

A Home for Everyone (HFE) Coordinating Board

Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2015

Facilitated by: Initiative Director, Marc Jolin and Co-chairs
 Prepared by: Carrie Young; Reviewed by: Jurisdictional Staff Members

Members present: Rihana Ansary, Carolyn Bateson, Israel Bayer, Ed Blackburn, Stacy Borke, Michael Buonocore, Beth Burns, Shannon Callahan (Commissioner Saltzman rep.), Mary Carroll (Chair Kafoury rep.), Lee Po Cha, Sandra Clark (Michael Anderson-Nathe rep.), Jillian Detweiler (Mayor Hales rep.), Rene Dubois, Elisa Harrigan (Michael Parkhurst rep.), Alexa Mason, Andrew McGough, Matt Morton, Art Rios, Sr., Martha Strawn Morris, Derald Walker, Bobby Weinstock (Susan Emmons rep.), Jill Weir (Jean DeMaster rep.), Sara Westbrook. **Staff:** Rose Bak, Jennifer Chang, Ryan Deibert, Rachael Duke, Sally Erickson, Debbie Fox, Torrey Giaquinta, Caitlin Harrington-Smith, Liv Jenssen, Mary Li, Seth Lyon, Javier Mena, Annie Neal, Bimal RajBhandary. **Guests:** Tony Bernal, Kris Billhardt, Anna Cale, Sam Chase, Jim Crowell, Terri Crowell, Susan D'Alessandro; George Devendorf, Mark Fagerstrom, Alex Glover, Raphael Goodblatt, Suzanne Hayden, Jose Ibarra, Jes Larson, Shasta Leming; Rachel Post, Samantha Ridderbusch, Shannon Singleton, Kris Smock, Becky Straus, Nikolai Ursin, Briana Winterborn.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes	Co-chairs called meeting to order and commenced introductions. Minutes were approved by consent.	
Public Comment - Stacy Borke, Co-chair	Jim Crowell shared that e-Tech’s mission is to provide the highest quality environmentally-friendly shelter at the lowest possible price to the greatest number of people. He further shared that e-TECH will transform construction by using Lego-like systems that enable a few unskilled workers in less than a few weeks to assemble precision components into earth-friendly, energy generating, with a regenerative design that is sustainable and disaster-durable. More information can be found on the website at http://www.e-techgreen.com .	Marc to send website link to board members.
City of Portland & Multnomah County Proposed Budgets - Mary Li, Multnomah County - Jillian Detweiler, Office of Mayor Charlie Hales	<p>Mary Li shared some significant investments related the A Home for Everyone’s work in the FY16 Multnomah County Chair’s proposed budget.</p> <p>Shannon Callahan reviewed the City of Portland’s FY15-16 Proposed Budget. The Portland Housing Bureau has released the NW Raleigh request for proposal (RFP) for affordable housing development on a parcel at NW 14th and NW Raleigh.</p> <p>Rachel Duke reviewed the Home Forward commitments that will help support the work of HFE which included the following; plans to allocate 250 tenant based vouchers dedicated to families, plans to allocate up to 500 project based vouchers over the next three to five years, and plans to set aside 50 vouchers for Veterans that not eligible for VA healthcare due to their discharge status.</p> <p>Elisa Harrigan shared that Meyer Memorial Trust (MMT) has dedicated more than \$15 million in investments over the next five years to implement the Affordable Housing Initiative Framework</p>	Elisa will send the information for the MMT RFPs to Marc to be sent to the board members.

