

# A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Coordinating Board

## Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2017

Facilitated by: Initiative Director and Co-chairs

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

**Members present:** Michael Anderson-Nathe, Raihana Ansary, Alexandra Appleton, Stacy Borke, Pollyanne Birge (Commissioner Eudaly rep.), Beth Burns, Lee Po Cha, Sam Chase, Julia Delgado, Maurice Evans, Kevin Fitts, Alexa Mason, Andrew McGough, Monique Menconi, Rebecca Nickels, Patricia Rojas, Ian Singerland (Michael Buonocore rep.), Shannon Singleton, Liz Smith Currie (Chair Kafoury rep.), Nicole Stein, Martha Strawn Morris, Sean Suib, Michael Thurman, Derald Walker, Sara Westbrook. **Staff:** Ryan Deibert, Christian Elkin, Jane Marie Ford, Roberta Hunte, Liv Jossen, Jessica Kinard, Anna Plumb, Erin Pidot, Bimal RajBhandary, Adam Renon, Mark Rose, Neal Rotman, Carol Scholl, Kate Schwab, Denis Theriault, Colleen Yoshihara, Carrie Young. **Guests:** Chris Aiosa, Liora Berry, Rachel Carlson, George Devendorf, John Elizalde, Chris Farentinos, Laura Golino de Lovato, Hillary Houck, Michael Mellick, Robbie Noche, Jace Richard, Emmy Ritter, Amanda Saul, Blair Schaeffer-Bisht, Mark Sturbois.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
<p><b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Minutes</b></p> <p>- Stacy Borke, Co-chair</p>	<p>Stacy Borke, Co-chair, called the meeting to order, reviewed agenda, explained public comment process, announced listening assistance availability and commenced introductions.</p> <p>January 2017 meeting minutes approved by consent; no objections.</p>	<p>Minutes approved by consent.</p>
<p><b>Public Comment &amp; Member Updates</b></p> <p>- Stacy Borke, Co-chair</p>	<p>No public comment to be heard; proceeded with Coordinating Board Member updates.</p> <p>Marc Jolin, Initiative Director, was requested to provide an update on the <a href="#">Kenton</a> project.</p> <p>Sam Chase, Metro and Coalition of Community Health Clinics, was excited to share that the Coalition for Community Health Clinics was awarded a Meyer Memorial Trust grant to provide technical assistance to the 14 member clinics to design and implement equity-focused community health improvement strategies.</p> <p>Ian Singerland, Home Forward, shared that a Request for Proposals (<a href="#">RFP</a>) for Short-Term Rent Assistance for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness was released on March 1, 2017 and will close at 2:00 PM on April 5, 2017.</p> <p>Pollyanne Birge, Office of Commissioner Eudaly, shared that there will be a <a href="#">Free Legal Clinic</a> at David Douglas High School on March 15, 2017 at 6:30pm, which will aid tenants in determining if they are eligible for relocation assistance. Marc Jolin expanded that Commissioner Eudaly's Office is interested in hearing about specific experiences in relation to the ordinance and confirmed a committee has been setup to review. Pollyanne Birge also shared that the no-fault termination notices at Titan Manor have been rescinded. There was a question posed regarding if the courthouse was keeping track of the cases coming in; no confirmation that this was being done.</p> <p>Michael Thurman, Community Member, confirmed that there was an infusion of Ryan White CARE Act <a href="#">Part A</a> funds which will be added. It is presumably a one-time occurrence affecting the following counties: Clark, Yamhill, Columbia, Multnomah, and Clackamas. The exact terms will be confirmed at the <a href="#">Portland Transitional Grant Area (TGA) HIV Services Planning Council</a>, advisory board that</p>	<p>Staff to send link for the Home Forward RFP and the upcoming Free Legal Clinic.</p>

	<p>oversees the prioritization and allocation Part A funds, meeting on March 7, 2017 at 4:00pm.</p> <p>Monique Menconi, Still Life, shared that she is going to be part of a project to improve Hazelnut Grove and mentioned several improvements had been made to the site. One of the more interesting contributions involved the invention of <a href="#">Juiceboxes</a> by the students at Catlin Gable School. Monique also questioned if we could capitalize on private support.</p> <p>Marc Jolin explained the details of the <a href="#">Kenton Village Proposal</a>. The Kenton Neighborhood Association will be voting March 8, 2017 on whether they will support the proposal. He also confirmed the residents have not been selected for the village but the Village Coalition has been involved with this part of the process.</p> <p>Shannon Singleton, Co-chair, asked what is the support for existing sites (eg: <a href="#">Right 2 Dream Too</a>) and suggested that we begin engaging the City Council in order to not leave out something that is working.</p> <p>Marc Jolin defined <a href="#">Village Coalition</a> as a network of community groups who support and help with the design of urban villages and sleeping pods.</p> <p>Ryan Deibert, Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS), provided an update on the 2017 Point-In-Time Street and Shelter Counts. He confirmed a total of 70 volunteers surveyed 100 sites and over 24 volunteers provided outreach to 200 identified camps. Data from the surveys will be organized by representatives at Portland State University and presented late Spring. Sam Chase complimented JOHS on the organization and training.</p>	
<p><b>Proposed Guidelines for HUD Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program</b></p> <p>- Ryan Deibert, Joint Office of Homeless Services</p>	<p>Ryan Deibert, JOHS, requested the board approve the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Guidelines for Emergency Shelter and Rapid Re-Housing. He shared that due to Federal rules and regulations, it is a better choice to affix these funds to a hard asset like an emergency shelter rather than rent assistance. ESG funds currently support three emergency shelters: two with Transition Projects, one with Human Solutions Family Shelter. However, there is a hard cap as far as how much ESG can be put into emergency shelters and we consistently hit that cap every time. JOHS has lead conversations, and reviewed the community guidelines and existing practices then developed a set of policies and procedures that would align with HUD regulations. The Safety off the Streets Workgroup approved the policies and procedures after making some recommended changes.</p> <p>Michael Anderson-Nathe, Health Share of Oregon, asked if a racial equity lens tool was used and recommended that item 7 should be changed with language that a Language Access Plan be a required instead of “highly recommended”.</p> <p>Further discussion ensued with the board who ultimately agreed more energy needed to be put into a final version. Ryan Deibert, JOHS, confirmed there was have time to give it proper support.</p>	<p>ESG Guidelines not approved.</p> <p>Members to review <a href="#">draft on Emergency Solutions Grants Guidelines</a> and provide input by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p>Staff to work with SoS Workgroup to apply a racial equity lens to the draft guidelines.</p>

