

# A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Coordinating Board

## Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2016

**Facilitated by: Initiative Director and Co-chairs**  
**Prepared by: Rhea Bryant; Reviewed by: Jurisdictional Staff Members**

**Members present:** Michael Anderson-Nathe, Raihana Ansary, Alexandra Appleton, Ed Blackburn, Stacy Borke, Henry Burton (Commissioner Bailey rep.), Lee Po Cha, Sam Chase, Julia Delgado, Michael Parkhurst, Patricia Rojas, Ian Slingerland (Buonocore rep.), Liz Smith Currie (Chair Kafoury rep.), Chad Stover (Mayor Hales rep.), Becky Straus, Martha Strawn Morris, Derald Walker, Joe Walsh (Councilor Echols rep.). **Staff:** Spenser Belch, Caitlin Campbell, Ryan Deibert, Christian Elkin, Sally Erickson, Liv Jenssen, Jessica Kinard, Tiffany Kingery, Mee Seon Kwon, Ben Mauro, Erin Pidot, Anna Plumb, Bimal RajBhandary, Marc Rose, Kate Schwab, Wendy Smith, Colleen Yoshihara, Carrie Young. **Guests:** Chris Aiosa, Liora Berry, Chloe Brown, Rachel Carlson, Christine Cha, George Devendorf, Kenneth DeWeese, John Elizalde, Troy Hammond, Ernest Hayes, Charles Hodge, Brandyn Marley, Susan Madar, Alexa Mason, Robbie Noche, Samantha Ridderbusch, Jan Roberson, Amanda Saul, Blair Schaeffer-Bisht, Michael Stewart, Michael Thurman, Brandi Tuck, Jill Weir.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
<b>Welcome, Introductions, Minutes</b> - Stacy Borke, Co-chair	Co-chair called the meeting to order, reviewed agenda, explained public comment process and commenced introductions.  August 2016 meeting minutes were approved by consent; no objections.	
<b>Public Comment</b> - Stacy Borke, Co-chair	Floor opened for public comments. No public comments to be heard.	
<b>Community Advisory Forum (CAF)</b> - Stacy Borke, Co-Chair	Community Advisory Forum (CAF) will host their next meeting on September 21, 2016 from 2 to 4pm at Bud Clark Commons, Multipurpose Room at 650 NW Irving Street, Portland. Welcome Home will provide and update on their work on the first Portland ballot measure for affordable housing: Yes For Affordable Homes Measure 26-179, and the Joint Office of Homeless Services will provide an update.	
<b>Shelter Progress</b> - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director	Marc Jolin reminded the attendees about the AHFE goal set to expand shelter capacity by 650 beds by the end of the fiscal year and we are on track to double this very shortly. Current progress includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Do Good Multnomah Veterans shelter moved to Rose City Park United Methodist Church has expanded to serve 25 Veterans and their pets per night.</li> <li>• The Hansen Building is fully occupied, and has openings as people transition out.</li> <li>• The Gresham Women’s Shelter is scheduled to open on September 16<sup>th</sup>, will have about 90 shelter beds for women, and will be integrated in the domestic violence support system.</li> <li>• Additionally, 15 beds dedicated to the DV system plus an equivalent number of motel vouchers.</li> <li>• The Family Shelter is a no-turn away shelter with 130 beds, and the ability for overflow capacity.</li> </ul> Charles Hodge, Human Solutions, reported that they are averaging 180 people, approximately 100 adults and 80 children, per night. Stacy Borke asked about the demand for service in homeless youth and how we can accommodate the needs of youth in transition. Charles Hodge relayed that Human Solutions is currently working with families to ensure that youth are in school and have access to resources during the transition. Reynolds School District is also providing a tutor to work on-site with students during the school year.  New Avenues for Youth and Rosewood will also participate in support efforts for transitioning youth. A	

	<p>board member suggested that SUN System sites be connected through the school in order to help address the existing needs of homeless youth.</p> <p>Marc Jolin, Initiative Director, spoke about Terminal 1 being an ongoing discussion. Homer Williams is currently working on development and distributed a letter of interest to recruit community partners to operate the proposed shelter. There are several meetings scheduled for the coming weeks around this work. Prior to the meetings their coordination team was provided with the Coordinating Board’s community guidelines to ensure the shelter meets expressed expectations.</p> <p>Sally Erickson, Joint Office of Homeless Services, added that the Portland Rescue Mission, opened up their emergency winter beds early to accommodate current shelter need.</p> <p>Liz Smith Currie reminded board members that they are invited to the Gresham Women’s Shelter Open House on Thursday from 11:45 to 1:30pm.</p>	
<p><b>Springwater Corridor Update</b>  <b>- Chad Stover, City of Portland, Office of Mayor Hales</b></p>	<p>Chad Stover, Office of Mayor Hales, informed the group that a date was set for transitioning out of the corridor - this date was extended due to advocacy and input by providers. Cleanup began last week. Prior to the cleanup staff and service providers engaged in six weeks of intensive outreach to the most vulnerable individuals living on the corridor. The Clackamas Service Center assisted in hosting resources fairs and allowing for storage throughout this process. Phase 1 of the cleanup project was Lambert Field located east of SE 82nd Ave and SE Flavel. Portland Police patrolled the site throughout the holiday weekend and Phase 1 is now complete. Phase 2 includes cleanup of “Beggars Tick” and it is currently underway. Oregon Consensus, City of Milwaukie, Multnomah County, Clackamas County, provided input and will help ensure that this process continues to run smoothly while remaining flexible as needed.</p> <p>Marc Jolin added that service and outreach coordination calls with several service providers/agencies, outreach workers, and volunteers aided in facilitating the cleanup process and ensuring effectiveness in service coordination. Portland Police will not engage in enforcement actions surrounding camping as long as the camp is low impact.</p> <p>Lee Po Cha, Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), applauded the efforts that everyone has taken so far and offered IRCO’s assistance if needed in the future.</p> <p>A board member asked “what are the plans to sustain enforcement on the Corridor?” Chad Stover commented that “we’re hitting the reset button.” Most of the land along the Springwater Corridor is owned by the Portland Parks Bureau and Metro. Chad Stover commented that the Mayor’s office is engaged in conversations with the Parks Bureau about needs to sustain enforcement. In the short-term, the Parks Bureau and the Bureau of Environmental Services will be posting and evaluating the land to determine need for signage and assess damage that’s been done.</p> <p>A board member asked “what happens to clients once they’ve been relocated?” Chad Stover mentioned that efforts are underway to assess this now. He reaffirmed that he and his colleagues in the Mayor’s Office believe in an outdoor shelter model “done in the right way and with the right accommodations.”</p>	

