

## A Home for Everyone (HFE) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2016

**Facilitated by:** Chair Deborah Kafoury and Initiative Director Marc Jolin

**Prepared by:** Carrie Young

**Reviewed by:** Jurisdictional Staff Members

**Members present:** Jules Bailey, Stacy Borke, Simone M. Brooks, Michael Buonocore, Karylinn Echols, Charlie Hales, Marc Jolin, Deborah Kafoury, Dan Saltzman, Ben Sand. **Staff:** Josh Alpert, Rose Bak, Nancy Bennet, Megan Beyer, Jerome Brooks, Shannon Callahan, Jennifer Chang, Tim Collier, Kurt Creager, Ryan Deibert, Jillian Detweiller, Sally Erickson, Mike Johnson, Bob Kieta, Jessica Kinard, Bimal RajBhandary, Andrew Scott, Ian Slingerland, Liz Smith Currie, Joe Walsh. **Guests:** Brooke Gray, Art Rios, Sr., Jim Redden, Steve Rudman.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
<b>Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes</b> - Deborah Kafoury, Chair	Chair Kafoury called the meeting to order and commenced introductions.  Members reviewed the September 2015 minutes. There were no changes.	Motion to approve the September 2015 minutes. All in favor.
<b>Introduce Executive Committee Candidate Simone M. Brooks</b> - Deborah Kafoury, Chair	Chair Kafoury introduced Simone M. Brooks, President of S. Brooks and Associates, Inc. dba Brooks Staffing. Brooks is a member of the Board of Directors of the Portland Business Alliance and of All Hands Raised. Brooks' community involvement and addressed issues including affordable housing, mental health services, and education. Simone added that, she has served on the Board of PCRI and the Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers. She has a particular interest in affordable housing and mental health issues. Proposed a motion to appoint Simone to the Executive Committee as a representative of the business community.	Motion to appoint Simone Brooks to the Executive Committee. All in favor.
<b>Member Updates</b> - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director	<p>Marc invited members to share updates, about work underway related to the effort, with the committee.</p> <p>Michael Buonocore, Home Forward, shared that 50 tenant-based vouchers were dedicated for Veterans who don't qualify for VASH, and on track to exceed the goal of providing 50 Home Forward units for homeless Veterans. Another 200 tenant-based housing choice vouchers were dedicated to the Homeless Family System of Care. The assignment of the <a href="#">500 project-based vouchers pledged</a> has been accelerated and a handout was provided with the current status. Michael summarized that in addition to making up to 200 vouchers available through a request for proposal, another 100 vouchers were pledged in support of the City of Portland's \$61.5 million investment in affordable housing development.</p> <p>Karolyn Echols, Gresham City Councilor, shared that the City of Gresham's initiative to develop a set of tools and strategies for addressing homelessness in Gresham in partnership with A Home for Everyone and the Council's Subcommittee on Homelessness. In the short term, this project will: create a citizen-led Homelessness Task Force; create a homeless alleviation program to keep neighborhoods and trails clean and safe; provide employment opportunities to those seeking self-</p>	

sufficiency; connect the homeless with resources, including housing; and continue coordination with organizations such as JOIN to help house homeless individuals. Additionally, Councilor Widmark has advocated for 20 Home Forward vouchers to be used for a housing project targeted for homeless families in Gresham.

Mayor Hales, City of Portland, noted the City's accomplishments since declaring a housing emergency in October. Increased TIF to 45% for affordable housing; \$67 million more for construction. Passed renter protection ordinances for no-cause evictions and rent increases. A six-month homeless shelter for over 100 women and couples in the former Jerome Sears Army Reserve Center was opened in November. A new six-month shelter for 100 men will open in 10 days at the Washington Center (4th Ave and Washington St). Portland-metro area legislators will host a Legislative Housing Emergency Forum on Saturday, January 9th to hear from the community about the details and impact of the housing emergency to prepare for the February 2016 Legislative Session and will continue to lobby the Oregon Legislature to allow inclusionary zoning to create more affordable housing. The City of Portland hosted the first ever West Coast Mayors Summit in December 2015, with a full day on housing and homelessness and follow up plans to visit Navigation Center in San Francisco. The mayors identified shared priorities for changes in federal regulations and increased federal funding to address the crisis of homelessness. The West Coast Mayors' Alliance was formed in order to advocate more effectively are preparing to continue efforts at the upcoming U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in Washington, DC.

Chair Kafoury, Multnomah County, shared 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. Legislators are considering a package of bills at the February Legislative Session that would increase access for affordable housing and improve tenant protections.

Stacy Borke reported that last night 159 women and couples stayed at the Sears temporary emergency shelter. There has only been complaint from the neighborhood so far. A new temporary shelter will open for 100 men on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at Washington Center at 4th Ave and Washington. The Community Advisory Forum will move to holding regular meetings every other month and in the off months facilitate Listening Sessions with service users, front-line staff, and other community groups to provide enhanced opportunities for community voice and ensure a broad feedback mechanism for the Coordinating Board.

