

CoC Collaborative Committee

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 * 10:00-11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kim welcomed the group and requested participants type their name and affiliation (organization) in the chat box.

2. Approval of 1/20/21 Minutes

Minutes from the January Collaborative Committee meeting were sent with this agenda. Minutes from the February CoC Summit were approved by the board. Shain Olsen made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Robert Garcia seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Solutions Updates

The January Collaborative Committee meeting included a robust discussion on barriers experienced by those seeking housing or homeless services. The committee was encouraged to provide examples of progress or solutions that have arisen as a result of identifying barriers and gaps in service delivery.

- **Help completing applications for housing vouchers** – Recovery Outreach Community Center (ROCC) made the committee aware of their peer specialists available to any individual or agency seeking assistance navigating the system or wishing to apply for Oregon Health Plan. Christina Korkow, ROCC Executive Director, confirmed that since the January meeting, referrals for assistance have been coming in.
- **Using UniteUS network for CBOs and health organizations to connect and refer individuals**— Community-based organizations (CBOs) and health organizations can refer individuals to Connect Oregon (UniteUs) to get support for resource navigation or signing up for the Oregon Health Plan. The drop-in center is open noon-6pm everyday with resource navigators on hand to provide assistance. Contact Momone Maley at momone.maley@uniteus.com for more information.
- **Criminal history background barriers** – The Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) shared a resource document and offered to provide training to interested agencies seeking to know more about laws surrounding applicants with a criminal history background. The law prevents someone with criminal history background from being denied housing if their criminal history is the blanket cause of denial. If someone applying for housing identifies as having a criminal background, an individualized assessment for applications is available and should be requested. Shyle Ruder explained that landlords are required by law to take pause and consider the stage of life applicants are in now. RV parks are included. Please reach out to Jamie or Shyle at FHCO if interested in training for staff: jagatewood@fhco.org, or sruder@fhco.org.

4. CoC Summit Follow-up

More than 100 people attended the 1st Annual CoC Summit, held on February 11, 2021. Notes from the meeting are included with the agenda for today. Kim asked for feedback from the committee on their experience and take-aways from the Summit. The committee plans to go deeper into these topics at the next Collaborative Committee meeting in April. Comments included:

- Shyle Ruder: “Loved the summit and hearing at a high level what is going on. Breakout sessions were fantastic and wish for another summit with longer time available to attend multiple breakouts. Interesting hearing about rural issues coming up in Marion and Polk County.”

- Tricia Frizzell: “The breakout sessions brought in new people and introduced them to the work happening around youth and young adults (specifically), it was great connecting with partners. I would love more time for the summit, possibly a full day, so we can have more time discussing topics in breakout sessions.”
- Michael Livingston: “There was too little time set aside for the break-out sessions. It would have been of great benefit for the Alliance Board members to participate in at least 2 of the sessions.”
- Elaine Lozier: “It was great to connect with new people. The breakout on rural homelessness was phenomenal.”

5. THE SYSTEM: Equity Assessment

The PACE Team from Willamette University Atkinson Graduate School of Management is completing an equity assessment for the CoC’s homeless services system. Participants in the Collaborative Committee recently completed a survey on equity, diversity, and inclusion. The PACE Team, John Wang, Ryan Withorn, Clara Boline, and Jullian Schrup, shared preliminary findings from the community equity survey. High-level take-aways include:

- Everyone is spread thin
- Measurable, structural, resource, and cultural barriers exist that are excluding people, some within:
 - Translation service barriers
 - Recruitment of bilingual staff
 - Diversity on boards of directors
 - Cultural awareness and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) trainings
 - Inspiring organizational leadership to change
 - Establishing measurable goals for equity
 - Inconsistency across organizations in conducting an equity audit and standardizing an audit
- Majority of survey participants feel there is room for improvement in the system
- The Alliance could take a lead role in offering and standardizing requirements for DEI training

Students will present a full report and recommendations to the Alliance Board of Directors of April 8, 2021.

Equity Resources:

- Meyer Memorial Trust has one tool – <https://mmt.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Meyer-DEI-Spectrum-Tool-2017.pdf>
- Western State Center in Portland (Levy can provide DEI consultation resource)

6. HOMELESS SERVICES – Meeting our Goals

Participants broke out into small groups to discuss:

- a. How could your involvement with the Alliance help you achieve your goals?
- b. What challenges do you see that would be most effectively addressed through the collective action of partners in the Alliance?

