CoC Collaborative Committee

January 18, 2023 Minutes

Welcome & Agenda Review – Adam Mennig welcomed everyone and ask people to enter their name in the Chat and an email address if we don't have it. People new to the group introduced themselves. Kudos were shared in appreciation of people throughout the region.

Meeting Minutes – Jayne Downing moved approval of the November meeting minute; Ian Dixon-McDonald seconded; approved by consensus.

Subcommittees – Adam noted that the Collaborative Committee has the authority to create subcommittees and officially has five. However, only three of them are active. Based on the following information, the committee decided to sunset the Veteran Subcommittee and the Emergency Response Shelters Network. Motion made by Corissa Neufeldt; seconded by Jayne Downing; approved by consensus.

> **The Veteran Subcommittee** was created for general networking and coordination of Veteran services. Since then, the Built for Zero Veteran Case Conferencing Team has evolved and is where Veteran service providers have opted to invest their time.
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> **The Emergency Response Shelters Network** was originally created to develop and share best practices for temporary warming shelters. The group first met monthly, then quarterly, and has not met in the past year. Community Action Agency has provided leadership, and, in many cases, funding for many situational shelters across the region (warming/cooling/wildfire smoke).

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Equity Lens

During the last two meetings the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee introduced an "equity lens" for use throughout the CoC. Jesse Peone III, chair of the DEI Subcommittee asked that the Collaborative Committee adopt the Equity Lens for use with policy and budgetary decisions. He noted that the group had requested edits to simplify the second question in the tool, which still needs to be done. Based on that assurance, the committee agreed to adopt the Equity Lens. Motion made by Corissa Neufeldt; seconded by Jesse Peone III; approved by consensus.

Ian Dixon McDonald noted that the DEI Subcommittee will update the tool and discuss specific recommendations that the Collaborative Committee may choose to make to the CoC Board for use of the Equity Lens throughout the CoC. Jan mentioned that it would be helpful to outline specific steps that might be used for implementation of the new tool, should a recommendation be presented to the board.

Salem Navigation Center

Jimmy Jones, Community Action Agency Executive Director and Sara Webb, Program Director presented information on the new Navigation Center slated to open in in Salem this spring. Target date is April 1. The PowerPoint presentation is posted on the Collaborative Committee page of the CoC website at
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Sara Webb highlighted that the ultimate goal is client stabilization and welcomed client-driven collaborative case management. She also invited people to contact her with suggestions and/or questions, at sara.webb@mwvcaa.org

PIT Count

Lisa Trauernicht thanked Sara Webb and Matt Herbert for serving on this year's PIT Count Workgroup and provided the latest information about the upcoming PIT Count. The region is divided into rural Polk County, rural Marion County, and 7 areas in Salem/Keizer, with gathering locations for each. Volunteers continue to sign up at Point-in-Time (PIT) Count 2023 – Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance (mwvhomelessalliance.org)

Two to three more "key volunteers" are still needed to host gathering locations on Saturday morning (1/28). Polk County is holding a "Connect" event, and HOST and HOME are holding stationary events for youth and young adults.

Jan Calvin noted that the Sheltered portion of the PIT Count will be tallied with the use of HMIS (and comparable databases for DV providers). The Counting Us Sheltered Survey will be used only for Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing programs that do not use HMIS.

Board of Directors

Ian Dixon-McDonald reported that Polk County Commissioner Jeremy Gordon has been elected as the new chairperson of the CoC board; Chris Hoy continues as vice-chair.

Jan Calvin noted that the joint meeting of the Collaborative Committee and board will not occur as previously anticipated on 2/9, so the Collaborative Committee will have its next meeting on February 15.

What's Next

February 15	March 15	April 19
• PIT Count Debrief • Local Data	• Public Health Presentation • Conversation with CoC Chair	• Salem Housing Authority - PSH • Strategic Planning

Attendance on next page.

Agency	Contact	Attended 1/18/23	# Agencies	# ind
A Ray of Hope, Today!/Neighbors	Ali Swanson	1	1	
CANDO	Michael Livingston	1	1	
Catholic Community Services/ISN	Kahlil Haamit	1	1	
CBEL	Carla Munns	1	1	
Center for Hope and Safety	Jayne Downing	1	1	
Center for Hope and Safety	Sara Brennan	1		
Chemeketa Community College	Adam Mennig	1	1	
Cherriots (Salem Area Transit)	Lisa Carignan	1	1	
Church at the Park, Navigation Serivces Mgr.	Matt Herbert	1	1	
Church at the Park	Sean Robertson	1		
City of Salem Urban Development	Tiffany Ottis	1	1	
Curandi	Chris Barber	1	1	
Easterseals	Roy McClain	1	1	
Fair Housing Council of Oregon	Mel Keller	1	1	
Family Promise	Doug Odell	1	1	
Grace House	Kimberly (Nowlin) Allison	1	1	
Marion Co Health & Human Services	Corissa Neufeldt	1	1	
Marion Co Health & Human Services	Annette Jensen	1		
Marion Co Housing Authority	Christine Sommer	1	1	
Marion Co Sheriff's Office, LEAD	Josh Wolf	1	1	
Marion-Polk Food Share	Ian Dixon-McDonald	1	1	
Cascade Family Resource Center	Cheryl Harmon	1	1	
Micronesian Islander Community	Jackie Leung	1	1	
MWVCAA	Jimmy Jones	1	1	
MWVCAA, ARCHES	Sara Webb	1	1	
MWV Homeless Alliance	Jan Calvin	1	1	
MWV Homeless Alliance	Lisa Trauernicht	1		
NW Human Services	Kristin Kuenz-Barber	1	1	
NW Human Services, HOST Program	Shanta Frisbee	1	1	
NW Human Services, HOST Program	Lexi Meyer	1		
Oregon DHS - District 3, Self Sufficiency	Kelly Williams	1	1	
Oregon DHS - District 3, Self Sufficiency	Rochelle Bettis	1		
PacificSource	Elaine Lozier	1	1	
Polk County Health	Laura Moran	1	1	
Sable House	Deborah Thompson	1	1	
Salem Housing Authority	Sara Quick	1	1	
Santiam Hospital	Rylie Tiffin	1	1	
Shangri-La	Dominique Schoessler	1	1	
UGM of Salem, Simonka Place	Brenda Newey	1	1	
Veteran's Health Administration	Tasha Sloan	1	1	
WorkSource Salem, Disabled Vet Outreach	Dale Moffett	1	1	
unaffiliated, chair of DEI Subcommittee	Jesse Leppold-Peone	1	1	
unknown	Alesha Sangstrom			1
unknown	Macy Hanlon			1
unknown	Jennifer O			1
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