

# A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Coordinating Board

## Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2016

Facilitated by: Initiative Director and Co-chair

Prepared by: Kelsey Coulter; Reviewed by: Jurisdictional Staff Members

**Members present:** Alexandra Appleton, Jules Bailey, Carolyn Bateson, Kris Billhardt, Stacy Borke, Beth Burns, Lee Po Cha, Sam Chase, Julia Delgado, Karylinn Echols Proxy (Joe Walsh), Maurice Evans, Andrew McGough, Monique Menconi, Michael Parkhurst, Art Rios, Sr., Patricia Rojas, Tawna Sanchez, Shannon Singleton, Liz Smith Currie (Chair Kafoury rep.), Becky Straus, Martha Strawn Morris, Cheryl Thompson, Joe Walsh (Councilor Echols rep.), Marisa Zapata. **Staff:** Henry Burton, Jennifer Chang, Ryan Deibert, Torrey Giaquinta, Liv Jansen, Anna Plumb, Bimal RajBhandary, Neisha Saxena, Wendy Smith, Rebecca Stavenjord, Carrie Young. **Guests:** Chris Aiosa, Brittney Barnhart, Chelse Bender, Liora Berry, Vahid Brown, David Davis, George Devendorf, Dina DiNucci, Jacob Engstrom, Kristina Goodman, Gregg Griffin, Matthew Harris, Jennifer Hoskins, Christine Kennedy, Jes Larson, Susan Madar, Rebecca Nickels, Rachel Post, Emmy Ritter, Blair Schaeffer-Bisht, Roy Scholl, Mark Sturbois, Bobby Weinstock.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
<b>Welcome, Introductions and Minutes</b> - Stacy Borke, Co-chair - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director	Co-chair called the meeting to order and commenced introductions. Announced Kris Billhardt will be stepping down as a board member. It is expected that the Executive Committee will direct staff to solicit applications to fill the vacancy at their next meeting in May. March 2016 minutes were approved by consent; no objections. Co-Chair vacancy: Motion to appoint Shannon Singleton was approved; no objections.	Motion to appoint Shannon Singleton as Co-Chair. All in favor.
<b>Public Comment</b> - Stacy Borke, Co-chair	David Kif Davis, Fight the Sweeps PDX/Multnomah County Copwatch, shared concerns regarding the Portland Police Bureau (PPB), particularly board member Sara Westbrook. Mr. Davis believes that there is a problem, in that people who are tied in with homeless agencies are targeting people experiencing homelessness, including people within the PPB and Drugs and Vice Division who are setting up homeless people with drugs. Mr. Davis referenced a Willamette Week article, titled “Rat Tale,” and asked that members read the article and decide whether Sara Westbrook should be on this board. He asked that the board clean up corruption. Chris Cozzetto, representing PVGC/Gresham Homeless, provided the following written concerns about the City of Gresham: <i>“The City of Gresham is a weak partner in HFE. It remains hostile towards homeless individuals and advocates alike. While it pretends to show concern, it ignores the voices of the un-housed, arrests advocates attempting to boost the voices of the homeless, sweeps the homeless into Portland, and has prevented the establishment of a shelter within its limits While outsourcing its problems to Portland, it has demonstrated a lack of interest in recognizing regional voices. HFE might consider placing pressure on Gresham to be a more transparent and equitable partner.”</i>	
<b>Initiative and Community Updates</b> - Marc Join, Initiative Director - Rachel Post, Central City Concern	Marc Jolin provided updates including: <u>Housing State of Emergency:</u> Now 6 months in, shelter expansion work continues in order to find and increase shelter capacity, as well as find more permanent shelter capacity, to move toward the board’s recommendation to find an additional 650 beds. As we expand, we need to ensure we align with the priorities that the Coordinating Board and Executive Committee have set, including keeping	Equity Lens Task Force to send out survey to the board before next board meeting.

the commitment to attach resources to those beds. The City and County continue to look into many potential shelter sites for people staying at the temporary Sears and Peace shelters to move to when they close. As potential sites become more promising, these will be brought back to the board with more information and to discuss the next steps. The City is recognizing that this work is happening under a state of emergency, allowing for development of policy and guidelines that will reduce barriers and costs to get shelter sites open more quickly in the future. Additionally, the City and County are working with churches and other places of worship to shelter people both inside their facilities and outside in parking lots.

