

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Coordinating Board

Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2016

Facilitated by: Initiative Director and Co-chair
Prepared by: Carrie Young; Reviewed by: Jurisdictional Staff Members

Members present: Michael Anderson-Nathe, Raihana Ansary, Alexandra Appleton, Jules Bailey, Kris Billhardt, Ed Blackburn, Stacy Borke, Beth Burns, Jillian Detweiler (Mayor Hales rep.), Maurice Evans, Anne O'Malley, Shannon Singleton, Ian Slingerland (Michael Buonocore rep.), Liz Smith Currie (Chair Kafoury rep.), Becky Straus, Martha Strawn Morris, Cheryl Thompson, Joe Walsh (Councilor Echols rep.), Marisa Zapata. **Staff:** Megan Beyer, Jennifer Chang, Ryan Deibert, Sally Erickson, Debbie Fox, Torrey Giaquinta, Jessica Kinard, Maria Lamb, Kari Lyons Eubanks, Anna Plumb, Bimal RahBhandary, Alison Sachet, Wendy Smith. **Guests:** Chelse Bender, Liora Berry, Stuart Emmons, Alex Glover, Karlos Anthony Hernandez, Jennifer Hoskins, Kirstin Juul, Jes Larson, Debbie Lowder, Heather Lyons, Susan Madar, Julie McFarland, Naomi Painter, Rachel Post, Emmy Ritter, Margaret Salazar, Amanda Saul, Mark Sturbois, Tricia Tillman, Brandi Tuck, Bobby Weinstock.

| Agenda Item | Discussion Points | Decision/Action |
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| Welcome, Introductions and Minutes - Stacy Borke, Co-chair | Co-chair called meeting to order and commenced introductions. Minutes were approved by consent; no objections. Announced that Matt Morton has taken a new position and is stepping down as co-chair. | |
| Public Comment - Stacy Borke, Co-chair | Jes Larson of Welcome Home shared that the coalition is endorsed by 114 organizations. Welcome Home conducted public opinion survey in 2015 and learned that voters are very concerned about the growing cost of housing, the lack of affordable housing and the rise of homelessness. The survey results indicate that voters are looking to local governments to act with funding and policy solutions and would support affordable homes. Welcome Home's Steering Committee is currently working toward a 2016 ballot measure by assembling housing advocacy efforts to focus on finding a dedicated funding stream to build additional units of affordable housing. Visit welcomehomecoalition.org to sign up for updates or to find more information about Welcome Home's efforts and current projects. Jes invited attendees that are front-line staff, previous or current affordable housing residents, and affordable housing advocates to attend the monthly Welcome Home Leadership Academy , held the last Thursday of the month from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, to learn effective skills to advocate for affordable housing. The next four events will be held at the Rosewood Initiative (16126 SE Stark Street). Karlos Anthony Hernandez , Architect, Artist, Do Good Multnomah, presented the Community Housing Model™, a proposed shelter and housing model for approximately 60 Veterans. The innovative model is designed to engage the individual with a phased approach. More information about the Veteran Housing Community Project can be found at homelessveteransportland.com . | |
| Initiative and Community Updates - Marc Join, Initiative Director | <u>Initiative Updates:</u> Marc Jolin provided an update on the Housing State of Emergency including: the SFC Jerome F. Sears Army Reserve temporary shelter for women and couples ; temporary PEACE shelter for | Providers who will exhaust rent assistance funds |

