Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

CoC Collaborative Committee

September 15, 2021

MINUTES

Welcome & Agenda Review - Ian welcomed attendees and requested introductions be made in the chat box.

Meeting Minutes - Kerry Blum made a motion to approve the 8/18/21 meeting minutes. Noelle Gore seconded the motion. Motion passes with no opposition or abstention noted.

Shout Outs and Other Announcements
Ian highlighted the region's progress has been great—so much is going on—and welcomed attendees to share the latest news, expanded and new services, staff changes, partnerships, etc. happening to address homelessness. Happenings shared include:

- **Salem Housing Authority** (SHA) announced Bennett Teal replaced Eddie Maestas; SHA new staff include Tracy White and Abby—Jack Elliott, SHA
- **Fair Housing Council of Oregon** (FHCO) secured grant for Marion/Polk region that includes FHCO hotline enforcement support—Shyle Ruder, FHCO
- **Polk County Behavioral Health** offers same day access for youth and adults to mental health and substance abuse supports, highlighting the capacity for new individuals and that crisis services span 24/7 access. Polk County Behavioral Health services can be accessed in-person same day and website registration: https://www.co.polk.or.us/bh—Kerry Blum, PCBH
- **Salem-Keizer School District** (SKSD) has identified 200 students for its McKinney-Vento Program, the HUD-funded program offered by public schools for youth experiencing homelessness and/or housing insecurity—Julie Conn-Johnson, SKSD
- **Family Promise** started conducting Coordinated Entry assessments for families this week—Doug Odell, FP
- **Church @ the Park** opened a new Portland Road location in partnership with **Catholic Community Services** (CCS) with 20 micro-shelters and car camping. CCS hopes to link sheltering individuals with services offered at the Seymour Center—Nichole Dickey, CCS

Health and Safety Subcommittee
As a representative of the group of Homeless Alliance partners that develop the proposed charter, Justin Hopkins presented the proposed charter for the new Health and Safety Subcommittee. Elaine Lozier made motion to approve the charter. Jayne Downing seconded the motion. Ian echoed his excitement to see this subcommittee come together and move this important work forward. Motion passed unanimously. The next step will be slating an initial membership roster for Collaborative Committee approval. Individuals expressed interest in being a member of the subcommittee.

HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Jan shared an overview of the HUD Continuum of Care Program NOFO and past award history for Marion/Polk region. Funding for the region from the 2021 NOFO is estimated to be between $1m-

$1.3m. The CoC's Consolidated Application, which is due to HUD by 11/16/21, requests information on several topics that CoC staff gathered input from the Collaborative Committee and homeless service providers:

- Discharge planning coordination with systems (e.g.; Foster Care, incarceration, hospitals) to prevent people from being discharged/released without identified housing
- Promoting volunteerism and community service with clients
- The Consolidated Application also asks about how persons with lived experience are active in the CoC. Staff will prepare a short Survey Monkey tool to collect information over the next few weeks.

Emergency Response Shelters Network

Lindsay Dent provided an update on the group that started as the "Warming Shelters Subcommittee" and its recommendation to change the name and charter. The recommended "Emergency Response Shelters Network" aims to expand the scope to include emergency response to extreme heat, wildfire smoke, and frigid temperatures. Lindsay presented the proposed changes in a revised Emergency Response Shelter Network charter. Darren Anderson made motion to approve the updated charter and name change. Noelle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CoC Governance Charter

The Alliance board reviews the CoC Governance Charter annually and requests input on revisions from the Collaborative Committee. Ian began the discussion by sharing the board's proposed revisions. The board adopted charter revisions October 14. Changes include:

- Updating responsibilities of the Coordinated Entry Committee, based on CE Committee recommendations
- Updating the HMIS section, based on changes with the statewide system
- Adding more people with lived experience to the board

MWVHA Board, Committee, Subcommittee Highlights

- **Board of Directors** –YAB members joined the board meeting for a meet and greet; the CoC will be contracting for communications across the region
- **Outreach Managers Team—**developing monthly training opportunities for outreach workers
- **DEI/Voices of Lived Experience Workgroup**—will be meeting soon and reaching out to those who had already expressed interest
- **HMIS Users Workgroup**—MWVCAA is in the process of hiring a new data systems administrator who will also be representing the CoC in the state HMIS governance group
- **PIT Count Workgroup –** First meeting of the season is September 27th; hoping to have more engagement from agencies and jurisdictions in Polk County; please join the planning process to ensure the best possible count across the region

Announcements

Case management assessment work is on hold due to the NOFO.

