



## Safety off the Streets Workgroup Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2017

TIME: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Bud Clark Commons  
Multipurpose Room  
650 NW Irving Street  
Portland OR 97209

ATTENDEES: Chris Aiosa, Tony Bernal, Kurt Briggs-Ungerer, Rhea Graves, Charles Hodge, Tiffany Kingery, Dawn Martin, Ledena Mattox, Christina McGovney, Ben Mauro, Michleen Mickel, Dominique Price, Shannon Singleton, Liz Weber.

### MEETING DISCUSSION

- Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Guidelines Feedback: The Coordinating Board requested that the Safety off the Streets (SoS) Workgroup review the proposed ESG Guidelines with an equity lens.
  - 24 CFR 576.403: suggestion to better define “warm hand-off.” The language is unclear about what this entails.
  - How do we look back and show that an equity lens has been used to develop these guidelines?
    - Group had conversation about making equity an intentional process and how we can imbed this better throughout internal processes.
  - Suggestion to ensure that intake paperwork is available in other languages .
    - Clients should be clear on what the intake paperwork says.
  - Question about #5: Why does it state that there is “no limit to length of stay?”
    - The extended language notes restrictions to this.
- The Kenton Village Neighborhood Association approved the sleeping pod community.
  - The tentative plan is for everything to be moved onsite by the end of April 2017.
  - This timeline could be affected as the screening process changes.
  - Group discussed this priority and the length of time it has taken to make progress on this goal.
    - Progress has been slowed due to limited access to viable properties.
  - The SoS Workgroup recommended trainings for providers around the following topic areas:
    - Mental health first aid
    - De-escalation/conflict resolution
    - Trauma informed care
    - Motivational interviewing
      - Tiffany Kingery will follow-up with more information about the feasibility of these trainings in the near future.
- Workgroup Priorities and Items to Explore
  - [Charles Jordan Community Center](#) to increase hygiene access?
    - Suggestion to explore this option in order to get people access either through passes or through membership.

- Anticipation of pushback from the community center?
  - Charles Hodge suggested we look into use of unused buildings owned by Portland Public Schools.
  - Public safety representatives needed for our next low barrier conversation
    - Date is to be announced.
- Consensus that it is important to plan a conversation about diversion and intake procedures throughout shelters.
  - Shannon Singleton will invite all shelter managers for this discussion.
  - Request for clarification from Chelsea around diversion program at SAFES
  - Invite Commissioner Chloe Eudaly’s staff to future meeting to have a conversation with providers.
    - Date to be announced.
- Group members were asked to brainstorm potential legislative priorities for the SOS workgroup.

## ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ASSIGNED
1. Brainstorm potential legislative priorities prior to the upcoming meeting.	All
2. Discuss updates on Kenton Village project at the next meeting.	Ben Mauro
3. Send information regarding Title 33 changes to Shannon Singleton.	Ben Mauro
4. Provide information on mobile hygiene and laundry centers to Shannon Singleton and Ben Mauro.	Charles Hodge
5. Explore the coordination of suggested trainings: mental health first aid, de-escalation, trauma informed care, and motivational interviewing.	Tiffany Kingery
6. Future conversation about diversion and intake procedures throughout shelter.	Shannon Singleton

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 2017  
2:00 – 4:00 PM  
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