

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2016

Facilitated by: Chair Deborah Kafoury, Mayor Charlie Hales and Initiative Director Marc Jolin

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Members present: Jules Bailey, Stacy Borke, Simone M. Brooks, Michael Buonocore, Charlie Hales, Marc Jolin, Deborah Kafoury, Ben Sand, Joe Walsh (for Karylenn Echols). **Staff:** Rose Bak, Henry Burton, Shannon Callahan, Jennifer Chang, Kurt Creager, Ryan Deibert, Jillian Detweiller, Sally Erickson, Erin Pidot, Bimal RajBhandary, Ian Slingerland, Liz Smith Currie, Carrie Young. **Guests:** Anna Malsch, Kelly Jarvis, George Devendorf, Brooke Gray.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
<p>Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes - Charlie Hales, Mayor</p>	<p>Mayor Hales called the meeting to order and commenced introductions.</p> <p>Members reviewed the January 2016 minutes. There were no changes.</p>	<p>Motion to approve the January 2016 minutes. All in favor.</p>
<p>Member Updates - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>Marc invited members to share updates, about work underway related to the effort, with the committee.</p> <p>Mayor Hales, City of Portland, reported that Final budget decisions will be made soon. Expect that all housing related provisions in the Mayor’s budget will be approved, with the exception of the diversion program.</p> <p>The Mayor attended the Buckman Neighborhood meeting to address the Navigation Center. He reported that there were a lot of frustrated people, but believes the Navigation Center will alleviate a lot of the problems in that area. Another issue is the lack of police response in the area to non-emergency incidents. The shortage of community policing needs to be addressed.</p> <p>The Mayor shared that there is a significant problem with “zombie houses, with approximately 700 located in Portland. Despite the lack of housing, the city has not foreclosed on a single one of these houses in 45 years. The Mayor’s Office has been working hard to get the foreclosure process moving and pushing for foreclosure hearings to take place every month. They are looking at finding the best option to get these houses on the market to help address the housing shortage.</p> <p>Chair Kafoury, Multnomah County, reported that the final county budget vote will take place on May 26 and believes the 10 million promised to address housing will be approved. They are moving forward with new shelter beds, specifically to address the closing Sears shelter. Chair Kafoury met with the Sellwood-Moreland Neighborhood Association board members last week to discuss the St. Vincent’s site, stating that there were a lot of questions but people seemed supportive. A meeting with neighborhood/community members should take place in about a month. The county is also looking at a potential shelter site at 162nd and Burnside, with the hopes that it could be available while waiting for the St. Vincent’s opening in early fall.</p>	

	<p>Chair Kafoury announced the Marc Jolin has been chosen as the interim director for the Joint Office of Homeless Services.</p> <p>Michael Buonocore, Home Forward, shared that Home Forward is opening waiting lists at several housing developments from June 8 to 11. They are engaging in community outreach to get the word out. Home Forward has also been working on reforming the payment plan for vouchers, and they have developed a loan deposit program with the help of the Portland Housing Bureau. Anyone interested in updates on vouchers that have been committed to AHFE should contact Ian Slingerland.</p> <p>Stacy Borke, Transition Projects, provided an update on shelters and work being done by the Safety off the Streets Workgroup. In addition, the AHFE Community Advisory Forum held a successful listening session last month with approximately 30 participants, including individuals experiencing homelessness along with many board members. The Coordinating Board has been working on the equity lens and authorized the creation of an Equity Task Force, to serve as an oversight body to help keep track of AHFE’s commitment to eliminate racial disparity among people who are sleeping outside.</p> <p>Ben Sand, Portland Leadership Foundation, reported that he and Marc Jolin met to discuss ways to convene leaders of the faith community. The Portland Leadership Foundation is willing to host conversations regarding how faith communities can provide help that is meaningful at this time.</p> <p>Joe Walsh, City of Gresham, shared updates from the City of Gresham on behalf of Karylenn Echols. Gresham received over 50 applications to join a citizen led task force to address homelessness. They have made their final selections and the task force should start operations in two weeks. Thanks to funding from the county, the City of Gresham has launched a couple of new initiatives including Clean Start, to work on cleaning up abandoned homeless camps. Gresham has also hired a Homeless Services Specialist, a new position, to help better link the community, police, homeless individuals and available services.</p> <p>Simone M. Brooks, Brooks Staffing, reported that the issue of homelessness was discussed at the recent PBA annual meeting. Many people in the business community are getting more informed and involved, and they are thinking about publicly owned buildings and how they might fundraise around operational costs.</p> <p>Michael Parkhurst, Meyer Memorial Trust, reported they are reviewing 105 applications received for Housing Opportunity Grants. They expect to make final decisions in the fall.</p>	
<p>Joint City-County Office of Homeless Services - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>Marc reviewed the AHFE community goals and provided an update on the Joint Office of Homeless services, reporting that they are making progress towards launching on July 1. Marc reviewed the mission and structure of the Joint Office, provided a budget overview, and highlighted new services that will be funded. For more information, a link to this presentation can be found at: http://ahomeforeveryone.net/s/EC_Presentation_052016.pdf</p>	

<p>System Data and Evaluation - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director - Bimal RajBhandary, Portland Housing Bureau - Ryan Deibert, Portland Housing Bureau</p>	<p>Marc introduced the AHFE Data and Evaluation Monitoring Plan, as part of the AHFE commitment to hold ourselves and providers accountable for the programs in which we're investing.</p> <p>Bimal RajBhandary reviewed the AHFE System Performance Monitoring and Reporting Plan. This plan includes the recommended set of measures that, as a system, will be used to monitor performance. These include required HUD measures and six additional measures that were created in consultation with city, county, and service provider stakeholders. The Data and Evaluation Committee will be reporting to the Coordinating Board on a regular basis.</p> <p>Ryan Deibert shared the System Performance Data outcomes, through the third quarter of the 2015/2016 fiscal year. While the system is not yet fully implemented, Ryan provided a summary of outcomes based on existing data, as well as a preview of what they plan on producing on a quarterly basis. Ryan introduced Kelly Jarvis and Anna Malsch from NPC Research, which was selected to develop an evaluation framework for the AHFE system. Kelly and Anna will begin conducting interviews with members of the Executive Committee shortly for their input on the evaluation framework.</p>	<p>Ryan and Marc to provide data to Executive Committee Members</p>
<p>Community Program Guidelines - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>Marc reviewed the Community Program Guidelines, including the process through which the guidelines were developed. They guidelines were approved by the Coordinating Board. Marc asked the Executive Committee to vote to adopt the guidelines. Members stated that they had not yet reviewed the guidelines and requested that a vote be delayed until the next Executive Committee meeting.</p>	<p>Executive Committee members to review the Community Program Guidelines and be prepared to vote in July</p>
<p>Housekeeping</p>	<p>Marc asked the Executive Committee to create (1) a Subcommittee for Coordinated Access for Singles, and (2) an Equity Lens Task Force. Members asked for an update on the status of AHFE subcommittees. After a short discussion, the Executive Committee approved the creation of both subcommittees.</p> <p>Sally Erickson, Portland Housing Bureau, reported the results of the HUD NOFA Continuum of Care Applications. All 44 existing programs received funding. In addition, Portland was awarded funding for two bonus projects that were applied for, putting Portland in the top five cash awards in the country.</p>	<p>Motion to create a Coordinated Access Subcommittee for Singles and an Equity Lens Taskforce. All in Favor.</p>
<p>Closing Comments - Deborah Kafoury, Chair</p>	<p>Meeting is adjourned.</p>	