

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Coordinating Board

Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2017

Facilitated by: Initiative Director and Co-chairs

Prepared by: Rhea Graves; Reviewed by: Jurisdictional Staff Members

Members present: Raihana Ansary, Alexandra Appleton, Rachel Carlson (Carolynn Bateson rep), Ed Blackburn, Stacy Borke, Ian Singerland (Michael Buonocore rep.), Sam Chase, Maurice Evans, Kevin Fitts, Katrina Holland, Marc Jolin, Liz Smith Currie (Chair Kafoury rep.), Susan Madar, Alexa Mason, Sharon Meieran, Anne O’Malley, Rebecca Nickels, Lee Po Cha, Patricia Rojas, Tawna Sanchez, Shannon Singleton, Becky Straus, Sean Suib, Michael Thurman, Derald Walker, Ted Wheeler, Marisa Zapata. **Staff:** Jennifer Chang, Kurt Creager, Ryan Deibert, Karl Dinkelspiel, Christian Elkin, Sally Erickson, Rhea Graves, Jessica Kinard, Jane Marie Ford, Ben Mauro, Liv Jenssen, Erin Pidot, Bimal RajBhandary, Walter Robinson II, Wendy Smith, Matthew Tschabold, Carrie Young. **Guests:** Chris Aiosa, Vaun Albanese, Liora Berry, Alex Bejarano, Vahid Brown, Caitlyn Daphne, George Devendorf, John Elizalde, Molly Esteve, Laura Golino de Lovato, Kristrun Grondal, Kiera Hansen, Hillary Houck, Sonja Hultsman, Samantha Kaan, Meeseon Kwon, Jenny Lee, Alison McIntosh, Robert Noche, Mark Rose, Cindy Scheel, Katie Schreiber, Loretta Smith, Mark Sturbois, Brandi Tuck, Leisl Wehmueller, Felicia Williams, Michael Withey, Colleen Yoshihara.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
<p>Welcome, Introductions & Minutes</p> <p>- Stacy Borke, Co-chair</p>	<p>Stacy Borke, Initiative Co-chair, called the meeting to order, reviewed agenda, explained public comment process and commenced introductions.</p> <p>December 2016 meeting minutes were approved by consent; no objections.</p>	<p>Minutes were approved by consent.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p> <p>- Stacy Borke, Co-chair</p>	<p>Michael Withey, Microcommunity Concepts, discussed the work his organization is doing to build tiny house communities. He advocated for tiny homes as the most affordable way to provide large housing communities for people experiencing homelessness. Michael suggested that the Coordinating Board design guidelines for new communities created in the future. He urged the importance of implementing time limits on the existence of temporary communities.</p> <p>Richard Rubin, community member, spoke about a development model for new or renovated housing. He suggested the creation of 4-bedroom family-sized units that can be occupied by both singles and families. Richard highlighted that this shared housing model provides a room to those willing to live with other individuals or families. Future tenants would self select themselves to live with roommates and building managers would decide on final placements. He cited that this model is being used successfully at University Pointe. Richard shared that the American Campus Organization has more information about similar shared housing models.</p>	
<p>Announcement: Sanctuary County</p> <p>- Loretta Smith, Multnomah County</p>	<p>Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith shared her enthusiasm around the passing of the resolution declaring Multnomah County a sanctuary county. The resolution, co-sponsored by Multnomah County Chair, Deborah Kafoury, was in response to the anxiety and uncertainty after the 2016 presidential campaign. The resolution hopes to send a clear message that people would get services and their health would be protected and to take a stand against hatred, racism and violence. Commissioner Smith added that everyone is still expected to stay within the guidelines of the law, but will not be asked for documentation when accessing library services or seeking healthcare at a local clinic, for example. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners is committed to standing behind this decision despite the potential loss of federal funding. Commissioner Smith added that it’s important for all of our residents to feel safe accessing the</p>	<p>Members can reach out to Stacy and Marc there are questions or want to offer support.</p>

	<p>services they need and hopes the resolution’s passing will provide comfort to residents across the community.</p> <p>Lee Po Cha, Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), thanked the Chair and the County Commissioners for declaring Multnomah County a sanctuary county. He commented that “this is not only for our undocumented populations, but our legal refugee communities as well” and “it’s the right thing to do.” Marisa Zapata, Portland State University (PSU), commented that she applauds the decision to declare sanctuary for the county while acknowledging the potential consequences of this decision. Becky Straus, Oregon Law Center, thanked Commissioner Smith for her leadership on this resolution and added that the Multnomah County Commission took a moment with a lot of fear to remind people in Multnomah County what is already going on in our community.</p>	
<p>Severe Weather Update - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>Marc Jolin, Initiative Director, discussed the unprecedented period of severe weather our system is facing. “Last night, we opened 450 additional severe weather beds and over 400 people filled these beds”. Shelter providers are working diligently to avoid turning anyone away while securing additional beds for increased capacity. Marc asked for continued support from the community, urging that if you see someone outside unsheltered whose life appears to be in danger or is in an apparent medical crisis, call 9-1-1. Otherwise, if you see someone about whom you are concerned, such as not being dressed for the weather conditions, call police non-emergency (503) 823-3333 and request a welfare check for that person. Marc also suggested that everyone sign up for severe weather alerts on 211info.org.</p> <p>Jamey Duhamel, Office of City Commissioner Eudaly, shared that more beds will be opened downtown at either Portland City Hall or the Portland Building. Marc added that volunteers are still needed to open this space.</p> <p>Shannon Singleton, JOIN, requested that everyone consider donating blankets, socks, and other supplies to JOIN, Transition Projects, or Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare. An audience member shared that the Clackamas Service Center in Gresham can also take donations.</p> <p>Board member asked if there was a more direct way to connect people to resources. He shared his recent encounter with two men in need of support quickly. Marc suggested “if the individual is unable to care for themselves call 211 or the police and ask for a welfare check.” This will ensure that the individual gets help as quickly as possible.</p>	
<p>State of Housing in Portland - Matthew Tschabold, Portland Housing Bureau</p>	<p>Matthew Tschabold, Portland Housing Bureau (PHB), provided several highlights from the State of Housing in Portland Report. The report is a compilation of data indicators on the housing market. He reminded the Board that City Council declared a housing and homelessness emergency about a year and a half ago. This action allowed the following changes to be implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHB released \$62 million for affordable housing production and preservation. • City Council increased affordable housing urban renewal resources from 30% to 45%. 	