Best Practices to Address Homelessness

Nearly 50 people responded to the online survey about the types of best practices "mini-trainings" they would like to see and/or deliver at Collaborative Committee meetings. Scheduling is underway for the top survey results to be on upcoming Collaborative Committee agendas:

- Working with individuals experiencing mental health distress (6 interested and 36 very interested)
- Trauma-informed practices (9 interested and 33 very interested)
- Cultural humility (16 interested and 25 very interested)
- Longer training sessions on “Safety in the Field” (17 interested and 21 very interested) are being planned by the Outreach Managers Team.

What’s Next

Upcoming Collaborative Committee Meetings & Preliminary Agenda Topics:

October 20	**November 17**	**December 15**
Winter Warming Plans	Statewide Youth Assessment	Case Management Survey
Data Dashboard Concepts	Consolidated Application	February CoC Summit
Mini-Training	Mini-Training	Mini-Training

Attendance on next page

Agency	Contact	Attended 9/15/21	# Agencies	# ind
A Ray of Hope, Today!/Neighbors	Ali Swanson	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		
Church at the Park, Navigation Serivces Mgr.	Matt Herbert	1	1	
Church at the Park	Noelle Gore	1		
City of Salem	Jared Garson (intern)	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	
Easterseals	Carol Salter	1	1	
Easterseals	Natalie Doerfler	1		
Fair Housing Council of Oregon	Shyle Ruder	1	1	
Family Promise	Doug Odell	1	1	
First Christian Church of Dallas	Darren Anderson	1	1	
MAPS Community Foundation	Kim Hanson	1	1	
Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub	Kiara Yoder	1	1	
Marion Co Health & Human Services, CHIP	Sierra Prior	1	1	
Marion-Polk Food Share	Ian Dixon-McDonald	1	1	
McKinney Vento - North Marion SD 15	Karen Inman	1	1	
McKinney Vento - North Santiam 29J	Susy Saray	1	1	
McKinney Vento - Falls City SD 57	Corrine Symolon	1	1	
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Ashleigh Duda	1	1	
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Glenn Muna	1		
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Lindsay Dent	1		
MWVCAA, De Muniz Resource Center	Michelle Artman	1	1	
MWV Homeless Alliance	Jan Calvin	1	1	
MWV Homeless Alliance	Carla Munns	1		
NW Human Services	Kristin Kuenz-Barber	1	1	
Oregon DHS - District 3	Janet Scott	1	1	
PacificSource, Community Health Coord.	Elaine Lozier	1	1	
PacificSource, Behavioral Health, Accute Care	Christina McCollum	1		
PacificSource, Behavioral Health	Teresa Warnock	1		
PacificSource, Care Coordinator	Heather Pascoe	1		
PacificSource, Integrated Care for Kids	Samantha Baker	1		
Polk County Public Health	Kerry Blum	1	1	
Sable House	Deborah Thompson	1	1	
Salem Housing Authority	Jack Elliott Vermeer	1	1	
Salem Housing Authority	Betty Jordan	1		
Salem-Keizer School District MVP	Julie Conn-Johnson	1	1	
Salem Leadership Foundation	Robert Garcia	1	1	
Salud	Mark Simpson	1	1	
Shangri-La	Robin Winkle	1	1	
Shangri-La	Dominique Schoessler	1		
Silverton Sheltering Services	Hannah Paysinger	1	1	
United Way, SafeSleep UNITED	Lynelle Wilcox	1	1	
Veterans Affairs HUD/VASH	Anna Lookingbill-Steele	1	1	
Willamette Health Council	Justin Hopkins	1	1	
Willamette Health Council	Rachel Lakey	1		
Willamette Health Council	Stephanie Jensen	1		
Willamette Workforce Partnership	Kim Parker-Llerenas	1	1	
unaffiliated	Lindsay Bigelow	1		1
unaffiliated	AGill	1		1
unaffiliated	Alice Cowlthorp	1		1
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