

## A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2016

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

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**Reviewed by:** Jurisdictional Staff Members

**Members present:** Henry Byrton (Commissioner Bailey rep.), Stacy Borke, Simone M. Brooks, Michael Buonocore, Karilynn Echols, Charlie Hales, Marc Jolin, Deborah Kafoury, Michael Parkhurst, Dan Saltzman, Shannon Singleton. **Staff:** Shannon Callahan, Jennifer Chang, Christian Elkin, Sally Erickson, Erin Pidot, Bimal RajBhandary, Ian Slingerland, Wendy Smith, Liz Smith Currie, Chad Stover. **Guests:** George Devendorf, Brad Schmidt.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
<p><b>Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes</b> - Chair Kafoury</p>	<p>Chair Kafoury called the meeting to order and commenced introductions.</p> <p>Members reviewed the May 2016 minutes. There were no changes.</p>	<p>Motion to approve the May 2016 minutes. All in favor.</p>
<p><b>Member Updates</b> - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>Marc invited members to share updates, about work underway related to the initiative, with the committee.</p> <p>Michael Buonocore, Home Forward, shared that Jill Smith recently accepted a position as the deputy executive director at the Clackamas County Department of Health, Housing and Human Services. Home Forward will conduct a national recruitment to fill the Chief Operations Officer position.</p> <p>Gresham Councilor Karilynn Echols shared that the Gresham Task Force on Homelessness, a 16 member, citizen-led task force to address homelessness, has been formed and meeting. The task force will provide recommendations to the community and council on how to best address this growing issue. Thanks to funding from the county, the City of Gresham has launched a new initiatives including Clean Start, to work on cleaning up abandoned homeless camps. Gresham has also hired Newton Gborway, a Homeless Services Specialist, a new position, to help better link the community, police, homeless individuals and available services. Councilor Echols provided members with a copy of the Gresham Outlook featuring an <a href="#">article on Newton Gborway</a> and current efforts to connect the growing population with services, solutions.</p> <p>Michael Parkhurst shared that Meyer Memorial Trust, has supported several recent projects directly or indirectly involved in the work of A Home for Everyone, including: a Services and Housing Systems Alignment grant to Worksystems, Inc., in collaboration with Human Solutions, to better link workforce training and development with homelessness prevention; a Services and Housing Systems Alignment grant to Enterprise Community Partners to pilot use of medical flexible benefits funds to support housing stability; a Services and Housing Systems Alignment grant to REACH CDC for Housing with Services, a collaborative piloting place-based health care delivery to residents of affordable housing; an Innovation in Affordable Housing Design, Finance and Construction grant to Transition Projects, Inc. for a pilot project for low-cost modular housing; an Increasing Access to Private Market Units grant to JOIN for development of a landlord recruitment and retention toolkit; an Increasing Access to</p>	

Private Market Units grant to Northwest Pilot Project to prevent displacement of seniors; and a Housing Advocacy grant to Welcome Home Coalition to organize broader public support for affordable housing.

Marc Jolin, Initiative Director, shared a story about a mother that was stranded in Portland after an auto accident that was able to utilize the Ticket Home Program run by 211info to get back home to a support network. Marc reported that the transportation assistance for people that find themselves stranded, in crisis situations, experiencing homelessness in Multnomah County. Participants receive financial help to travel to a location where family or friends are willing and able to provide housing.

Mayor Hales, City of Portland, reported that City Council approved a [new tax on development](#) projected to raise more than \$12 million a year for affordable housing. Mayor Hales also reported that City Council voted to refer a [General Obligation Bond measure](#) to City Voters that, if passed, would authorize issuance of \$258.4 million of general obligation bonds for affordable housing. If approved by voters, would provide capital to purchase, rehabilitate and construct new projects.

Mayor Hales also shared that camping on the Springwater Corridor will be closed. While the safe sleep guidelines, a pilot program, intended to provide certainty to people experiencing homelessness that they would be able to get a safe night's sleep, the guidelines caused confusion and we heard they were not practicable. A coordinated effort to cleanup and clear the corridor will include outreach along the corridor prior to the cleanup to assess the needs of those camping and connecting as many as possible with available supportive services. Through existing relationships between homeless campers and police officers and social service providers, there will be a particular focus on the most vulnerable people on the trail. For those who have to sleep outside, we will continue to support their need to do so safely; large, entrenched encampments cause public safety issues and environmental damage, and will not be acceptable.

Henry Burton, representing Commissioner Jules Bailey, asked about the Oregon Solutions/Oregon Consensus process to find solutions to address public safety and homelessness along the corridor. The project team is a group of public agencies, nonprofits and individuals from the five jurisdictions along the corridor was created to find long-term solutions for homelessness service delivery and maintain recreational areas along the corridor, and provide recommendations that will guide continued management of the corridor.

