

Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

CoC Performance and Evaluation Committee

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 | 3 pm-5:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Attendees:

Dan Clem, Chair	X	Lisa Trauernicht, Marion County BOC	X
Aryn Walker, Marion County HHS	X	Michael Livingston, CANDO neighborhood Assn	X
Chrisine Lewis, PacificSource	X	Ryan Gail, Catholic Community Services	X
Dede Hazaard, UGM Simonka House	X	Shawnn Hartley, OHCS	X
Julie Conn-Johnson, SKSD MVP Program	X	Staff:	
		Carla Munns, Consultant MWVHA	X
Guests			
N/A			

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dan Clem, Committee Chair

Dan called the meeting to order at 3pm and welcomed the group convened via Zoom. Introductions were made.

2. Standing Items

Carla Munns, MWVHA Staff

Julie made a motion to approve the July and August PE Committee Meeting Minutes. Ryan seconded the motion. Minutes for July and August were approved unanimously.

3. Workplan Development: The PE Committee discussed the three main goals for its workplan:

1. Preparing an application for funds (HUD NOFA) edited a draft PE Committee workplan;
2. Review and monitor CoC-funded and ESG-funded projects; and
3. Review and monitor the community-wide CoC system performance.

Carla screen-shared the draft workplan with the above three main goals of the PE Committee. The committee discussed the question of the committee's gaining access to our CoC's aggregate HMIS data related to the SPMs. Carla reported that she had made inquiries about that and understood from what she'd learned that HMIS user agreements prohibit this from happening due to confidentiality of information stored in HMIS. Michael reported his recent communications with Hunter Belgard, in which Hunter had said that he could assist the committee in getting access to the 700 Series HMIS Reports, would provide the aggregate SPM data. Ryan echoed the importance of receiving the reports and noted that direct HMIS access is not needed as long as the reports are provided to the committee. PE Committee members were in agreement that the committee should and will receive the necessary HMIS reports on the SPMs and APRs. Michael made a motion to approve the PE Committee Workplan with edits. Shawnn seconded the motion to approve. PE Committee Workplan approved unanimously.

a) **CoC-Funded and ESG-Funded Project Evaluation**

Processes in which the PE Committee can deploy to monitor and evaluate CoC-funded projects were discussed. Clackamas CoC, a highly-performing CoC in Oregon, provided technical assistance and explained how and why Clackamas uses their Review and Ranking Process and Scorecards twice a year for evaluating and monitoring CoC-funded projects. The committee discussed the different processes and agreed to streamline expectations of projects and funded agencies by using the Review and Ranking Process and Scorecards to evaluate and monitor project performance. The group felt transparency and consistency with evaluation and ranking were important to maximizing trust and partnership throughout the housing service community in Marion and Polk counties.

b) **Continuum of Care (community, systems-level continuum) Performance Metrics**

Carla screen-shared the 'CoC Metrics Worksheet' developed from the approved MWVHA Strategic Plan. The difference between HUD's seven System Performance Measures (SPM) and the locally developed CoC community metrics was discussed. HUD's seven SPMs are essential to monitor and evaluating system-wide performance. The committee discussed the question of the committee's gaining access to the CoC's aggregate HMIS data related to the SMPs. Carla reported that she had made inquiries and learned that HMIS user agreements prohibit this from happening due to confidentiality of information stored.

The committee agreed to draft a list of reports desired and frequency to provide the HMIS Administrator at the next meeting to ensure desired reports will be provided to the committee for review, monitoring, and evaluation. The committee agreed to develop a list of performance measures from the reports to evaluate and monitor overall system performance, which includes SPMs and potentially additional measures.

4. **Updates: Board, CoC Committee Updates, Other Updates and Follow Up**

Committee members provided local updates:

- **Simonka House:** Continuing face-to-face services, hosted group training for trauma informed care, conduct cognitive therapy, launching a computer room for kids and adults to participate in online learning, women are able to take GED courses, and offering group care. Despite these resources, clients are still battling mental health issues, more so due to COVID and the added trauma occurring on the streets. Many women are graduating the program with a tremendous amount of change.
- **OHCS** has lots of money coming in and working to launch local RFP for to address the massive scale of need seen throughout the state. Applications are open for permanent supportive housing projects.
- **SKSD McKinney-Vento program:** Staff coming back on the job after summer break. The program has already added 27 students into McKinney-Vento program before school has even started.
- **Marion County-** Lisa shared Marion County is developing new Community Development Block Grant starting for the 2021 program year. A local program is beginning after July throughout Marion County, providing opportunity to work more closely with the CoC.
- **Marion County-** Aryn shared Marion County continues to work toward containing the spread COVID-19 in the Health and Human Services Department, conducting contact tracing and connecting individuals to resources. Marion County is closing in on 4,000 cases confirmed positive for COVID.
- **PacificSource-** PacificSource Community Solutions now has 112,000 Medicaid members in Marion and Polk, equating to approximately 12,000 more individual members than previous CCO (last year). Increases are likely due to COVID, unemployment, and policies to keep people on OHP vs. kicking people off of OHP. PSCS is working on an immunization campaign—many kiddos in this region are not immunized, triaging how to get into the community to vaccinate children if families will not come into the clinics. Also looking for how to best serve the homeless population with vaccinations.
- **Michael-** Hunter Belgard has been very helpful and appreciates Shawnn and the resources offered through OHCS—they are invaluable!

Dan adjourned the meeting at 4:33pm. Next Meeting: October 6th, 3pm-4:30pm.