

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2017

Facilitated by: Chair Deborah Kafoury and Initiative Director Marc Jolin

Prepared by: Joanne Miesen; **Reviewed by:** Jurisdictional Staff Members

Members present: Stacy Borke, Michael Buonocore, Karylenn Echols, Chloe Eudaly, Marc Jolin, Deborah Kafoury, Sharon Meieran, Michael Parkhurst, Ben Sand, Shannon Singleton, Ted Wheeler. **Staff:** Maria Alvarez-Lugo, Ian Davie, Ryan Deibert, Karl Dinkelspiel, Jamey Duhamel, Jamie Dunphy, Christian Elkin, Nick Fish, Joanne Fuller, Renee Huizinga, Tiffany Kingery, Ben Mauro, Javier Mena, Anna Plumb, Bimal RajBhandary, Ian Slingerland, Liz Smith Currie, Denis Theriault, Joe Walsh, Carrie Young. **Guests:** Raihana Ansary, Bill Boyd, George Devendorf, Libra Forde, Cameron Foster, Mary Gemme, Charles Hodge, Heather Lyons, Amanda Saul, Thacher Schmade, Amy Zlot.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
<p>Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of Minutes</p> <p>– Deborah Kafoury, Chair</p>	<p>Marc Jolin, Initiative Director, called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Chair Deborah Kafoury commenced introductions, complimented the group and added she is proud of the work that has been accomplish thus far.</p> <p>Members reviewed the December 2016 minutes. Minutes were approved with no changes.</p>	<p>Motion to approve December 2016 minutes. All in favor.</p>
<p>Member Updates</p> <p>– Deborah Kafoury, Chair</p>	<p>Michael Buonocore, Home Forward, shared that voucher funding will only be prorated through June. Communications will be sent out soon to the individuals who are currently on Home Forward’s waiting list as they will be impacted by the reduction in funding.</p> <p>City of Portland Mayor, Ted Wheeler, brought up two issues. The first is that Right 2 Dream Too (R2D2) needs a new permanent location. He shared they are reaching out to the private sector for options. The second issue regards the damage done to a building owned by the Menashe Family used for temporary shelter. He shared that this could jeopardize the space that the Menahse’s recently donated which came around due to the closure of a shelter in Southwest Portland. He communicated that homelessness is a very complex issue and we need to keep demanding involvement from the community.</p> <p>Ben Sand, Portland Leadership Foundation, shared details on the upcoming Civic Forum that will be held at the Aladdin Theater on March 23, 2017 from 4:30pm-6:00pm. Discussions will be about the success of the Every Child initiative and the work by A Home for Everyone. This event is open to the public.</p> <p>Michael Buonocore, Home Forward, commented that affordable housing is a big part of the homelessness issue.</p> <p>Chloe Eudaly, Portland City Council, shared that the no-fault termination notices at Titan Manor have been temporarily rescinded. She also confirmed the details of an upcoming, Free Legal Clinic: Relocation Assistance at David Douglas High School on March 15, 2017 starting at 6:30pm. The clinic will help tenants determine if they are eligible for relocation assistance. She added they are</p>	<p>Staff to send Civic Forum event details to members.</p> <p>Staff to send Free Legal Clinic event details to members.</p> <p>Staff to distribute Gresham Task Force on Homelessness Report to members.</p> <p>Staff to send information regarding Meyer Memorial Trust funding opportunities to members.</p>

