# Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

## CoC Collaborative Committee

**Wednesday, September 21, 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.

**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**
8/17/22 meeting minutes were approved with no dissent.

**Fair Housing Council of Oregon Training**
Mel Keller and Marlee Baker provided training on fair housing for LBGTQ+ population, including laws and resources to support equity and fair housing.
**PowerPoint is posted on the CoC website. Additional Resources shared during the meeting:**

- *www.FHCO.org*
- *Moving Forward With A Past – A Re-entry Guide* (English) This guide talks about advocating for people who have barriers to housing, like poor credit history and criminal history https://fhco.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/ReentryGuide_FHCO_2018.pdf
- *Fair Housing Guide for People with Disabilities* https://fhco.org/wp-content/uploads/20

**Comprehensive Plan for Serving Individuals and Families with Severe Service Needs**
Jan Calvin shared information about the HUD Special NOFO for addressing unsheltered homelessness among people with severe service needs. The following are examples of strategies suggested during the first meeting of the workgroup that is helping to create the plan.

***Severe Service Need*** means any combination of the following factors:

- Facing significant challenges or functional impairments which require a significant level of support to maintain permanent housing
- High utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities
- Currently living in an unsheltered situation or having a history of living in an unsheltered situation
- Experiencing a vulnerability to illness or death
- Having a risk of continued or repeated homelessness
- Having a vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking, or sex work

Better ideas for conducting **coordinated and comprehensive outreach**

- Services working better together (i.e.: cross-referral, real-time information on wait lists)
- Systems Navigators to walk with unsheltered people to access services/systems (Child Welfare, healthcare, Corrections)

Better ideas for providing access to low-barrier **shelter and other temporary accommodations**

- Mobile app with shelter info and messaging system to alert clients
- Petcare available at shelters

Better ideas for providing immediate access to low-barrier **permanent housing**

- Establish bridge housing – place to stay while getting ready for permanent housing placement
- Replicate Institute for Supportive Housing framework and toolkit; agreed upon definition of PSH and vision for local implementation; best practices for providers of different services

**Case Management Study**

Jan thanked the people who helped develop the two surveys (one for administrators and one for direct service providers) to collect information about homeless services case management in our region. The Collaborative Committee recommended completing these surveys in early November.

**2022 Gaps Analysis**

Members of the Collaborative Committee engaged in a Jeopardy-style game about the 2022 Gaps Analysis, which is posted on the Alliance website.

**What's Next**

Adam noted the topics for upcoming meetings and asked people to contact Jan with suggestions for training topics.

| October 19 | November 16 |
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| • Youth Services Update<br>• Mini-Training: Equity Lens | • Rural Communities Update<br>• Mini-Training: TBA |