<p>- Karl Dinkelspiel, Portland Housing Bureau</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City and County expanded and reformed the affordable housing tax exemption program. • City Council adopted first-step tenant protections. • City Council dedicated short-term rental lodging tax revenue to affordable housing production and preservation. • City worked with State Legislature in the removal of mandatory inclusionary housing pre-emption. • City and County created a Joint Office of Homeless Services. • City Council adopted affordable housing construction excise tax. • Voters approved a \$258.4 million affordable housing bond. • Commissioner Saltzman and PHB developed a recommended mandatory inclusionary housing policy for City Council consideration. <p>Matthew shared that the City of Portland currently has added 400 units of affordable housing to its portfolio and 1,900 units to the production pipeline. Highlights of next steps for PHB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The General Obligation bond will be implemented and a bond oversight committee will be created. • PHB will implement mandatory inclusionary housing and affordable housing permit process improvements. • PHB plans to create a tenant-landlord services office and additional tenant protection services. • PHB plans to implement mandatory rental registration and inspections. <p>Karl Dinkelspiel, PHB, shared that the passing of the Affordable Housing Bond has allowed purchase of the Ellington Building, a 263-unit apartment complex with an expected close date in early February 2017.</p> <p>Board member asked if there would be supportive services attached to the Ellington Building. Karl shared that nothing is finalized right now, but this is something that his team is keeping in mind during the planning process for the building. Lee Po Cha, IRCO, asked, “what is the outreach plan to ensure that everyone knows about this affordable housing opportunity?” Karl shared that marketing outreach “will play an important role in the outreach plan.” NoAppFee.com, an innovative application system, will be a part of the outreach program. Board member asked if there are plans to form a bond oversight committee for spending of the bond dollars. PHB Director, Kurt Creager, explained that the process for developing the oversight committee is underway. City Commissioners will identify their appointees and the Housing Commissioner will name the committee’s chair. The process should be completed by March 2017.</p>	
<p>Updates from New Executive Committee Members</p>	<p>Mayor Ted Wheeler introduced himself and Senior Policy Advisor, Andrea Valderrama. He shared “something happened that should never be allowed to happen in this city; someone passed away presumably from exposure to the elements. I do not want that to happen again.”</p>	

<p>- Ted Wheeler, City of Portland Mayor</p> <p>- Sharon Meieran, Multnomah County Commission</p> <p>- Jamey Duhamel, Office of Commissioner Eudaly</p>	<p>Mayor Wheeler confirmed that all scheduled sweeps have been suspended during the severe weather period- “it’s just not the right time to be sweeping anybody.” He expressed gratitude for everyone present today and “looks forward to working with everyone at the table on this important work.”</p> <p>Multnomah County Commissioner Sharon Meieran, expressed her enthusiasm in working with everyone at the table. She hopes to draw on her background as an emergency room physician to shape better policies for the most vulnerable in our community.</p> <p>Jamey Duhamel, Office of Commissioner Eudaly, mentioned that Commissioner Eudaly remains committed to taking “very bold action in regards to tenant protections.” She added that this is a “multifaceted issue and requires a multifaceted solution” and remains enthusiastic about addressing the issues affecting housing stability in our community.</p>	
<p>State Budget Presentation</p> <p>- Alison McIntosh, Oregon Housing Alliance</p>	<p>Alison McIntosh, Oregon Housing Alliance, an organization that advocates for affordable housing in Salem, provided highlights on the Governor’s Budget adding that Governor Brown “prioritized the protection of kids, families, and vulnerable Oregonians.” Among these efforts the Emergency Housing Account and State Homeless Assistance Programs were protected from any cuts. The Oregon Housing Alliance is requesting \$30 million a biennium for the State Emergency Housing Account and State Homeless Assistance Program; the Governor’s budget included \$10 million for these programs. Alison shared that the legislature is facing a \$1.7 billion dollar shortfall and “it’s important that our representatives hear about the issues folks are passionate about in the community.” She will send invitations to everyone for the Capitol lobby days taking place in March and May.</p>	
<p>Continuum of Care Funding Award Update</p> <p>- Erin Pidot, Joint Office of Homeless Services</p>	<p>Erin Pidot, Joint Office of Homeless Services, shared updates on the Continuum of Care Funding Award. In September we submitted an application for Continuum of Care funding; it is one of the largest funding streams funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Our Continuum of Care system was awarded \$21.6 million; this is a funding increase of \$2.5 million from last year. Most of the projects placed in Tier 2, a nationally competitive category, were fully funded. The outcomes of our Tier 2 project rankings were consistent with other systems of care; most systems across the country experienced 1-2 projects that were not funded. The funding increase also included support for a bonus project from Bradley Angle to expand the Healing Roots program. This program provides housing and support to families that have been impacted by domestic violence in addition to culturally specific support for African-Americans.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>- Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>The next meeting will be 3:00 – 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at the Multnomah Building.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p>	