	<p>continuing to work on affordable housing and mentioned the release of an app that will allow homeowners to find out if their properties are zoned for an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). She agreed that we also need to push back on the community for help and was excited to hear about the Civic Forum at the Aladdin Theater.</p> <p>Karylinn Echols, City of Gresham Council, agreed that it is a community-wide concern and shared that the Gresham Task Force on Homelessness was assembled last year, that included representation from Gresham businesses, schools, social services, health, faith and medical organizations and their final report for action/advocacy/research has been generated. The Chair requested that it be distributed.</p> <p>Michael Parkhurst, Meyer Memorial Trust, shared that they are currently have an Affordable Housing Initiative Request for Proposals (RFP) out that will close on April 5. He also shared that Meyer Memorial Trust’s four portfolios will release their 2017 annual funding opportunities on March 15.</p>	
<p>Permanent Supportive Housing Analysis Presentation</p> <p>– Amanda Saul, Enterprise Community Partners</p> <p>– Heather Lyons, CSH</p>	<p>Amanda Saul, Enterprise Community Partners, provided an introduction to the Health and Housing Initiative, which works to document the link between housing with health care and its impacts on vulnerable populations. She also shared current news from the AHFE Health Workgroup. This workgroup combining membership from the housing and health sectors came up with recommendations, with the top priority being the supply of more permanent supportive housing. Amanda also shared information from the Health in Housing Report completed by the Center for Outcomes Research & Education (CORE), an independent research team, in partnership with Enterprise Community Partners and Meyer Memorial Trust. The study is one of the first to directly assess the impact on health care costs when low-income individuals move into affordable housing. She highlighted the findings, the 1,600 individuals in the study showed a savings of \$936,000 in Medicaid when the group was supplied with affordable housing and health care.</p> <p>Heather Lyons, CSH, shared that they are currently providing technical assistance through May to the Joint Office of Homeless Services and other local agencies that are working to end homelessness. Heather presented the findings of estimated number of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units needed and the estimated cost. The Permanent Supportive Housing Projections & Financial Modeling presentation can be viewed at a</p> <p>Michael Buonocore inquired why the numbers are low for youths on the “Need-Special Needs graph. Heather explained that historically it’s not unusual for the numbers to be low. It may also be due to having good shelter options for youth and added that the point-in-time count does not include couch surfing. Ryan Deibert, Joint Office of Homeless Services, suggested additional data so vulnerable populations might have better representation.</p> <p>Marc Jolin shared that we can do this work and create a starting point. Deborah Kafoury, Chair, commented that it takes prioritization to pay for this type of plan. Heather Lyons shared there are</p>	<p>Staff to pull data for CSH to make adjustments to estimates if necessary.</p> <p>Staff to distribute full PSH Projections & Financial Modeling presentation to members.</p>

	<p>many different models of single site communities (e.g. Bud Clark Commons) where the services can be provided efficiently.</p> <p>Marc Jolin invited Nick Fish, City of Portland Commissioner, to address the members.</p> <p>Commissioner Nick Fish thanked Heather Lyons for the presentation and praised the group for finding permanent housing for 695 Veterans in 2015. He then challenged the board to come up with a blueprint that would support a roadmap to providing additional permanent supportive housing.</p>	
<p>Severe Weather Response – Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>Marc Jolin began by thanking everybody for their participation in today’s meeting. He shared that it has been an unprecedented year for severe weather. Inclement weather protocols have been in place for nearly 40 days this season (normally its 10-20) which was compounded instead of scattered throughout the typical season (November 1 to March 31). The community provided shelter for nearly 750 people which came to 13,000 shelter bed nights. Marc conveyed that an amazing amount of outreach and transportation support was mobilized as people realized we had to come together as a community. Presentations reviewed with the committee can be viewed at ahomeforeveryone.net/s/EC_PPT_Severe_20170303.pdf.</p>	
<p>Mental Health and Addictions Overview – Joanne Fuller, Multnomah County Health Department Director</p>	<p>Joanne Fuller, County Health Department Director, explained the Health Department is the local mental health authority and are responsible for creating a platform for crisis intervention (e.g. 24-hour call center, project respond and mobile crisis service; walk-in clinics) and prevention (e.g. mental health first aid training). They also help fund transitioning providers such as Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare, Lifeworks and Central City Concern. They are involved with transitioning people who are in the state hospital to the community and use state funds and Medicaid to provide them with housing and other types of assistance. They also work closely with the criminal justice system. She also shared that people experiencing homelessness are not finding their way to treatment or able to engage in treatment due to a combination of mental health and substance abuse issues. Between 2008-2011, three teams that were funded by federal grants and County General Funds were successful in bringing in people by providing outreach; this funding has since been eliminated.</p> <p>Sharon Meieran, Multnomah County Commissioner, thanked Joanne Fuller for her presentation and agreed that we need to revisit funding for these types of outreach programs. She inquired if there was a way to engage a core group of volunteers through technology (similar to how severe weather teams are connected) which might allow for quicker response times. Joanne confirmed the Tri-County 911 Team, which works through the Health Department and is funded through Medicaid, identify residents who have frequent contact with ambulance and/or fire agencies and directs them to services. She agreed that a better plan needs to be in place to activate Health Department employees to warming shelters.</p> <p>Shannon Singleton, Coordinating Board Co-Chair, agreed that we need to leverage existing relationships to connect people with the proper services and in a timely way so they stay engaged.</p>	

