



## Housing Workgroup Minutes

DATE: Thursday, April 13, 2017

TIME: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Portland Housing Bureau  
Steel Conference Room  
421 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 500  
Portland OR 97204

ATTENDEES: Rhea Graves, Neisha Saxena, David Gutzler, Liv Jenssen, Chris Aiosa, Jessica Mathis, Bobby Weinstock, Susanna Rempel, Jace Richard, Liora Berry, Candace Jamison, Ryan Deibert, Shannon Singleton

### MEETING DISCUSSION

- Member Updates & Announcements:
  - \$100k approved for legal services for those impacted by federal immigration law
  - Community events offering appointments with attorneys at IRCO, EI Programa, Latino Network and other partners.
    - Office hours with attorneys to be offered at several sites.
      - Legal supports include (but are not limited to) ICE preparedness and criminal record clearing.
        - There's no legal resource dedicated to deportation defense.
    - Upcoming Event: YFS Housing Speaker Series –Housing Discrimination, Displacement and Community Resilience
      - Event Details:
        - Date: Tuesday April 25
        - Time: 10:30-12:30
        - Location: Midland Library
      - Event to discuss the impacts of race-based housing discrimination and gentrification.
    - Home Forward waitlist on stand still until budget is confirmed.
      - This impacts Housing Choice vouchers
      - This doesn't affect VASH vouchers
    - "A Place for You" is a small pilot project to construct ADU's on private property.
      - Over 1,000 homeowners expressed interest in the program.
      - Project is supposed to launch in June and plans to use a modular concept for the units constructed.
    - Coordinated Access: The goal is to start training in May; we're on track for this.
  - Legislative Updates
    - Range of recommendations, new investments, better coordinating about current investments, policy recommendations.
    - Many of them are coming up in this legislative session.
    - There were over 300 bills related to housing
      - The Joint Office of Homeless Services is tracking 10 bills currently.
  - The Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) asked that we do some preemptive planning work around CoC budget cuts.
  - Group discussed the challenges and benefits of the current procurement process:

- Opportunities to challenge the 5 year procurement process.
- Pros for procuring programs less frequently:
  - Less de-stabilization of the system.
  - Less burdensome on providers.
- Cons for procuring programs less frequently:
  - This could discourage the inclusion of new providers
- Group determined that further discussion is needed about the projected goals for a more frequent procurement process and possible alternatives to achieving these goals.
- Next Steps
  - Next month's meeting will include guidance from the Executive Committee and Coordinating Board on how to best structure the planning process for the recent charge.
  - The Executive Committee: Request to Coordinating Board
    - Executive Committee requests that the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) and the Coordinating Board answer the following questions for families, chronically homeless people, and, as needed, youth and Veterans
      - What is the current inflow into homelessness for this population annually?
      - What is the current outflow of homelessness for this population annually?
      - What is the current array of services targeted to reducing inflow and increasing outflow?
      - What are the outcomes from these services, and what are the associated costs?
      - What is the current array of emergency services provided to these populations, including emergency shelter?
      - What are the outcomes from these services and what are the associated costs?
      - How much of the population-specific need does the current service level meet?
      - What expansion and/or realignment of resources would be required to fully meet assessed service level gaps?
      - What strategies are required? At what scale? And at what cost? What existing resources could be better aligned to meet this need? What additional resources might be required, and what are potential sources?
      - What is the role of federal and state funding in providing the current service levels to each of these populations?
      - What would the impact be on system capacity from significant reductions in federal and/or state spending?
      - How can locally funded services be improved, better aligned, or reprioritized to mitigate the impacts of Federal and State budget reductions?
    - Throughout all stages of this assessment and planning process, use the AHFE Racial Equity Lens and other modes of inquiry to guide racially equitable participation in the process and detailed evaluation of racial justice impacts of current strategies, resource allocation, potential State and Federal budget reductions, need/gap analysis, and potential resource and strategy alignment and expansion.
    - Discussion about putting pressure on regional cities/counties to get them on board to devise plans to
- Portland Housing Bureau (PHB)
  - Request to get AMI breakdowns for units on the Production Pipeline
    - Jennifer Chang to provide updated information on this
  - Mandatory Technical Advisory Group to look at language and unintended consequences of the mandatory relocation policy.
    - Next meeting will take place on April 14
    - Find information about future Technical Advisory Committee meetings here : <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/phb/73300>
- Office of Tenant and Landlord Services
  - Rental registration program to identify rental properties and private landlords

- Group members suggested sharing information about updates (like this) via the email list.
- Workgroup Housekeeping:
- Group supports selecting a chair or two co-chairs for the Housing workgroup
  - Group supports the selected co-chairs in leading future meetings.
  - Strategic planning session for Housing Workgroup next month
  - Priority recommendations to revisit.
  - Group discussed the need to re-focus the Housing workgroup's action plan
    - Member suggestion to allow for meeting time to discuss and strategize surrounding housing problems on the ground.
    - It was recommended that this be included in meetings moving forward.

## ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ASSIGNED
1. Update the legislative sheet to include HB 2007 and send out to the workgroup email list.	Walter Robinson II
2. Follow-up on the Community Budget hearings vs. the Budget Committee hearing on 5/11 at the City.	Jennifer Chang
3. Share timelines for procurement process with contractors as they're available.	JOHS/Unassigned
4. Request: Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) asks that the Housing Workgroup engage in pre-emptive planning work around potential CoC budget cuts.	All
5. Workgroup chair selection and update .	Ryan Deibert

## NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 2017  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
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