

## A Home for Everyone: Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2015

**Facilitated by:** Chair Deborah Kafoury  
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**Members Present:** Jules Bailey, Karylenn Echols, Charlie Hales, Marc Jolin, Deborah Kafoury, Alexa Mason, Michael Parkhurst, David Widmark, Shannon Callahan.  
**Staff:** Sally Erickson, Mary Carroll, Ryan Deibert, Mary Li, Traci Manning, Shannon Singleton, Ian Slingerland, Joe Walsh.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	<p><b>Deborah Kafoury, Chair, Multnomah County:</b>            Welcomed everyone and introductions were made.</p>	
<b>Home For Everyone Initiative Director Introduction</b>	<p><b>Charlie Hales, Mayor, City of Portland:</b>            Welcomed Marc Jolin in his new role as Initiative Director and offered the Executive Committee’s support to him in carrying out the work of the Initiative.</p> <p><b>Marc Jolin, HFE Initiative Director:</b>            Ending homelessness has been Marc’s focus for nearly 2 decades. In preparation for this new position he has met with staff who are currently working on the Initiative to understand their goals and how he can best support them. He is reaching out to local stakeholders and to our federal partners, and he is committed to ensuring that people who are homeless have a significant voice in the Initiative.</p>	
<b>Updates on Executive Committee Members’ work to end homelessness</b>	<p><b>Michael Parkhurst, Meyer Memorial Trust:</b>            Meyer Memorial Trust is in the process of a Strategic Plan. They are excited to be involved with this jurisdictional work.</p> <p><b>Jules Bailey, Multnomah County Commission:</b>            Multnomah County is in support of Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare’s proposal for Social Impact Bonds.</p> <p><b>Deborah Kafoury, Chair, Multnomah County:</b>            The Executive Budget is due. Multnomah County has \$7 million in new ongoing funds. A Home For Everyone: Coordinating Board is doing a lot of work to help the initiative move forward.</p>	

	<p><b>Charlie Hales, Mayor, City of Portland:</b>          The City of Portland is at the beginning of its budget process. \$14 million of one-time funding will be available. The Mayor and Chair Kafoury will confer as they prepare respective proposed budgets. City Council is reworking Urban Renewal Areas (URA). This will be the first major part of URA streamlining. The Set-Aside funding for the North Macadam area will increase. City of Portland is determining how to use the funds from the set-aside.</p> <p><b>Karylinn Echols, Gresham City Council:</b>          City of Gresham is currently going through their budget process. It will be a couple more months before they can determine what funding is available. There may not be any new funding available, and there may be budget reductions. They have created the Gresham Homelessness Action Team (GHAT) and are excited with the partnership and efforts around the Street Count.</p> <p><b>David Widmark, Home Forward:</b>          Home Forward is in the middle of their budget process. There is stability for their programs. They do not have enough apartments to house people, but are working on leveraging more units. This is not the only way they are contributing, but it is a big piece. Because of Home Forward’s structure, Mr. Widmark suggested, and the committee agreed, that Home Forward’s Executive Director, Michael Buonocore, be Home Forward’s official representative on the Executive Committee going forward.</p> <p><b>Shannon Callahan, Comm. Saltzman’s Office:</b>          North/Northeast Neighborhood Housing Strategy will be going to Council on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The Strategy has 3 parts; rental, home ownership, land acquisition. City Council also approved awards from a separate Request For Proposal (RFP) soliciting new or expanded services for people experiencing homelessness. Successful proposers included JOIN, NAYA, and Catholic Charities, which collectively were awarded \$750,000 in ongoing City general funds. The funds are available from January 2015 through June 2016, and will help to end homelessness for 144 households.</p>	
<p><b>Action Plan to House all Homeless Veterans</b></p>	<p><b>Marc Jolin, HFE Initiative Director:</b>          At the last Executive Committee meeting the committee was charged to adopt an Action Plan to house all homeless veterans.</p> <p><b>Alexa Mason, Co-chair, HFE Coordinating Board (Portland Rescue Mission):</b>          There are 5 workgroups working on Action Plans: Veterans, Health, Safety Off the Street, Economic Opportunity/Workforce and Housing. At the direction of the Executive Committee the Veterans Action Plan was the first to be completed. The HFE Coordinating Board reviewed and approved all recommendations from the Veterans Action Plan at its January meeting. The remaining Action Plan</p>	

	<p>groups will present their plans to the Coordinating Board and Executive Committee in March.</p> <p><b>Sally Erickson, Portland Housing Bureau:</b>                  Sally Erickson is leading a group called Operation 424, which initially was tasked with ending chronic homelessness among veterans. As part of the federally chartered “25 Cities Initiative” and at the direction of the Executive Committee, Operation 424 expanded its charge to develop a plan to end all veterans homelessness by the end of 2015. To succeed, Operation 424 will need full use of new federal resources, continued funding of local initiatives, limited new Rapid Rehousing rent assistance, new targeting of existing resources, and increased focus on integrating Veteran services into a system of care. Using the best available data, Operation 424 estimates that by the end of 2015, there are 2,128 veterans in our community who will experience homelessness. Our current system, if all federal and local resources are fully deployed, has the capacity to meet the housing needs of 2,021 of those. That leaves a gap of 107, which Operation 424’s plan proposes to fill with a combination of reprioritized and new resources. The re-prioritized existing resources will include a small number of Housing Choice Vouchers with locally-funded services, access to HUD-funded housing &amp; services, and a dedicated ADS worker. New resources will be in the form of expanded rental assistance and some additional support service staffing.</p> <p>PHB has scheduled meetings with nonprofits to discuss obstacles to project-basing VASH vouchers. Outreach and communication will be needed from this partnership.</p>	<p>Marc Jolin asks for a motion to adopt this Action Plan. There is a motion, a second, and it is adopted unanimously.</p>
<p><b>Governor’s \$100 Million for Housing</b></p>	<p><b>Margaret Van Vliet, Director, Oregon Housing and Community Services:</b>                  The Governor’s budget proposal includes \$100 million of bond money to build homes for families who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. \$15 million will be set up as a lottery fund. Legislature will decide how the funding will be allocated. The push will be to get the whole \$100 million for housing, but they understand they are competing for the funds. OHCS wants the funding to go towards families with children, and would like it to be linked to the education agenda. OHCS would like to see innovation in how these funds are used for development. It is difficult to predict the level of legislative support. If this funding is a priority to this partnership, it will be important for the local jurisdictions and partners to be active in the conversations.</p>	
<p><b>Next steps, adjourn</b></p>	<p><b>Deborah Kafoury, Chair, Multnomah County:</b>                  Lack of affordable housing inventory is causing a bottleneck effect in our efforts. There are units in partnership agencies that we have access to. It may take some time to find the housing units needed. How do we capitalize on the units we have and how do we increase the number?</p> <p>Meeting is adjourned.</p>	