Board Members expressed concern about not knowing what is going on with potential/new shelter sites, including media reporting on sites they have not yet heard about. A board member asked about who is developing the strategy around this, what is the strategy, and expressed concerns about gaps.

Navigation Center: This is a shelter model developed in San Francisco, characterized as a very low barrier shelter designed to allow entire groups of people to enter. The shelter is integrated with street outreach and offers an array of services within the shelter.

There is a potential partnership with Portland Public Schools for a shelter site that could hold 100+ people. As discussions move forward, the Safety of the Streets workgroup is working to help shape the direction for this type of potential new shelter site. They will be meeting next week to discuss the San Francisco model, how to adapt the model in Portland, set priorities, and discuss how to best support these facilities as they come online.

Current Fiscal Year New Funding: In March, the County voted to provide \$4.7 million for shelter acquisition, as well as \$1 million for short term rent assistance. The City is providing \$2.7 million, dedicated to a tenant protection team, mobile housing placement team, transportation assistance, and additional money to expand shelter operations. This money is for this fiscal year, and the dollars are already getting out to various systems (DV, Families, Youth, etc.). None of this impacts the request that the board made for funding in the next fiscal year.

Budget Update: The Chair's Proposed Budget will come out April 21 and the Mayor's Proposed Budget should come out by the end of April. Once those bodies have voted and approved the budgets, there will be a better sense of how much of the board's requested \$20 million will be available. Planning work has already started at the staff level.

Potential Joint Office of Homeless Services: The Joint Office is about bringing together staff and resources that are currently being invested in homeless services by the City and County, through the direction of A Home for Everyone, in order to make them work as effectively possible and achieve even better outcomes. It is anticipated that the Joint Office will do a better job integrating homeless policy across jurisdictions and better align homelessness system with other systems. There are still some discussions surrounding what will be included in the Joint Office homeless services, in terms of funding and planning responsibilities (PHB will continue to be responsible for housing development

	<p>and tenant protection; DCHS will continue to be responsible for prevention; some shared programs are still undecided). With the structure of this office, joint ownership and responsibility is extremely important, will require strong coordination to resolve competing priorities.</p> <p>Board Members expressed concerns about the effects of a Joint Office, including staff members having multiple bosses with conflicting directions/priorities. A board member asked what the role of the police department will be in this.</p> <p>Rachel Post, with Central City Concern, provided an update on the WorkSource Express Center (WEC). Central City Concern is working with WorkSystems, Inc., to expand their employment operations at their Employment Access Center (EAC). The WEC will be located in the EAC on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Burnside, and is open to everyone. It is currently serving approximately 900 people each year, working with people that are exiting homelessness. The center formerly served approximately 4,000 people per year, until funding was cut in 2007. With the expansion, they are expecting to be able to again serve 4,000 individuals per year.</p> <p>Marisa Zapata, with Portland State University, provided an update on the Equity Lens Task Force: The group has met twice. The group working to develop a framework for how to better incorporate an equity lens into the AHFE work and processing the equity lens questions, to make sure the board's goals regarding equity work is progressing. The group is planning on administering a survey to the board to evaluate member's experiences on the board, specific questions relating to equity, and any concerns surrounding the discussion of race and equity. The group expects to send out the survey in time for the next board meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Community Advisory Forum Updates</b> -Stacy Borke, Co-Chair</p>	<p>Stacy announced that the Community Advisory Forum (CAF) hosted a "Subsidized Housing 101" at the March meeting. Next month CAF will host a listening session on April 20, 2016 for individuals currently experiencing homelessness and ask them to reflect back on what is happening to people sleeping outside (What changes they have experienced since the state of emergency; What are the consequences of the safe sleep guidelines; What is happening around sweeps). A meeting invite will be sent out soon. Board members interested in facilitating small group conversation should contact Stacy Borke.</p> <p>For the May CAF meeting, planning for updates to include: a budget update, a Welcome Home update, and workgroup updates. For the July CAF meeting, planning a training in competency in serving people who identify as transgender or non-gender conforming.</p> <p>When asked whether listening sessions are being recorded for those who are not able to attend, Stacy reported that board members are attending listening sessions and taking notes. They are working on compiling those notes and making them available.</p>	<p>CAF Steering Committee will send April CAF Listening Session invite to board members.</p> <p>Board members interested in facilitating listening session small group discussion to contact Stacy Borke.</p>
<p><b>Community Program Guidelines for Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing,</b></p>	<p>Marc reviewed the process behind the development of the proposed community guidelines for emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, and permanent supporting housing. First, CSH ran several fishbowl sessions to help us develop the guidelines, and then workgroups met to</p>	<p>Motion to adopt Community Program Guidelines as</p>