Chair Kafoury, Multnomah County, reported that the final county budget passed that included a \$10 million commitment to address homelessness, focused on the recommendations made by AHFE. The majority of this funding is one time only, because of very limited ongoing resources. Chair Kafoury shared that the Multnomah County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC), is working collaboratively with community partners, Law Enforcement agencies, citizens and public safety officials to develop and implement the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program. LEAD, based on a successful [Seattle model](#), is a pre-booking diversion program that allows officers to redirect low-level offenders engaged in drug activity to community-based services instead of jail and

	<p>prosecution. Marc Jolin added that 80% of Seattle’s LEAD participants were homeless when they entered the program, and many have addiction and mental-health issues that are too severe for the court system to adequately address.</p> <p>Member asked when the Unity Center for Behavioral Health was scheduled to open. It is schedule to open January/February of 2017.</p> <p>Simone M. Brooks, Brooks Staffing, reported that a Portland Business Alliance (PBA) task force will review the potential impacts and opportunities of the Affordable Housing Bond to make recommendation to the PBA board for potential endorsement of the bond.</p>	
<p><b>Safety off the Streets/Shelter Update</b> - Sally Erickson, Joint Office of Homeless Services</p>	<p>Sally Erickson, Joint Office of Homeless Services, reviewed the AHFE community goals to increase Safety off the Streets capacity, and provided details on the progress toward the 650 year-round spaces. For more information, a link to this presentation can be found at <a href="http://www.ahomeforeveryone.net/s/EC_Presentation_20160715.pdf">www.ahomeforeveryone.net/s/EC_Presentation_20160715.pdf</a></p>	
<p><b>Joint City-County Office of Homeless Services and Budget Update</b> - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>Marc presented the committee with an update on the Joint Office of Homeless Services launched on July 1 and an overview of its budget. Marc reviewed the structure, organization, and priorities of the Joint Office and provided a budget overview, and highlighting the expanded and new services/programs that will be offered. For more information, a link to this presentation can be found at <a href="http://www.ahomeforeveryone.net/s/EC_Presentation_20160715.pdf">www.ahomeforeveryone.net/s/EC_Presentation_20160715.pdf</a></p>	
<p><b>Home Forward Budget Update</b> - Michael Buonocore, Home Forward</p>	<p>Michael Buonocore, Home Forward, presented Home Forward’s commitments toward the shared efforts which will be targeted through: HUD directed programming; budget allocations for rent, operating and flexible housing assistance; and prioritized access to permanent housing programs. More information about the allocations can be found in the presentation at <a href="http://www.ahomeforeveryone.net/s/AHFE_HF_Budget_Presentation_201607.pdf">www.ahomeforeveryone.net/s/AHFE_HF_Budget_Presentation_201607.pdf</a></p>	
<p><b>Community Program Guidelines for Open Space, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing</b> - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>At the June meeting Executive Committee members asked for time to review the <a href="#">Community Program Guidelines</a> for Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing. Marc Jolin asked if members had any questions or concerns before review the program guidelines for Open Space/Pop-up Shelter to be added to the Community Program Guidelines. None were raised. Marc Jolin reviewed the Open Space guidelines and similar open space shelter strategies in other communities.</p> <p>Members asked about costs and discussed the effective practices and operating standards in the guidelines, including standard for on-site service provision/connection and operational support. This safety off the streets option would provide an alternative option and is operationally less expensive to a traditional shelter. Details regarding legal framework (citing, process, etc.) and opportunities for this type of shelter is being reviewed.</p> <p>Stacy Borke, Coordinating Board Co-chair, stated that Transition Projects is researching international and relief emergency preparedness and will share with the board when complete.</p>	<p>Motion to adopt the Community Program Guidelines for Open Space, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing. All in Favor</p>

	<p>Michael Parkhurst shared that SquareOne Village was awarded with an Affordable Housing Initiative grant, in response for predevelopment proposals of innovative approaches to lower development costs, to develop a Tiny Village Toolbox. This Toolbox will provide technical assistance and materials to other groups in pursuit of planning, implementing, and sustaining a tiny house community with a focus on housing and homelessness.</p> <p>Mayor Hales shared that there is an interest from architects to design and/or be a part of the tiny house discussion. Benson Polytechnic High School currently is constructing small living structures as part of their curriculum to teach the principles of geometry.</p> <p>Henry Burton asked if a parcel of land would need to accommodate 50 to 100 people. Marc responded that it was not necessary. Parcels for 3-4 structures would be sufficient.</p> <p>Marc Jolin reported that the community guidelines are a living document that can be revised and asked the Executive Committee to adopt the Community Program Guidelines for Open Space, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing.</p>	
<p><b>Housekeeping Items: Board Membership and Subcommittee Actions</b>  <b>- Chair Kafoury, Multnomah County</b></p>	<p>Marc Jolin asked the Executive Committee to approve the following board membership and subcommittee actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reappoint the following board members to a second two-year term on the Coordinating Board: Raihana Ansary, Carolyn Bateson, Israel Bayer, Ed Blackburn, Stacy Borke, Beth Burns, Lee Po Cha, René Duboise, Andrew McGough, Art Rios, Sr., Nicole Stein, Martha Strawn Morris, Derald Walker, and Sara Westbrook.</li> <li>2. Staff are authorized to solicit applications for the Coordinating Board positions: Domestic Violence Provider, Faith-based Service Provision, Family Service Provision, School Districts, Senior/Aging Provider/Advocate, and Community Member.</li> <li>3. Staff are authorized to solicit applications for one additional Coordinating Board position representing Youth Service Provision.</li> <li>4. Authorize creation of task force to review governance structure of A Home for Everyone.</li> </ol> <p>After short discussion to limit the number of meetings of this task force and not to meet until staffing was at capacity, the Executive Committee approved the creation of the task force.</p>	<p>Motion to reappoint 14 board member for to a two-year term. All in Favor.</p> <p>Motion to authorize solicitation of 6 vacated board positions. All in Favor.</p> <p>Motion to approve solicitation for board position representing Youth Service provision. All in Favor.</p> <p>Motion to authorize task force creation to review AHFE governance structure. All in Favor.</p>
<p><b>Closing Comments</b>  <b>- Deborah Kafoury, Chair</b></p>	<p>Meeting is adjourned.</p>	