	<p>Setting the foundation “includes finding the right site. It’s not as easy as it looks.” The City recognizes the importance in ending homelessness and recently renewed the declaration of emergency for another year. This decision will allow the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) to move more efficiently through the system in order to address the current need.</p> <p>Efforts have been underway to further address the unmet shelter need in our communities. The <a href="#">Unity Center for Behavioral Health</a> is scheduled to open in mid-January.</p> <p>Stacy Borke, announced the Veterans Stand Down, job and resource fair event for Veterans, is taking place on Friday, September 9, 2016 from 9am-2pm at the Memorial Coliseum. The event will feature HIV testing coordinated by Cascade Aids Project (CAP), as well as rapid re-housing services and interviews by employers with open jobs.</p> <p>Ian Slingerland, Home Forward, gave an update on the Housing Choice Voucher waitlist that opens next week. All applications will be accepted during the week it is open. The Home Forward website lists more information about the waitlist process and the New Columbia Office will host training services for the application submissions to those that need extra support. Applicants will be notified if they’re selected or not selected and the waitlist expansion projected to last 2-3 years, depending on availability of HUD vouchers.</p> <p>Michael Parkhurst, Meyer Memorial Trust, announced the upcoming event “The Philanthropic Response to Homelessness” taking place on September 15, 2016 at Ecotrust. The event seeks to better understand the experience of homelessness in our communities and the role philanthropy might play in addressing both long and short term solutions to end homelessness.</p>	
<p><b>Proposed Changes to Shelter Zoning Code - Leslie Lum, City of Portland, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability</b></p>	<p>Leslie Lum, from the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, offered an update on proposed changes to the Zoning Code.</p> <p>Leslie mentioned that in March a resolution was received to write-in changes to the zoning code as a result of the State of Emergency pertaining to housing and homelessness. The Bureau planned to identify barriers in service by meeting with service providers such as Transition Projects and Community of Hope. The discussion resulted in identifying the lengthiness of the building permit process and lack of coordination between city staff/bureaus as barriers to shelter creation and implementation. Currently proposed changes to the zoning code include removing parking a requirement if in use with an existing institution, and increased capacity for mass shelter. These proposed changes will be discussed at the hearing taking place on September, 13, 2016.</p> <p>Leslie asked members to contact her with any thoughts, ideas, questions or concerns by emailing <a href="mailto:leslie.lum@portlandoregon.gov">leslie.lum@portlandoregon.gov</a> or calling (503) 823-7896.</p>	<p>Board members share ideas or concerns with Leslie Lum.</p>
<p><b>FY 2016-2017/ FY 2018 Budget Allocation Overview &amp; Engagement Process</b></p>	<p>Marc Jolin turned the meeting over to the presenters that provided the board with an overview of the budget allocations by system and the upcoming budget process. The <a href="#">presentation</a> included the following highlights:</p>	

<p>- Ryan Deibert, Joint Office of Homeless Services                  - Martha Strawn Morris, Gateway Center for Domestic Violence                  - Tiffany Kingery, Joint Office of Homeless Services                  - Caitlin Campbell, Joint Office of Homeless Services                  - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director                  - Christian Elkin, Joint Office of Homeless Services/Multnomah County Budget Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ryan Deibert provided the group with an overview of the initiative goals to increase safety off the streets, placements and prevention/diversion, and reviewed new funds allocated by category.</li> <li>• Martha Strawn Morris provided an overview of the funds allocated to the Domestic Violence system and the new/expanded capacity for that system.</li> <li>• Tiffany Kingery provided an overview of the funds allocated to the Homeless Family System of Care and the new/expanded capacity for that system.</li> <li>• Caitlin Campbell provided an overview of the funds allocated to the Homeless Youth Continuum of Care and the new/expanded capacity for that system.</li> <li>• Marc Jolin provided an overview of the funds allocated to the adult system and the new/expanded capacity for that system, and provided an overview of additional investments made through the Joint Office of Homeless Services.</li> </ul> <p>Christian Elkin presented members with an overview of the County Budget and its process. The <a href="#">presentation</a> included a timeline for A Home for Everyone recommendations.</p>	
<p>2016 HUD Continuum of Care Application Update                  - Erin Pidot, Joint Office of Homeless Services</p>	<p>Erin Pidot, Joint Office of Homeless Service, provided an <a href="#">update on the 2016 Continuum of Care application</a> and submission to the board, including final placement of projects in Tier 1 and Tier 2, selection of two bonus projects, the reallocation of Transitional Housing project funding to support permanent Housing activities, and next steps in the process.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting                  - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p><b>The next meeting will be 3:00 – 5:00 PM on Wednesday, October 5, 2016</b></p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p>	