

Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

CoC Performance and Evaluation Committee

March 2, 2020

Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments

MEETING NOTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES: Dan Clem, United Gospel Mission; Craig Oviatt, Salem Dream Center; Carla Munns, staff MWVHI; Shawnn Hartley, OHCS Homeless Services; Aryn Walker, Marion County Health Department; Michael Livingston, CANDO downtown neighborhood association; Dede Hazzard, United Gospel Mission.

Absent Members: Kristty Polanco, Polk Co. (notified of absence in advance)

Guests: Kristty DeFrance and Ryan Gail, Catholic Community Services

INTRODUCTIONS: Dan Clem called the meeting to order and introductions were made around the room. An overview of the Continuum of Care (CoC), CoC history in Marion and Polk counties and CoC purpose.

CHARTER: The committee reviewed a draft Performance and Evaluation Charter which highlights the purpose, responsibilities and roles of the committee.

FUNDING UPDATES: HUD awards discretionary funding through a series of grant programs which support HUD initiatives: affordable housing development and preservation, community and economic development, environment and energy, fair housing, homelessness, homeownership, rental assistance and supportive housing and services. HUD recently announced the release of a NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) for shelter, primarily for primary supportive housing.

In 2009, the government amended McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to consolidate three of the separate homeless assistance programs administered by HUD into a single grant program—the Continuum of Care (CoC) program. Performance measures were added to evaluate CoCs:

1. Measuring effectiveness and performance of CoC as a community-wide system
2. Measuring effectiveness and performance of programs funded by the CoC

OHCS Priorities: veterans and families with children are a top priority, along with housing and retaining housing. The [Statewide Housing Plan](#) defines major priorities over five years, which includes:

1. Equity and Racial Justice
2. Homelessness
3. Permanent Supportive Housing
4. Affordable Rental Housing
5. Homeownership
6. Rural Communities

HMIS: HMIS is the Homeless Management Information System, a technology database used by providers across our community to track and monitor for reasons which include identification of individuals presenting as homeless or housing unstable and creating a “quality by-name list” which will be used in Built For Zero initiative to end chronic and veteran homelessness. Hunter Belgard is OHCS lead for HMIS implementation across state and has been a great resource to MWVHA. HMIS focus is on Coordinated

Entry, which is a “no wrong door” approach for homeless individuals coming into the system at any entry point and all data is input into same system (HMIS). HMIS and Coordinated Entry will allow for the identification of those who want to be placed on a list for housing when available. Next meeting, the group requested we invite Hunter Belgard from OHCS to discuss HMIS, integration of HUD performance measures and the data quality report.

Next Meeting: 3 pm-4:30 pm, April 7th, COG office

Potential Agenda Items: will be to review data available and develop performance measures, report any updates on the NOFA and any changes in the legislature regarding funding, and

Follow up for next meeting:

- Send organization chart
- Send charter
- Conflict Of Interest/Code of Conduct
- System Performance Measures document (HUD)
- Invite Hunter to next meeting for HMIS discussion
- Invite Julie Conn-Johnson from SKSD
- Approve CCS and Julie at board meeting

In May, the committee discussed inviting Jimmy Jones from Community Action Agency to present findings from ROCC’s evaluation of measures, gap analysis, why some areas may or may not have scored high, etc. if available.