<p><b>Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing</b> - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>look at the initial recommendations. The resulting draft community guidelines were provided to board members and feedback was requested. Two proposed amendments were received: (1) Add training around models for serving people with addictions and mental issues, under System Level Recommendations on page two; and (2) The bullet point “Access to ES is managed through coordinated entry...” on page five under Emergency Shelter Guidelines, should be moved from <i>Minimum Operating Standards</i> to <i>Ideal Operating Standards</i>.</p> <p>Board members discussed the proposed amendments. A motion to adopt the Community Program Guidelines with the two proposed amendments passed with no objections.</p> <p>Board members discussed the implementation of the guidelines, equity issues and the absence of the word race. Comments heard regarding the reason why the term “race” was not included, related to HUD. Staff will add revisions made by the HUD technical assistance team, so guidelines include the word race. The board ran out of time to further discuss this issue, Marc asked that anyone with input to add remain after the end of the meeting to discuss.</p>	<p>amended. Majority in favor. No objections. Two abstained.</p> <p>Staff to update Community Guidelines to include amendments and race revisions.</p>
<p><b>Equitable Housing Initiative</b> - Emily Lieb, Metro</p>	<p>Emily Lieb, who leads Metro’s Equitable Housing Initiative, presented the initiative’s highlights. Metro is working to develop a more comprehensive regional affordable housing plan. After gathering information from around the region, Metro has summarized data to identify tools that could help eliminate barriers to affordable housing. The next steps for the initiative include local planning grants, the launch of a technical assistance program to support local implementation of tools identified, advocate for state legislative changes, and develop a research agenda to support regional equitable housing efforts. For more information on the Equitable Housing Initiative, visit <a href="http://oregonmetro.gov/equitablehousing">oregonmetro.gov/equitablehousing</a>.</p>	
<p><b>Revenue for Affordable Housing</b> - Jes Larson, Welcome Home</p>	<p>Jes Larson, with the Welcome Home Coalition, reported that they will be launching a campaign for the upcoming November election. Based on policy and a public opinion research, Welcome Home is leading the effort for a general obligation bond ballot measure to fund affordable housing. They hope to have the County Commission refer the ballot measure in late Spring/early Summer when the ballot package is expected to be fully formed. In the mean time, they are fundraising, organizing their Coalition of 125 organization members and planning for the imminent ballot measure campaign. Welcome Home is galvanizing community wide support for the initiative and invites A Home For Everyone members to encourage their staff and members to attend their monthly Leadership Academy to start getting involved.</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b> - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p><b>The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 4, 2016, from 3:00-5:00 pm.</b></p> <p>Marc Jolin thanked Kris Billhardt for serving on the board. In addition, <a href="#">AFHE website</a> now includes a <a href="#">calendar</a> listing meeting times.</p> <p>Meeting is adjourned.</p>	