<p><b>Unity Center for Behavioral Health Overview &amp; Updates</b>  <b>- Chris Farentinos, MD, MPH, Unity Center for Behavioral Health</b></p> <p><b>Neal Rotman, Multnomah County Mental Health and Addiction Services Division</b></p>	<p>Chris Farentinos, Vice President of <a href="#">Unity Center for Behavioral Health</a>, provided an overview of the program which has only been up and running for a month. They are receiving positive feedback from recipients and are constantly working with staff and partnering hospitals to create better systems. Chris confirmed about 60% of their patients are experiencing homelessness and 20% have insecure housing.</p> <p>Neal Rotman, Multnomah County Mental Health and Addiction Services Division, was excited to share the Unity Center for Behavioral Health (Unity Center) has an on-site courtroom which increases the medical model they are pursuing. He elaborated that Clackamas and Washington Counties are also taking advantage of this.</p> <p>Stacey Borke, Transition Projects (TPI) and Co-chair, inquired about police involvement and discharge data. Chris Farentinos confirmed they are having conversations with the police, and are not yet receiving ambulance transports due to staffing issues. Neal Rotman confirmed the data surrounding discharges will be more accurate once the center has been operating longer.</p> <p>Maurice Evans, Community Member, inquired about people who frequent emergency departments with mental health conditions and what does a ‘warm handoff’ look like. Chris Farentinos confirmed that Emergency Department Information Exchange (EDIE), an Oregon-wide system, can identify emergency department’s highest utilizers. PreManage, a complementary product to EDIE that allows hospital event information to be sent real time to registered partners involved in the care of the patient to better coordinate care.</p> <p>Kevin Fitts, Community Member, inquired about bed counts. Chris Farentinos shared it was a tough decision when they lost 10 adult beds and gained 6 child/adolescent beds. They have still been able to manage the flow of patients (about 50 per day).</p> <p>Alexandra Appleton, Community Member, inquired about who is being served at Unity Center when it comes to race and was concerned about not being referred/served. Chris confirmed that no one is being turned away or prevented services.</p> <p>Raihana Ansary, Portland Business Alliance (PBA), inquired about inpatient care and gave kudos to the program. Chris Farentinos confirmed the discharge plans are individualized and ultimately based on a safe discharge plan – and can vary depending on the patient.</p>	
<p><b>Budget Summary &amp; Legislative Update</b>  <b>- Christian Elkin, JOHS</b></p>	<p>Marc Jolin shared that March 22, 2017 is Housing Opportunity Day and March 2, 2017 is the public hearing on <a href="#">House Bill 2004</a>. Marc opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>Kevin Fitts, Community Member, provided details about <a href="#">House Bill 2304</a> and shared how important peer services are. Questions, email <a href="#">Kevin Fitts</a>. Maurice Evans asked if Kevin could also advocate for peers on the topic of pay and how they work in very sensitive and sometimes dangerous</p>	<p>Staff to distribute budget timeline.</p>

	<p>environments.</p> <p>Sam Chase, Metro and Coalition of Community Health Clinics, shared how transportation is the second biggest cost below housing and Metro is working with Trimet to implement a low-income fair strategy. He will followup once there are actionable steps.</p> <p>Rebecca Nickels, Call to Safety, provided update on legislative issues impacting survivors of domestic violence. A lot of programs across the state are members of the <a href="#">Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women</a>. She shared that 2017 primary legislative priorities focus on funding for services for survivors, tenant protections, and connecting sexual violence prevention and response to schools.</p> <p>Marc Jolin confirmed the budget for the Joint Office of Homeless Services on both the city and county side had been submitted and shared that a slide outlining the timeline would be distributed.</p>	
<p><b>System Data &amp; Outcomes Update</b></p>	<p>Due to time constraints, agenda item will be moved to the next board meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Coordinated Access Overview</b> - Erin Pidot, Joint Office of Homeless Services</p>	<p>Erin Pidot, JOHS, began by requesting the board make a decision on some high level recommendations for the <a href="#">Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinated Access for Adults (CAA) System Expansion</a> so the process can move forward. She pointed out that several providers and community members have been involved, and thanked everyone for their time. She went on to provide an overview of the background, timeline and the eight recommendations for board approval.</p> <p>On March 16, 2017 there will be a more in-depth presentation for the Permanent Supportive Housing providers and accessing organizations.</p>	<p>Motion to approve timeline and eight recommendations for expansion of the CoC CAA. Majority in favor; one abstained.</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b> - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>The next meeting will be 3:00 – 5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Multnomah Building.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p>	