9. What's Next

September 21	October 19	November 16
• Strategic Plan Update • Mini-Training: TBA	• Youth Services Update • Mini-Training: TBA	• Rural Communities Update • Mini-Training: TBA

10. Announcements

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Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

CoC Collaborative Committee

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

MINUTES

Welcome & Agenda Review

Ian Dixon-McDonald, Committee Co-chair welcomed everyone and invited people to type their name and organization in the chat box. Add your email address if we don't have it. People new to the Collaborative Committee meeting introduced themselves. *Welcome to Jason Wellburn, Marion County Health & Human Services! Congratulations to Christine Sommers on her new position with Marion County Housing Authority!*

Kudos / Comments of Appreciation

People took the opportunity to give a shout out to individuals and agencies who they have been working with to recognize them for what they do or just who they are.

Meeting Minutes

Jayne Downing moved approval of 5/18/21 meeting minutes; Adam Mennig seconded; approved with no dissent

Case Management Study

The Alliance has the opportunity to work with a PSU Intern to collect information about homeless services case management in our region. We will discuss the scope of the study and identify people interested in providing feedback and guidance over the course of the project (mid-July through mid-September). Things we hope to learn through the study include:

- How do we define "case management" within homeless services?
- Who does case management?
- Where and with whom?
- Size of caseload?
- Length of time?
- What skills do case managers have?
- What skill-development do they need?

The ways people can help include:

- Establish how we define "case management" within homeless services
- Determine how to gather the information (surveys, focus groups, etc.)
- Decide who we survey
- Provide feedback on the questions to be asked
- Help identify the most significant findings

Jan will follow up with the people who volunteered to help:

- Michael Couch
- Christine Sommers
- Hailey Hulsey
- Lynelle Wilcox

Strategic Plan

The attached PowerPoint presentation recapped the activities of the remaining groups and their priorities for 2022-23. The Alliance board will be adopting a revised Strategic Plan in August.

Priorities for 2022-23

Adam Mennig, Committee Co-chair noted that, collectively, Alliance partners, committees, and local communities are providing incredible leadership and an unprecedented level of resources to end and prevent homelessness across the Marion-Polk region. The need is great, and the effort must be multi-faceted. However, there must also be an agreed-upon set of priorities to maximize our collective success. We split into breakout rooms to answer the following questions about our collective regional priorities for 2022-23.

1. **What else should we be doing to address the needs of our two priority populations (chronically homeless and/or youth)?** <u>The group focused on the needs of youth and young adults.</u>
    - Better connect – need to modernize our communications - be innovative and creative!
        - Hailey offered to provide a class
        - Outreach teams, particularly with TAY population
    - Provide housing
    - Housing search assistance
    - Extend day center hours
    - Connecting with schools, seamless (900 graduates homeless per HOST)
    - Adults need to be educated on how to connect with young people (shift system paradigms)

- Use the QR code developed through the YYA Subcommittee and updated by HOME Youth Services
- Tap into UniteUs resource network (Connect Oregon)
    - Present info at Collaborative Committee

2. **What are the main messages for the general public around homelessness? What do you tell people?**
    - Meeting general pubic where they are at, engaging around their thoughts, and then offer solutions to the issues that individuals from the public surface
    - Show impact though action
    - Tour/Presentations that highlight the people we serve; my prior conceived beliefs vs impact of serving this community and how it has changed my beliefs; impact of trauma on the brain
    - Explaining that many clients we serve are situationally homeless; homelessness can take many forms
    - The Homeless Brain…Stephen Goins with NW Human Services (Training opportunity)
        - https://kmuz.org/episode/willamette-wake-up-03-13-2018-the-homeless-brain/
    - Outreach to neighborhood associations; show impact, let folks know ahead of time prior success
        - I second what Nicole said! When we moved into our Mosaic property (Project Turnkey hotel), we did visit the nearby neighborhood associations. There had been some concern with neighbors, but once we shared who we are, what we do, and the supports we provide, they were very supportive. We also gave them our office number should they ever have a concern and assured them we want to be a good neighbor. (And in 8 months, we haven't heard from anyone!)

3. **Should there be any changes to the Alliance organizational structure to better support collective efforts?**
    - How can we shorten the wait time between funds approved and received?
    - Have a group that focuses on DV and human trafficking
    - Implement ways to unify with the board on messaging, public education
    - How can the CoC be seen as the "go-to" organization about homelessness?
        - Who can be the spokesperson?

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July 20	August 17	September 14
Meeting Canceled	• Youth Services Update • Mini-Training: TBA	• Rural Communities Updates • Mini-Training: TBA

Announcements

- The next meeting of the **Oregon Statewide Unhoused Response and Recovery Network** will be held Friday, June 17, at 10 a.m. All notes and materials can be found on the OHCS website. Email Elisabeth Rios-Brooks to be added to the group.
- Join the next **Mid-Valley Suicide Prevention Coalition Quarterly Meeting** on July 19, 3 pm – 4:30 pm. Zoom meeting link: MVSPC Quarterly Meeting This is an exciting time for us in the coalition because we're looking at redefining what the goals and objectives of the coalition is and how best to serve our communities. We are inviting folks to participate in our Technology Needs Workgroup and Suicide Prevention Month Messaging Workgroup. To learn more or join, please contact either Abby Warren, warren.abby@co.polk.or.us, or Scott Vu, svu@co.marion.or.us
- Bridgeway Recovery Services has opened Phase 1 of their new **Bridgeway Recovery Plaza** in downtown Salem to better treat mental health, chemical dependency, and problem gambling. Within the next few years, Phase 2 will build onto their campus a detox center and primary care clinic, bringing most of their services into one place. **The goal:** to increase access in downtown

Salem where treatment for mental health and chemical dependency is "in full view" to reduce stigma of seeking help. Click here to read more about the Bridgeway Recovery Plaza!

- **The Salem Area Emergency Housing Network** meeting is back up and running in person. If you would like additional information for meeting dates and times - Please contact Fawn Reed with SHA. Email: FReed@salemhousingOR.com
- **Crossroads Communities** is hosting "Lunch and Learn" event in Lebanon in conjunction with the Lebanon Soup Kitchen. If anyone is interested in joining us, it is next Thurs, the 23rd, from 12-1. Contact Michael Couch, michael.couch@crossroadsc.org

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