*Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance*

# CoC Collaborative Committee

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 * 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**MINUTES**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
   Meeting was called to order and introductions were requested to be made in the chat box.

2. **Consent Agenda**
   Items for the consent agenda included: (a) November Meeting Minutes and (b) Youth and Young Adults Subcommittee Charter. Carla Munns discussed the transition of the Challenge to End Youth Homelessness Core Team into a formal subcommittee of the Collaborative Committee. The newly-named Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee voted to move forward with becoming an official part of the Continuum of Care. The group drafted a charter to put forth to the Collaborative Committee for consideration. If the Collaborative Committee approves the consent agenda with the charter, the Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee will be a formal subcommittee of the Collaborative Committee.

   Hillary Dumitrescu made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Jill Tucker seconded the motion. No discussion was held. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **THE SYSTEM PLAYERS: ORS 190 Entity**
   The survey conducted in October highlighted the committee's interest in ongoing education around CoC basics. As part of ongoing agenda items to help better understand the CoC, Jan Calvin provided a system overview and introduction to the "ORS 190 Entity."

   The *ORS 190 Entity, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance* is an inter-governmental unit of local government that was established, first and foremost, to serve as the legal entity to support the Alliance. The other two purposes noted in the bylaws are to assure, through cooperation and pooling of common resources, maximum efficiency and economy in governmental operations; and to attain the greatest degree of intergovernmental cooperation possible in the Mid-Willamette Valley to address the problems experienced by people who are homeless.

   Although they do not have to be, the member of the ORS 190 Entity board are the same representatives of the governmental entities that serve on the Alliance board. The ORS 190 Entity board has elected the same leadership (president and vice president) as serves as the Alliance board chair and vice chair – Cathy Clark and Chris Hoy, respectively.

4. **THE PROGRAMS: Wildfire Response**
   Ian Dixon McDonald opened discussion to those working on the wildfire response to share information and ways others can be involved. Ian offered appreciation to the community and the number of agencies who have, and continue to, coordinate specific activities and resources to help individuals and families affected by the September wildfires. Discussion included:

- **Ashley Hamilton, Community Action Agency** – Community Action has been working with the Santiam Service Integration Team and St. Francis Shelter to assess and address the needs of individuals and families displaced by the wildfires, more than 45% of whom were homeless or unstably housed prior to the fires.
- **Kim Travis, Wildfire Recovery Manager with Oregon Housing and Community Services** – OHCS has been coordinating with the Red Cross and others on a Multi-Agency System Transition Team (MASTT) plans and has been working with communities for wildfire recovery and community revitalization. OHCS is conducting a housing impact assessment which will include the launch of a survey, hosting stakeholder meetings, and finalizing a report for distribution in February.
- **Tamra Goettsch, Marion County Community Services Department** – Tamra shared more information about MASTT plans and the on-the-ground work with people housed in local hotels.
- **Jill Tucker, St. Francis Shelter** — Jill described how St. Francis has been using Coordinated Entry to input families identified from wildfire displacement and successfully place families.
- **Project Turnkey** — The Legislature approved funding for Project Turnkey, which is being facilitated through Oregon Community Foundation, to provide emergency shelter options in counties affected by the wildfires. Ashley reported that Community Action Agency and Center for Hope & Safety are in the process of purchasing motels (one each) to increase shelter options for the community. Initially, these facilities will house people affected by the wildfires, then be resources for others experiencing homelessness.
- **Willamette Workforce Partnership** — Kim noted the state issued a $600k federal Department of Labor grant for wildfire relief, intended to help provide humanitarian aid and employment opportunities in the Canyon. Kim will be reaching out as more information is known.
- **Marion-Polk Food Share** — Ian highlighted the success of the Marion-Polk Food Share in securing additional local resources which has allowed for a greater response and delivery of food to locations in the Canyon.

5. **THE BIG PICTURE: Year in Review**
   The committee agreed to move this topic to the January meeting due to time limitations.

6. **THE ACTIVITIES: ESG-CV2 Collaborative Grant Application**
   Jan Calvin presented an overview of the Emergency Services Grant-Coronavirus funding opportunity through OHCS. The CoC is combining proposals from 10 agencies for more than 30 projects to be included in the $5.5m collaborative application for these one-time funds.

7. **EMERGING ISSUES: Access to Services –** *Identify barriers: What are clients telling you*
   In preparation for next month's meeting, please watch your inbox and complete a quick survey that will be distributed at the first of the year. Input will help shape the discussion around access to services and identifying barriers to services.