	<p>Joanne Fuller agreed and shared that an unstable workforce and the housing affordability issues are creating barriers to making this possible.</p> <p>Chloe Eudaly, City of Portland Commissioner, inquired about utilizing neighborhood teams for outreach. Joanne Fuller was excited to speak further in regards to this idea and will connect with Commissioner Eudaly's Office to discuss further.</p> <p>Michael Buonocore, Home Forward, asked how we prevent people from re-entering the homeless system after moving through the health system. Joanne shared they have access and capacity issues. Shannon Singleton made the comment that agencies do great work and asked for more detail regarding what is available and how people can access care.</p>	
<p>System Data and Evaluation Goals, and Outcomes Review – Anna Plumb, Multnomah County Department of County Management</p>	<p>Anna Plumb began her presentation by emphasizing this report is always evolving and that the data is preliminary, as she believes some of the new providers were not included. Overall there is a 25% increase in people being served in emergency shelters which is a direct result of more shelter beds being offered. She also noted there has been a drop of those coming forward for homeless prevention in the Hispanic/Latino community.</p> <p>Marc Jolin confirmed the data would be finalized and re-distributed.</p>	<p>Anna Plumb to finalize data in the outcomes report.</p>
<p>Point-in-Time Count Update – Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>Marc Jolin shared that the Street and Shelter Count was conducted the count during the week of February 22 through February 28 for the night of February 22. In the next couple of months data from the Point-in-Time 2017 will be entered and analyzed. The final report is slated to be released in late Spring 2017.</p>	
<p>Homeless Family System of Care Overview and Capacity Update – Tiffany Kingery, Joint Office of Homeless Services – Bill Boyd, JOIN – Charles Hodge, Human Solutions, Inc. – Libra Forde, Self Enhancement, Inc. – Cameron Foster, Self Enhancement, Inc.</p>	<p>Tiffany Kingery, Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS), provided introductions to some of the providers present and listed all the agencies that make up the Homeless Family System of Care. Shelter and Diversion providers include Human Solutions and Portland Homeless Family Solutions (PHFS). Providers supporting the Mobile Housing Team include JOIN, Self Enhancement, Inc. (SEI), El Programa Hispano Católico, Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), PHFS, and Human Solutions.</p> <p>Bill Boyd, JOIN, explained the coordinated entry is managed by 211info, which uses a broad sense of homelessness when screening. He hopes more communities can have access to these services and systems down the road.</p> <p>Charles Hodge, Human Solutions, shared that family shelters operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a goal of providing a safe place off the streets. Sometimes a one-time cash infusion is provided to help families maintain their housing and most importantly, divert them from the shelter system and keep their current residence. However, there is a balance between immediate funding and available affordable housing. Bill Boyd agreed and added that permanent affordable housing is the</p>	<p>Tiffany Kingery to supply final count of families receiving support.</p>

	<p>ultimate goal.</p> <p>Libra Forde, SEI, elaborated on the amazing, culturally specific blend of agencies within the Mobile Housing Team and shared they make it possible for people to be identified that are outside the count. She also stressed and encouraged affordable housing and requested that it be defined; collaboration divides the task, but it multiplies the success.</p> <p>Tiffany Kingery confirmed that the rental market has made it difficult to place families and is working on a final count of how many families they are supporting.</p> <p>Bill Boyd added that they are spending more time helping families maintain their housing. That it is requiring longer and more intensive support than when the system was originally created.</p> <p>Deborah Kafoury, Chair, commented that resources do not go far enough when we do not include tenant rights and protections.</p> <p>Charles Hodge, Human Solutions, supplied the following number of families being sheltered; about 165-180 per night (the highest count was 267); approximately 3.4 individuals make up a family unit.</p> <p>Cameron Foster, SEI, shared a story of a family she assisted. It consisted of a mother, father and a baby who had been homeless for over a year. Cameron would meet them wherever it was convenient and was finally able to help locate housing and employment. Now the mother is attending school to get her General Educational Development (GED) certificate. She shared that it has been an honor to work with these families and knows first-hand about homelessness as she experienced it herself with her four children. She believes that this has allowed her to really connect with the families as they have a tendency not to trust the system.</p> <p>Libra Forde reiterated these successes are due to the direct collaboration of several programs.</p>	
<p>Closing Comments – Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>The next meeting will be 2:00 – 4:00 PM on Monday, April 17, 2017 at the Multnomah Building, Room 315.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p>	