	<p>through a series of RFPs, directed grants and other investments. MMT currently has two funding opportunities related to affordable housing. The first funding opportunity, supports MMT Affordable Housing Initiative's (AHI) goal to foster innovation by expanding low-income renters' access to safe, decent, affordable housing in existing private market units. The second funding opportunity, invites proposals from collaboratives working to better align affordable housing with services that contribute to residents' stability and success. More information about the two RFPs can be found at http://www.mmt.org/access-affordable-housing.</p>	
<p>2015 Point-in-Time Count Report - Kris Smock, Kristina Smock Consulting/Point-in-Time Coordinator</p>	<p>Kris Smock led the group in a presentation that outlined the background and highlighted the key findings of the 2015 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count. The attendees were provided a copy of the 2015 PIT Report commissioned by the Portland Housing Bureau on behalf of A Home for Everyone and the continuum of care. The report details the results of a count conducted on January 28, 2015 of all people sleeping outdoors, in vehicles, or other places not meant for human habitation and all people sleeping in emergency shelters and transitional housing. The report also contains an estimate of the number of people who were doubled up for economic reasons; living with family or friends as an alternative to sleeping on the streets or in a shelter. The Street and Shelter Counts are conducted together every two years, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). While no methodology is perfect, Portland/Multnomah County's count is comprehensive and, because it has not changed significantly, we are able to compare outcomes over time. This is the seventh point-in-time count that has been conducted since 2007. At the most general level, there was essentially no change in the number of unsheltered people compared to 2013. There was a 14% reduction in the Shelter Count, and this is almost entirely a function of certain emergency shelter and transitional housing beds being redefined by HUD as a form of permanent housing (specifically, rapid re-housing). Without the definitional change, it would be a very small increase in the total street and shelter homeless populations since 2013 reported. Kris highlighted that there was significant and troubling increases among some groups such as African American adults who were unsheltered (48% increase from 2013) and unsheltered families (24% increase).</p> <p>Marc asked for board members to call out issues that they would like addressed in the letter to go to the Executive Committee as preface in the PIT report. If there are further data points needed and/or further analysis that should be done to better understand and to make strategic decisions, then it should be included. Marc opened the floor for discussion. The following points were brought up by board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was desire to know more about the increase in the unsheltered population of people over 55. • There was discussion about that the state of being homeless is trauma/traumatic and mental/behavioral health is severely undercounted. 	

- There was discussion about gathering more meaningful data (for example; questions regarding incarceration/jail/corrections, access to healthcare) and gathering more data on the doubled up population.
- There is a need to work with partners on how to best engage and provide quality picture to be responsive.
- Request for a more detailed drill down into the data and look across multiple years, specifically the impact on communities of color.
- There was discussion on adding board members such as faith based partners, members from the private landlord community and other members from the private community (businesses, etc.), as well as, a need to be more collaboration among the organizations outside of the board meetings.
- There is a need to know more about contributing root causes to this issue, and to put the time and resources into addressing the root cause rather than the symptoms.
- It was suggested that policy makers and elected officials need to be mindful about regulations, like SDC increases, that pose significant barriers to development, particularly affordable housing and workforce housing projects. If we are going to incent the private sector we need to be mindful of those issues.
- It was concerning that 45% of the homeless women are affected by DV.
- goal of closing the disparity/gap in the over-representation of the communities in color that there is a risk of seeing the gap increase even higher, because of the factors of accessing housing and discrimination and other root causes. If the goal is not called out, then we run the risk of exacerbating the issue.
- The board needs a more complete picture of what communities of color are experiencing and need to dive deeper into the data that is available from other resources to identify the action steps and goals that make sense. Also, will need to identify a systematic way to count the doubled up population, it has a real effect on how we understand the demographics of the homeless population.

The City of Portland will convene several conversations with leaders in the African American community to help policy makers, community leaders and service providers develop more effective strategies to meet the needs of this community.

Ryan shared that they took a look at the model used for the HFE Action Plans; one of the primary data sources was from the 2013 PIT and needed to check if the assumptions still hold and update the baseline numbers. It has not been conclusive, mainly because there are other data factors that need to be update also. We should be able to come back in August to talk about, does this look significantly different with the 2015 PIT numbers.

	<p>Sally added that the PIT count has a lot of limitations, it is a snapshot and is information collected by volunteers. Coordinated assessment will be able to capture meaningful data and be able to get a much better picture of homelessness in the community over a year.</p> <p>Marc, the co-chairs and jurisdictional staff will be putting together a letter from the board in the next couple of days to send to the Executive Committee for their review and approval. The board was asked to provide quick responses to get it turned around in a timely fashion.</p>	
<p>Closing Comments/Next Meeting - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 1, 2015, from 3:00-5:00pm. Meeting is adjourned.</p>	