committee meetings (3rd Fridays, 9:00-11:00 a.m.).

5. MWVHA Strategic Plan

Ian Dixon-McDonald

Ian noted that the 2nd version of the draft strategic plan incorporates feedback from the Collaborative Committee, MWVHA Board, and a survey that went out to stakeholders and attendees of MWVHA meetings. He noted that the strategic plan will be a topic at the May 14 board meeting and again at the May 20 Collaborative Committee meeting. Adoption of the plan is scheduled for the June 11 board meeting.

Jan Calvin presented a draft logic model developed to view a snapshot of the updated strategic plan, including revised goals, updated metrics, and three new areas (data, strategies, and desired outcomes), noting that the desired outcomes are HUD's desired outcomes, related to the HUD System Performance Measures. She expressed appreciation for the input at the last Collaborative Committee meeting, as well as the input provided by the 18 people who completed the online survey. Jan also provided an overview of the revised goals and specific objectives, noting that a second online survey will be distributed to collect feedback on the objectives. A suggestion was made to change 'health and public safety' to 'public health and safety.'

The 2nd draft of the strategic plan includes a place-holder for a glossary with definitions of acronyms and certain terminology. Tricia provided a list of acronyms used with the State RHY programs and said it would be helpful to have not only HUD definitions, but State definitions and information about how the CoC defines things. Please contact Jan if you are willing to help create a glossary.

6. MWVHA Board Report

Ian Dixon-McDonald

The April board meeting was canceled, due to the pandemic. Ian shared the tentative May 14 MWVHA board meeting agenda, which will be reviewed by the Executive Committee on May 5. Ian attends the board meetings on behalf of the Collaborative Committee and is a conduit of information to/from the board. Josh Graves mentioned that an issue that could be shared is the significant impact

federal rent mitigation is having on providers of affordable housing. As an example, CCS experienced a 10% loss in rental income. Ashley noted that COVID-relief funding from both the State and Federal level will be available for rental assistance targeted at prevention evictions.

7. Continuum of Care Updates

Ian Dixon-McDonald

The new MWVHA Website is live at www.MWVHomelessAlliance.org

Please send any questions or suggestions to Jan.

8. Emerging Issues and Next Steps

Kim Parker-Llerenas

Due to time constraints, Kim simply noted the new meeting schedule, which is:

3rd Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Next meetings: May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, etc.

Attendance

Agency	Contact	Attended By Zoom 4/29/20	# Agencies	# ind
CANDO	Sarah Owens	1	1	
CANDO	Michael Livingston	1		
Catholic Community Services	Josh Graves	1	1	
Catholic Communit Services	Ryan Gail	1		
Catholic Community Services/ISN	Jacqueline Gould	1		
Center for Hope and Safety	Jayne Downing	1	1	
Center for Hope and Safety	Kim Carbaugh	1		
Church at the Park	DJ Vincent	1	1	
Church at the Park	Noelle Gore	1		
City of Salem Community Development	Laurie Shaw Casarez	1	1	
CP3	Sue Miller	1	1	
CP3	Najia Hyder	1		
DevNW (formerly NEDCO)	Amy Hamilton	1	1	
Easterseals	Carol Salter	1	1	
Easterseals	Catherine Todd	1		
Easterseals	Andrew Rice	1		
Family Promise	Doug Odell	1	1	
Habitat for Humanity	Adena Warner	1	1	
HUD Regional Office	Todd Adkins	1	1	
Kaiser Permanente	Jennifer Jordan	1	1	
Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub	Lisa Harnisch	1	1	
Marion Co Sheriff's Office, LEAD	Lisa Miller	1	1	
Marion-Polk Food Share	Ian Dixon-McDonald	1	1	
MWVCAA	Dana Schultz	1	1	
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Ashley Hamilton	1		
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Amy Hatfield	1		
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Breezy Aguirre	1		
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Scott Eastburn	1		
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Sara Webb	1		

MWVCAA, HOME Youth & Resource Center	Tricia Ratliff	1	1	
MWV Homeless Alliance	Jan Calvin	1	1	
MWV Homeless Alliance	Carla Munns	1		
NW Human Services	Kristin Kuenz-Barber	1	1	
Oregon DHS - Region 3, Self Sufficiency	Matt Rasmussen	1	1	
Oregon DHS - Region 3, Child Welfare	Janet Herb	1	1	
OHCS	Hunter Belgard	1	1	
OHCS	Shawnn Hartley	1		
Oriole and Falcon House	Eric Rasor	1	1	
Oxford House / Regional	Ed Smith	1	1	
Pacific Source	Elaine Lozier	1	1	
Pacific Source	Cassandra Vigil	1		
Polk County	Lyle Mordhorst	1	1	
Recovery Outreach Comm. Center	Christina Korkow	1	1	
Salem Housing Authority	Nicole Utz	1	1	
Salem Housing Authority	Jack Elliott Vermeer	1		
Salem Housing Authority	Kimberly McBeth	1		
Salem Housing Authority	Christine Jeffries	1		
Salem Housing Authority	Eddie Maestas	1		
Salem-Keizer School District STEP	Julie Conn-Johnson	1	1	
Shangri-La	Robin Winkle	1	1	
Shangri-La	Dominique Schoessler	1		
Silverton Sheltering Services	Hilary Dumitrescu	1	1	
St. Francis Shelter	Jill Tucker	1	1	
(WestCare) VETcare	Brenda Powers	1	1	
(WestCare) VETcare	Donald Phillips	1		
Willamette Workforce Partnership	Kim Parker-Llerenas	1		
Youth ERA	Alberto Maldonado	1	1	
unaffiliated	Tiffany Ottis	1		1
	Chyrr	1		1
	Chloe Campbell	1		1
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