Ben Sand, Portland Leadership Foundation, reported that the Portland Leadership Foundation hosted and event in December to ask private apartment owners to donate units for the development of a new initiative, Fortify. Currently there have been 21 units donated from 12 different owners. The goal is to have 100 units in the next few years. The Portland Leadership Foundation is meeting with New City Initiative to ensure relational wrap-around support is provided for each family. Families are referred by DHS.

<p><b>Ending Veteran Homelessness</b> - Sally Erickson, Portland Housing Bureau</p>	<p>In January 2015, the Executive Committee adopted a plan with the goal of ending Veteran homelessness by 2016. This plan was rooted in a belief that local initiatives coupled with a meaningful increase in federal supports for affordable housing can result in a system that has the capacity to ensure that when Veterans in our community experience homelessness, it is rare, brief and one-time. The adopted plan set to create an integrated system with the ability to quickly identify Veterans experiencing homelessness, offer Veterans immediate safety off the streets options while they are homeless, and move quickly to place Veterans into permanent housing. Utilizing the best data available regarding Veterans experiencing homelessness, we set a goal of placing 690 Veterans into permanent housing, including 276 veterans experiencing chronic homelessness. Sally Erickson reported that as of the end of November 2015, it is estimated that 631 Veterans have been placed. Key to the plan to end veteran homelessness has been the full utilization of VASH, and working with A Home for Every Veteran partners to implement the following strategies. Developed a dynamic name registry of Veterans experiencing homelessness to facilitate outreach and connection to appropriate housing programs. The registry is continually updated, and our community has held two registry weeks during which volunteers and outreach workers connected with people experiencing homelessness to identify Veterans and add them to the registry. Mayor Hales and Chair Kafoury spearheaded targeted recruitment of landlords that is coupled with increased support for housing providers renting to Veterans exiting homelessness. The supports include a landlord guarantee and a retention program that provides after-hours support to landlords and Veterans placed.</p>	
<p><b>Housing and Homelessness State of Emergency</b> - Josh Alpert</p>	<p>Josh Alpert, Office of Mayor Hales, reported that the State of Emergency on Housing and Homelessness, declared in October 2015, has allowed more shelter and housing projects to be put on a fast track. It also has given the City the ability to experiment strategies that balance the need for those experiencing homelessness to sleep safely, with the health, safety and livability of the whole city through short-term fixes and long-term solutions. In addition to the accomplishments reported by the Mayor, the City in partnership with Central City Concern and residents of a campsite in North Portland will launch a pilot program to provide two day-storage units, with bathrooms, sharps containers, trash dumpsters and information kiosks. The storage units are portable, so they can be moved where they are needed most, and to distribute any impacts. Josh also announced they are working to roll out a Homelessness Toolkit as a single resource for information on City homelessness initiatives, from safe sleeping guidelines to volunteer opportunities and will link to the City's <a href="#">Campsites - One Point of Contact</a> system for residents to report campsites in the city and share livability concerns.</p>	
<p><b>Overview of 2016-2017 Outcome-Based Budget Process and Final Recommendations</b> - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>Marc reviewed the Coordinating Board's outcome-based budgeting process for 2016-2017 with respect to the strategies to prioritize spending the proposed \$20 million.</p> <p>Marc led the members in a presentation that summarized the board's work and final prioritized budget recommendations guided by the Executive Committee's direction to first prioritize reaching the goals of 1,350 additional placements, 1,000 additional preventions, and 650 additional safety off the streets options. The recommendations were also guided by the direction from the Executive</p>	<p>Staff to submit parallel requests from the recommendations to be included in the City and County</p>

	<p>Committee that priority be given to eliminating the overrepresentation of communities of color in the HUD homeless population, then to ensuring that all women (in families, youth, singles, couples, fleeing domestic violence) have either a permanent housing or emergency shelter option, and then offering expanded housing and shelter options to people living with severe mental illness. The presentation included the board’s recommendation that 34% of the funding should be targeted toward culturally specific providers and that all service provision should be culturally responsive, as well as data and information from staff with which to determine how to direct funding in the upcoming city and county budget processes.</p> <p>Members were provided a handout summarizing the board’s ranked proposed investment priorities (PIPs), commentary shared by the board, and recommendations regarding potential investments that our partners in the business and philanthropic communities could make.</p> <p>Members discussed the need to explore potential partnerships and funding opportunities that can be leveraged to aid the effort, including health care and non-government partnerships. Requested that a meeting with the philanthropic community be organized to increase their role more intentionally in the effort. Also, discussed the need to further coordinate efforts with Schools Uniting Neighborhoods Service System and Department of Community Justice.</p> <p>Members accepted the board’s recommendations and staff will work together to submit parallel requests to be included in the City and County budget processes.</p>	<p>budget processes.</p>
<p><b>Closing Comments</b> - Deborah Kafoury, Chair</p>	<p>The Executive Committee agreed to begin meeting for 90 minutes every two months. Meeting is adjourned.</p>	