8. **MWVHA Board, Committee, Subcommittee Highlights**
   A brief list of highlights was included in the meeting packet. Additional highlights were presented at the meeting:
   a. **Board of Directors** – approved consultant contracts, HMIS agency and user agreements, discussed CoC Summit, had presentation from Lisa Harnisch at the Marion-Polk Early Learning Hub, and discussed the Collaborative Committee input for the Summit.
   d. **PIT Count Workgroup** – meeting every Monday in January from 11am-12pm in preparation for the January 26th Point-In-Time Count; even though not required, the

b. **Coordinated Entry Committee** – conducted CE System evaluation. Information will be used to shape policies and procedures and the pending expansion of Coordinated Entry. The committee will be bringing information to the Collaborative Committee in the next few months.
c. **Performance & Evaluation Committee**—beginning to review system performance and project performance, and has agreed to convene a subcommittee to review ESG-CV2 project applications.

community is still planning to conduct an unsheltered count.
e. **Youth and Young Adults Subcommittee** – approved today as an official subcommittee of the CoC Collaborative Committee.
f. **Lived Experience Workgroup**- starting to meet regularly at the end of January (Jan 25th 1-2pm) and would like to have additional members.

**9. Organizational Updates**

a. Salem Housing Authority responded to a fire at Robert Lindsey Tower that displaced 14 residents.
b. Redwood Crossings had an outbreak of COVID-19. Affected residents have been relocated to the COVID-19 hotel to minimize the spread.
c. Salem Housing Authority recently closed their waiting list due to the volume of applications coming in daily. The wait time is now already up to two years.
d. City of Salem is putting together a plan for how to end camping at Wallace Marine and Cascades Gateway parks. Gretchen Bennett is the point of contact for this task - please reach out to her if you'd like to be a part of the conversation. A report will go to Salem City Council January 11.

**10. Next Meeting & Agenda Topics**

Next meeting: January 20, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Potential Topics:

- Year in Review (bumped from December's meeting)
- Point-In-Time Count
- Elaine Lozier requested to discuss the Community Health Improvement Plan in a future meeting. Carla noted it would be helpful to wait until strategies are developed and then gather input from the Collaborative Committee on housing-related strategies and objectives.

**Attendance:**

| Agency | Contact | Attended 12/16/20 | # Agencies |
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| A Ray of Hope, Today!/Neighbors | Ali Swanson | 1 | 1 |
| Bridgeway Recovery Services | Renee Hancock | 1 | 1 |
| CANDO | Sarah Owens | 1 | 1 |
| CANDO | Michael Livingston | 1 | |
| Capital Plaza Resident Services | Tiffany Ottis | 1 | 1 |
| Catholic Community Services/ISN | Jacqueline Gould | 1 | 1 |
| Church at the Park | Josh Erickson | 1 | 1 |
| Church at the Park | Noelle Gore | 1 | |
| City of Keizer | Ben Crosby | 1 | 1 |
| City of Salem Urban Development | Shelly Ehenger | 1 | 1 |
| City of Woodburn Community Development | Jaimie Johnk | 1 | 1 |
| DevNW | Amy Hamilton | 1 | 1 |
| Easterseals | Carol Salter | 1 | 1 |

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| Easterseals | Breanna Harig | 1 | |
| Fair Housing Council of Oregon | Shyle Ruder | 1 | 1 |
| Fair Housing Council of Oregon | Jamie Gatewood | 1 | |
| Family Promise | Doug Odell | 1 | 1 |
| Marion County BOC Office | Lisa Trauernicht | 1 | 1 |
| Marion County Community Services Dept. | Tamra Goettsch | 1 | 1 |
| Marion-Polk Food Share | Ian Dixon-McDonald | 1 | 1 |
| MWVCAA, ARCHES | Ashley Hamilton | 1 | 1 |
| MWVCAA, ARCHES | Lindsay Dent | 1 | |
| MWVCAA, ARCHES | Sara Webb | 1 | |
| MWVCAA, HOME Youth Services | Tricia (Ratliff) Frizzell | 1 | 1 |
| MWVCAA, HOME Youth Services | Hailey Hulsey | 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 | Mary Heite | 1 | 1 |
| Oregon DHS - Region 3, Self Sufficiency | Robert Zapata | 1 | 1 |
| OHCS | Kim Travis | 1 | 1 |
| PacificSource Community Solutions | Elaine Lozier | 1 | 1 |
| Sable House | Deborah Thompson | 1 | 1 |
| Salem Housing Authority | Nicole Utz | 1 | 1 |
| Shangri-La | Robin Winkle | 1 | 1 |
| Silverton Sheltering Services | Hilary Dumitrescu | 1 | 1 |
| St. Francis Shelter | Jill Tucker | 1 | 1 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | Gabriella Cordy | 1 | 1 |
| UGM of Salem | Moises Ramos | 1 | 1 |
| Veterans Affairs HUD/VASH | Lindsey Bittman | 1 | 1 |
| Willamette Workforce Partnership | Kim Parker-Llerenas | 1 | 1 |
| Woodburn Columbia Bank | Elizabeth Koncill | 1 | 1 |
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