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| | <p>approximately 100 men, opening on January 18, at the Washington Center Building (SW 4th and Washington); and coordination efforts to provide short and long term solutions under the Housing State of Emergency. Marc also reported the Emergency Family Shelter run by Human Solutions is on track to relocate to their new facility on February 1st. This new 130 bed service-oriented will be open 24/7 year round. Discussions are underway about how to use the current site for additional shelter capacity.</p> <p>Jillian Detweiler commended providers; they have been able to support the expansion of emergency shelter in short order, on top of ongoing operations and severe weather.</p> <p>Board members reported that providers are almost out of rent assistance funding and concerned that providers will be out of funds by January/February. Marc asked that providers notify Sally and/or Marc with the scope and amount of funds needed to continue operating through the end of the fiscal year.</p> <p>Jennifer Chang informed the attendees that over the next month and half, CSH, a national housing policy agency providing technical assistance, will support our community in developing community-wide guidelines for CoC programs, which is one of the federal requirements of receiving HUD funding. January 26 through 29, CSH will be facilitating a series of community-wide dialogues to collect experiences and best thinking regarding program guidelines for emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing. The board will receive a brief presentation on the shared community standards work at our February meeting.</p> <p>Jennifer also shared that last month, HUD announced a new definition of chronically homeless for HUD-funded programs which will go into effect starting January 15, 2016. The most significant change is: "To be considered chronically homeless, a person must have a disability and have been living in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or a safe haven for the last 12 months continuously or on at least four occasions in the last three years where those occasions cumulatively total at least 12 months." This will particularly affect CoC-funded Permanent Supportive Housing projects, many of which have beds dedicated or prioritized to serve chronically homeless participants. AHFE/PHB will schedule a meeting in the next few weeks to review the new definition and most recent guidance HUD has provided.</p> <p>Members shared concerns how this will address clients on the current waitlist that will be defined out by this new definition. An option would be to adopt a preference policy for local funds for those defined out.</p> <p><u>Community Updates:</u></p> <p>Jes shared that Portland-metro area legislators will host a Legislative Housing Emergency Forum on Saturday, January 9, 2016 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the IRCO gymnasium (10301 NE Glisan Street) to hear from the community about the details and impact of the housing emergency to prepare for</p> | <p>prior to the end of the fiscal year should send an email to Marc or Sally, detailing the amount of additional funds needed.</p> <p>PHB will host a training/discussion on the new definition of chronic homelessness in early February.</p> <p>Determine how many households will be affected by the change in definition and what other resources could be offered.</p> |
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| | <p>the 2016 Legislative Session in February.</p> | |
| <p>2016 Work Plan Recommendations and Subcommittee Meeting Structure - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p> | <p>Board members were provided the proposed discussion topics and subcommittee structure handout that contains a list of potential ongoing and one-time topics for the board to engage in for 2016, as well as a proposed subcommittee meeting structure.</p> <p>The following topics for 2016 were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include new affordable housing building openings and the population to be served • Provide a monthly initiative update (highlights from the Director’s Report, eg. Veterans, Housing State of Emergency, etc.) • Include progress reports from workgroups/subcommittees • Annual presentation on the population inflow study • Move sustainability presentation to March <p>Board members had questions about how topics are selected and by whom.</p> <p>The following was discussed regarding subcommittee structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Advisory Forum (CAF), bimonthly meeting as regular CAF and bimonthly listening sessions in the alternate months. • Veterans Workgroup/A Home for Every Veteran will continue to meet regularly • Outreach and Engagement Workgroup continue as a standalone group and meeting bimonthly • Data & Evaluation Committee, monthly • Resource Advisory Committee will meet as needed • Subcommittees should be productive, with a clear mission and scope • Housing and Safety off the Streets will both meet monthly • Suggestion that there be a development and/or rehabilitation group to investigate increasing the affordable housing stock • Suggestion to have Housing and Safety off the Streets workgroup on the same day one after the other for members who attend both | |
| <p>Next Meeting - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p> | <p>Marc will send out an email regarding the applications process for the two vacant board positions and the nomination process for the vacant co-chair position.</p> <p>Marc announced that as a thank you for all the hard work that has been accomplished in 2015, a room has been reserved at Mad Sons, on the corner of SE 11th and Madison, from 4 to 6 pm., and invited the group to come celebrate the New Year and socialize (light snacks provided).</p> <p>The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 3, 2016 from 3:00-5:00 pm.</p> <p>Meeting is adjourned.</p> | <p>Send board process for co-chair nomination and membership applications for current and upcoming vacancies.</p> |