7. Organizational Updates & Announcements

- a. **HMIS Local Systems Administrator position:** MWVCAA is hiring a local systems administrator on behalf of the CoC to operate the HMIS systems. The position will work closely with all of the sub-recipients coming online after the ESG-CV2 grant is awarded.
- b. **ESG-CV2 Grant** – ESG-CV2 grant recipients should be hearing this week, results from the collaborative application for approximately \$5.5 mil. [Subsequent follow up: the Alliance received an Intent to Award letter stating full funding of the application.]
- c. **Church at the Park:** hired a new director (Sam Dompier) who will be involved with the Alliance. The pavilion shelter is scheduled to close at the end of the month, discussion still taking place to problem solve and communicate with guests where to go next.

d. **Warming duration sites** are concluding, including those at the fairgrounds and State Street. The City of Salem is working to conclude camping at Wallace-Marine and Cascades Gateway parks and is in discussion to find new locations for residents to go.

8. What's Next

a. PACE Team Report to Alliance Board

April 8, 2021 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

b. Next Meetings & Preliminary Agenda Topics

April 21	May 19	June16
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summit Follow-up• Coordinated Entry System	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Population Planning• System Performance Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Inventory Count• NOFA & Local RFP

Attendance is on the next page

Agency	Contact	Attended 3/17/21	# of Agencies	# of Inds
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		
CBEL	Jim Seymour	1	1	
Catholic Community Services	Nichole Dickey	1	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	
Church at the Park, Operations	Samantha Dompier	1	1	
Church at the Park	Noelle Gore	1		
City of Falls City, City Manager	AJ Foscoli	1	1	
City of Salem	Chuck Bennett	1	1	
Easterseals	Breanna Harig	1	1	
Fair Housing Council of Oregon	Jamie Gatewood	1	1	
Family Promise	Doug Odell	1	1	
Salem First Christian Church	Dena Turner	1	1	
HUD Regional Office	Todd Adkins	1	1	
Mano a Mano	Levi Herrera-Lopez	1	1	
Marion County	Mike Miller	1	1	
Marion Co Sheriff's Office, LEAD	Lisa Miller	1	1	
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Ashley Hamilton	1	1	
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Amy Hatfield	1		
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Breezy Aguirre	1		
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Glenn Muna	1		
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Kaela Lombardi	1		
MWVCAA, HOME Youth Services	Hailey Hulsey	1	1	
MWVCAA, HOME Youth Services	Shain Oleson	1		
MWVCOG	Renata Wakely	1	1	
MWV Homeless Alliance	Jan Calvin	1	1	
MWV Homeless Alliance	Janet Carlson	1		
MWV Homeless Alliance	Carla Munns	1		
MWV Homeless Alliance, PSU Intern	Denae Overman	1		
NW Human Services	Kristin Kuenz-Barber	1	1	
Oregon DHS - District 3, Self Sufficiency	Robert Zapata	1	1	
Oregon DHS - District 3	Rochelle Bettis	1		
Oregon Department of Education	Dona Bolt, 503-947-5781	1	1	
Oregon Housing Alliance	Alison McIntosh	1	1	
OHCS	Hunter Belgard	1	1	
Oregon Mentors	Anne Patton	1	1	
PacificSource, Community Health Coord.	Elaine Lozier	1	1	
PacificSource, Behavioral Health	Teresa Warnock	1		
PacificSource	Christine Lewis	1		
Polk Co Health Services	Kerry Blum	1	1	
Polk Co Community Corrections	Jodi Merritt	1	1	
Recovery Outreach Community Center	Christina Korkow	1	1	
Salem Housing Authority	Nicole Utz	1	1	
Salem Housing Authority	Jack Elliott Vermeer	1		
Salem Housing Authority	Kimm McBeth	1		
Salem Housing Authority	Eddie Maestas	1		
Salem Leadership Foundation	Robert Garcia	1	1	
Shangri-La	Robin Winkle	1	1	
Silverton Sheltering Services	Hilary Dumitrescu	1	1	
Silverton Sheltering Services	Emily Neves	1		
Silverton Sheltering Services	Sarah White	1		
St. Francis Shelter	Jill Tucker	1	1	
United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley	Stephanie Bobb	1	1	
(WestCare) VETcare	Jim Stackhouse	1		
Willamette Health Council	Justin Hopkins	1	1	
Willamette Health Council	Stephanie Jensen	1		
Willamette Univ. PACE Team	Jullian Schrup	1	1	
Willamette Univ. PACE Team	Ryan Whithorn	1		
Willamette Univ. PACE Team	Clara Boline	1		
Willamette Univ. PACE Team	John Wang	1		
Willamette Univ. PACE Team	Miranda Berhard	1		
Willamette Workforce Partnership	Kim Parker-Llerenas	1	1	
unaffiliated	Donna Megy	1		1
unaffiliated	Jackie Franke	1		1
which agency?	Rachel Lakey	1		1
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