Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

CoC Collaborative Committee

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 * 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82165607357?pwd=S0dKbk5hTDh1Y3JYazdrNEJtMndFZz09

MINUTES

Chairs: Ian Dixon-McDonald, Kim Parker-Llerenas
Staff: Jan Calvin, Carla Munns
Attendance is noted at the end of these minutes.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
   Kim welcomed the group. Attendees used the Zoom chat box to type their name and affiliation (organization) in the chat box.

A change was made to the agenda to allow time to discuss the response and needs due to the devastation of the wildfires spanning our region. Ian led a discussion that allowed partners to connect and discuss what their agencies are offering evacuees, how to align efforts to support those experiencing homelessness and unsheltered living throughout the hazardous air quality, and how to respond to those now unsheltered due to wildfire devastation.

2. **Consent Agenda**
   The consent agenda consisted of the Minutes for August 19th Collaborative Committee Meeting. Scott Eastburn made the motion to approve. Robin Winkle seconded the motion. Motion passed with no opposition noted.

3. **Data-Driven Strategies**
   Discussion at the August meeting raised the desire to share MWVHA data with the broader community. Carla shared a condensed Gap Analysis overview. Comments were supportive of having a more concise snapshot of data to share with stakeholders and inform funding decisions. The group requested to receive a draft to review and provide feedback. A consideration was suggested to add some common definitions, such as chronically homeless, as some of the terms are not readily known for those not already familiar with the system.

4. **Voices of Lived Experience**
   The task force to recommend how to better incorporate those with lived experience into CoC decision making has been meeting since June. The task force is finalizing their recommendations and plans to share more at the October 21 Collaborative Committee meeting.

5. **Salem Human Rights Commission Survey**
   Gretchen Bennett, staff to the Salem Human Rights Commission shared that the Commission is interested in gathering information from emergency shelter providers about services and barriers to access. Gretchen screen-shared the Commission's draft survey and asked for input. Feedback included support for gathering the information, questions about how the information would be analyzed, what the Commission intends

to do with the survey results, and a suggestion about including one or two questions into the 2021 Point-In-Time Count surveys.

6. **Annual Charter Review**
   The board identified October as the time for its annual review of the CoC Governance Charter. The Collaborative Committee is also tasked with reviewing the Governance Charter annually and providing recommendations to the board. Jan presented the Governance Charter with some suggested track changes to begin the conversation. Doug moved to approve recommending changes to the charter as proposed in the working document that was screen-shared and Hillary Dumitrescu seconded. Motion passed with no opposition noted.

7. **MWVHA Board, Committee, Subcommittee Highlights**

   a. **Board of Directors** – had a short meeting due to the wildfires.
   b. **BFZ Steering Committee**—case conferencing has begun and obstacles are being addressed as they arise, mainly, identifying ways to better know and understand those individuals on the By-Name List and ensuring agencies familiar with the client are a part of the case conferencing session.
   c. **HMIS Users Workgroup**—launching a training series to offer HMIS users throughout the system; training staff at United Gospel Mission, which just started using HMIS.
   d. **Performance & Evaluation Committee**—approved a workplan which highlights the three areas of responsibilities: preparing process/tools for review and ranking of project applications, CoC-funded and ESG-funded project monitoring and evaluation, and CoC system-wide performance monitoring and evaluation.
   e. **PIT Count Workgroup**—Planning has begun for the January 26th PIT Count, the workgroup is looking for broad participation throughout the region and is considering deploying street outreach coupled with regional magnet events, like Connect events, to draw more individuals to participate in the survey.

8. **Organizational Updates and Next Steps**
   - Jan shared that OHCS plans to release a request for applications (RFA) for ESG-CV2 funds and the CoC will convene a meeting in early October to explore the idea of submitting a collaborative application for services that would be provided throughout Marion and Polk counties.
   - Gretchen Bennett noted the public water in Salem remains unaffected by the wildfire debris and is safe to drink.

9. **Next Meeting (3rd Wednesdays)**
   October 21, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Agency	Contact	Attended 9/16/20	# Agencies	# ind
CANDO	Michael Livingston	1	1	
Catholic Community Services	Josh Graves	1	1	
Catholic Community Services	Ryan Gail	1		
Catholic Community Services/ISN	Jacqueline Gould	1	1	
Center for Hope and Safety	Jayne Downing	1	1	
Center for Hope and Safety	Tara Stephen	1		
Chemeketa Community College	Adam Mennig	1	1	
City of Keizer	Ben Crosby	1	1	
City of Salem	Gretchen Bennett	1	1	
City of Salem Human Rights Commission	Krista Gallagher	1	1	
DevNW	Amy Hamilton	1	1	
Fair Housing Council of Oregon	Jamie Gatewood	1	1	
Family Promise	Doug Odell	1	1	
Habitat & Hope Village	Joe Dabek	1	1	
HUD Regional Office	Todd Adkins	1	1	
Independence citizen (PIT Count Workgroup)	Matt McWilliams	1		1
Marion-Polk Food Share	Ian Dixon-McDonald	1	1	
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Breezy Aguirre	1	1	
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Scott Eastburn	1		
MWV Homeless Alliance	Jan Calvin	1	1	
MWV Homeless Alliance	Carla Munns	1		
MWV Homeless Alliance, PSU Intern	Denae Overman	1		
NW Human Services	Kristin Kuenz-Barber	1	1	
PacificSource	Elaine Lozier	1	1	
SafeSleep UNITED	Lynelle Wilcox	1	1	
Salem Housing Authority	Jack Elliott Vermeer	1	1	
Salem-Keizer School District MVP	Julie Conn-Johnson	1	1	
Shangri-La	Robin Winkle	1	1	
Shangri-La	Dominique Schoessler	1		
Silverton Sheltering Services	Hilary Dumitrescu	1	1	
Veterans Affairs HUD/VASH	Lindsey Bittman	1	1	
Willamette Workforce Partnership	Kim Parker-Llerenas	1	1	
ASL Interpreter	Jordan	1	1	
ASL Interpreter	Candice Kingrey	1		
ASL Interpreter	Sandy Pasual	1		
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