Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

CoC Collaborative Committee

March 15, 2023 Minutes

Welcome & Agenda Review

Ian Dixon-McDonald welcomed everyone and ask people to enter their name in the Chat and include 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.

Committee Business

- **Minutes** - Robin motioned and Jayne seconded approval of the 2/15/23 meeting minutes.
- **Code of Conduct Form** - Ian reminded everyone to complete their Code of Conduct Attestation Form and send it to Jan this month.
- **Quarterly agenda-planning opportunity** – Ian invited committee members to participate in planning agendas for the next 3-4 months; a one-meeting commitment.

Conversation with Alliance Board Chair Jeremy Gordon

Polk County Commissioner Jeremy Gordon serves as the chair of the Alliance board and president of the ORS 190 Entity (the legal body that supports the Alliance). He attended the meeting to share a bit about his experiences and vision for the CoC in a conversation with the Collaborative Committee.

Governor's Executive Order 23-02

The group discussed the Governor's Executive Order 23-02 and the local plan for approximately $14M of the statewide allocation of $130M to expand low-barrier emergency shelter beds, rapidly rehouse people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, and prevent people from becoming homeless.

- The Marion/Polk plan was submitted to the State on March 10.
- The State will approve the plan and send additional information back on March 17.
- The ORS 190 Entity & Alliance Executive Committee will hold a special meeting on March 21 to approve the RFP process for funding to meet the local goals:
    - Create at least 80 new low-barrier shelter beds
    - Rapidly house 150 unsheltered households
    - Prevent 1,113 households from unsheltered homelessness

For more information, visit the *Governor's Executive Order page* on the Alliance website.

MINI-TRAINING: Infectious Disease Control

Jessica Estrada and Paul Keltner from Marion County Public Health Division presented information about the urgency and prevalence of infectious diseases locally and how to prevent, curb, and respond to infectious diseases within the homeless services system. Provided local data and described what happens at a public health clinic. Screening, education, prevention strategies, PEP and PrEP preemptive medications, etc. Explained the services available beyond the clinic setting,

including a mobile health van, outreach, and education in the field. Also distribute bus passes for high-needs populations, respond to basic needs for food and clothing, and help them sign up for Oregon Health Plan, if not already enrolled. The training PowerPoint is available on the Alliance website.

Committee Updates and Announcements

Robin Winkle noted that the Built for Zero Case Conferencing Team meets at 2:00 pm today and invited anyone interested in participating to contact her.