CoC Collaborative Committee

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

MINUTES

12. **Welcome & Agenda Review**
Ian welcomed attendees and requested names, affiliations (organization), and new emails, be typed into the chat box.

13. Meeting Minutes
Doug Odell made a motion to approve the 7/21/21 meeting minutes. Hailey Hulsey seconded the motion. No opposition was expressed. Minutes passed unanimously.

14. SOAR Training
Shawnn Hartley, Oregon Housing and Community Services, provided information on SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) training, a program that trains individuals how to increase a client's success in securing benefits. SOAR-trained individuals assisting with applying for benefits have a higher approval rate of benefits than non-SOAR individuals. Approximate SOAR-assisted application approval rate is 60-70%, whereas non-SOAR-assisted application approval rate is approximately 15-20%. Increasing income for participants in CoC-funded programs is one of HUD's seven system performance measures.

The region lacks enough SOAR-trained individuals to meet the need. Shawnn noted the State of Oregon does not offer direct SOAR-trained support outside of General Assistance to assist individuals in obtaining SSI/SSDI benefits. Tamara McClaskey highlighted her work with a disability analyst through the General Assistance program (collaborative disability determination unit) that uses SOAR and experiences an 86% approval rate. Jayne Downing stated Center for Hope and Safety has SOAR-trained staff.

15. Youth Focus
Carla reminded the group of the CoC youth priority. The CoC Youth and Young Adults Subcommittee meets virtually every 3rd Friday of the month from 9:30am - 11am, usually the Friday after CoC Collaborative meetings. The subcommittee is comprised of youth-serving agency representatives and is championing five main goals to address youth homelessness. Youth-related strategies in the Alliance's Strategic Plan were reviewed and provided in the meeting packet.

Tricia Frizzell provided an introduction to the history of local homeless youth committees and efforts, beginning with the Challenge to End Youth Homelessness, and now, the official approval of the CoC Youth Action Board (YAB). Kloi, Angellina, and Dana joined the meeting from the CoC Youth Action Board to talk about their experiences as homeless youth. The YAB named themselves "Backbone" because they have had to grow a strong backbone defending themselves, and because they challenge others to have a backbone and advocate for youth. YAB can be reached through contact with Hailey Hulsey at Hailey.hulsey@mwvcaa.org and 971-304-8023, or CoC Staff Carla Munns, Carla@CSuiteNW.com. If you know of youth and/or young adults who want to join the CoC YAB please email Hailey and she will get them set up or share more info.

Many kudos and words of appreciation were shared with Kloi, Angellina, Dana, and Hailey via the chat box.

Youth -Focused Items in the Alliance Strategic Plan

8.2.1. Increase youth shelter beds in Marion County; and develop shelter beds in Polk County

8.2.2. Initiate conversations with McKinney-Vento Liaisons from school districts within Marion and Polk counties to help address barriers that homeless children and youth face

8.2.3. Explore creating a homeless youth continuum like the one in Portland for the Salem-Keizer area

8.2.4. Secure resources to develop a community plan to address youth homelessness

8.2.5. Implement collaborative case conferencing for youth.

8.2.6. Advance the goals of Youth and Young Adults Subcommittee:

- Develop a Coordinated Entry System for youth that blends into the system for adults
- Expand street-level and other forms of community outreach to better engage youth experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness
- Establish a "Host Home" program that fits the needs in communities in the Marion-Polk region
- Improve local youth data, starting with the Point-In-Time (PIT) Count in January 2020
- Advocate for the use of and funding for evidence-based practices addressing youth homelessness

16. Case Management Survey

Last month the Collaborative Committee brainstormed the type of information to collect to assess current case management resources, capacity, and activities, and identify service gaps, professional development needs/interest, and system improvements.

17. Mini-Training Topics

- Working with people that are distressed (mental health) and living in alternate realities
- Trauma-informed practices and training on trauma-informed care
- Training on Cultural Humility

18. Announcements

- Local RFP Timeline for the HUD CoC Program NOFO was included in the agenda packet.
- The Health and Safety Subcommittee charter is being developed and will be on the September Collaborative Committee meeting agenda for approval, prior to the subcommittee moving forward.

19. What's Next

- Upcoming Collaborative Committee Meetings & Preliminary Agenda Topics were noted.

Attendance is on the next page.

Agency	Contact	Attended 8/18/21	# Agencies	# Indv
A Ray of Hope, Today!/Neighbors	Ali Swanson	1	1	
A Ray of Hope, Today!/Neighbors	Claudia	1		
Bridgeway Recovery Services	Renee Hancock	1	1	
CANDO	Michael Livingston	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	
Church at the Park	Mari Anne Gest	1	1	
Church at the Park	Noelle Gore	1		
City of Salem	Laurie Shaw Casarez	1	1	
City of Salem Police Department, Lt.	Treven Upkes	1	1	
City of Salem Urban Development	Tiffany Ottis	1	1	
Curandi	Chris Barber	1	1	
DevNW	Amy Hamilton	1	1	
Easterseals	Natalie Doerfler	1	1	
Fair Housing Council of Oregon	Shyle Ruder	1		
Family Promise	Doug Odell	1	1	
Family Promise	Kandyce Williams	1		
Habitat & Hope Village	Joe Dabek	1	1	
Mano a Mano	Levi Hererra-Lopez	1	1	
Marion County	Tim Glisson	1	1	
Marion Co Health & Human Services	Susan McLauchlin	1	1	
Marion Co Health & Human Services, CHIP	Sierra Prior	1		
Marion Co Sheriff's Office, LEAD	Lisa Miller	1	1	
Micronesian Islander Community (MIC)	Jackie Leung	1	1	
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Laurel Dixon	1	1	
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Ashleigh Duda	1		
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Glenn Muna	1		
MWVCAA, ARCHES, Veteran Services	Cody Peak	1	1	
MWVCAA, HOME Youth Services	Tricia Frizzell	1	1	
MWVCAA, HOME Youth Services	Hailey Hulsey	1		
MWV Homeless Alliance	Jan Calvin	1	1	
MWV Homeless Alliance	Carla Munns	1		
NW Human Services, HOST	Tamara McClaskey	1	1	
NW Human Services	Kristin Kuenz-Barber	1	1	
OHCS	Shawnn Hartley	1	1	
Oregon Mentors	Anne Patton	1	1	
PacificSource, Community Health Coord.	Elaine Lozier	1	1	
PacificSource, Behavioral Health	Teresa Warnock	1		
PacificSource	Christine House	1		
PacificSource, Integrated Care for Kids	Samantha Baker	1		
Polk County Public Health	Kerry Blum	1	1	
Safety Compass	Heidi Walker	1	1	
Salem Housing Authority	Nicole Utz	1	1	
Salud	Mark Simpson	1	1	
Shangri-La	Robin Winkle	1	1	
Shangri-La	Dominique Schoessler	1		
United Way, SafeSleep UNITED	Lynelle Wilcox	1	1	
United Way, SafeSleep UNITED	Dianne Rush	1		
Veterans Affairs HUD/VASH	Yesica Salguera	1		
(WestCare) VETcare	Ray Powers	1	1	
Willamette Health Council	Stephanie Jensen	1	1	
Willamette Workforce Partnership	Kim Parker-Llerenas	1		
Youth Action Board	Kloi Spencer	1	1	
Youth Action Board	Angelina Moore	1		
Youth Action Board	Dana Buntjer	1		
unaffiliated	Kathy Saviki	1		1
unaffiliated	Nicolas Moras	1		1
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