

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Coordinating Board

Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2017

Facilitated by: Initiative Director and Co-chairs
Prepared by: Rhea Graves; Reviewed by: Jurisdictional Staff Members

Members present: Raihana Ansary, Alexandra Appleton, Stacy Borke, Michael Buonocore, Beth Burns, Tou Cha, Sam Chase, Winta Yohannes (Commissioner Eudaly rep.), Maurice, Evans, Katrina Holland, Marc Jolin, Chair Deborah Kafoury, Monique Menconi, Berk Nelson, Rebecca Nickels, Anne O’Malley, Michael Parkhurst, Art Rios Sr., Patricia Rojas, Nicole Stein, Becky Straus, Sean Suib, Michael Thurman, Joe Walsh (Councilor Echols rep.), Mayor Ted Wheeler, Marisa Zapata. **Staff:** Claire Adamsick, Nancy Bennett, Adam Brown, Jennifer Chang, Kyle Chisek, Ryan Deibert, Christian Elkin, Sally Erickson, Jane Marie Ford, Christian Gaston, Rhea Graves, Jessica Kinard, Ben Mauro, Anna Plumb, Bimal RajBhandary, Walter Robinson II, Alison Sachet, Ian Slingerland, Wendy Smith, Liz Smith-Currie, Carrie Young. **Guests:** Lafreda Ceaser, Ian Davie, Marc Dones, Cory Elia, John Elizalde, Moe Farhoud, Laura Golino de Lovato, Molly Harbarger, Charles Hodge, Amanda Howell, Angie Kuzma, Rachel Monahan, Robbie Noche, Rachel Post, Amanda Saul, Cindy Scheel, Kate Schwab, Mark Sturbois, Lisa Williams, Jill Wollack.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Welcome, Introductions & Minutes – Stacy Borke, Co-chair	Stacy Borke, Initiative Co-chair called the meeting to order, reviewed agenda, explained public comment process and commenced introductions. March 2017 meeting minutes approved by consent; no objections.	Minutes approved by consent.
Public Comment – Stacy Borke, Co-chair	John Elizalde, First Unitarian Church and Interfaith Alliance on Poverty, thanked the Coordinating Board for the opportunity to attend these meetings and share information about upcoming events. John Elizalde passed out flyers for a trauma informed care training taking place Sunday, May 7 th from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at the Madeline Parish. Continuing Education U credit and childcare is available as well.	
Federal, State, and Local Budget Updates – Marc Jolin, Initiative Director	<p>Marc Jolin, Initiative Director, asked Mayor Ted Wheeler to share highlights of his proposed budget released this week.</p> <p>Mayor Wheeler has been working collaboratively with the City Council, and shared that the “request of the Joint Office of Homeless Services (Joint Office) was \$50 million and we have split it exactly 50/50 with Multnomah County.”</p> <p>Board member asked Mayor Wheeler, “does the proposed budget intend to cut services?” He responded that the “City of Portland is committing \$25 million and Multnomah County has dedicated \$25 million.” Board member commented that the “news sources must be incorrect in saying that anything related to shelter will be cut.” Mayor Wheeler clarified that the “Joint Office decides how to prioritize and allocate the resources available.” Maurice Evans, Community Member, asked Mayor Wheeler about plans for the Springwater Corridor. Mayor Wheeler shared plans to increase park ranger capacity for the area. The Mayor affirmed that there are no plans to increase sweeps, and intends to “increase resources for trash removal and needle cleanup” in order to address increasing livability and environmental concerns.</p> <p>Board member asked, “is the amount of funding dedicated to the Joint Office anticipated to result in budgetary cuts around shelter beds?” Marc Jolin mentioned that there is work to do around “allocating resources to sustain the expanded temporary shelter capacity and resources, in order to sustain existing</p>	Members interested in joining phone banks for housing/tenant advocacy hosted at the Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) to contact Pam Pham at pam@oregoncat.org .

	<p>permanent capacity.”</p> <p>Mayor Wheeler and Chair Kafoury agreed that a more in-depth discussion of the budget process would be helpful. Mayor Wheeler presumed that the “requested budget of the Joint Office was enough to sustain existing capacity and meet the increasing needs of the community.” Mayor Wheeler requested “more transparency around future budget processes and the way resources are allocated within the system.”</p> <p>Marc Jolin shared, that there was a prioritizing exercise conducted with the Coordinating Board, and committed to sustaining current capacity, expanding prevention and placement supports first.</p> <p>Mayor Wheeler urged further discussions about creating sustainable streams of funding outside of the City and County. Marc Jolin agreed that the conversation about funding is much broader, and many organizations and jurisdictions have a critical role to play.</p> <p>Katrina Holland of Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) asked about thoughts regarding allocation of prevention dollars if rent stabilization and no cause eviction legislation are not passed. A follow-up question was asked, if we should be looking for a sustainable source of income to replace one-time only funding.</p> <p>Mayor Wheeler added that a significant amount of the City’s budget contribution is one-time only and “dependent on the whims of the economy.” Chair Kafoury added “the County made some tough choices” and a significant amount of funding was converted from one-time only to ongoing funding for this work. Additionally, Chair Kafoury reported that funding to prepare for unforeseen federal and state budget cuts was set aside and agreed with Mayor Wheeler that this is not just a City and County conversation.</p> <p>Chair Kafoury highlighted that her proposed budget incorporates funding to sustain existing capacity as well as additional funding to support new programming such as the local voucher pilot.</p> <p>Sam Chase, Metro and Coalition of Community Health Clinics, reiterated that the issue of identifying a long-term sustainable funding source is important and one we need to tackle soon. He proposed the idea of implementing a regional construction excise tax to address housing concerns. Sam Chase highlighted that Portland is doing a great job in addressing “40% of the region’s population, but our community needs other regional jurisdictions to get involved.”</p> <p>Stacy Borke asked, “is funding for the new livability initiatives included in the Joint Office budget?” Mayor Wheeler answered, “no, these will live primarily in The Office of Management & Finance (OMF) and The Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI).” Mayor Wheeler shared his concern of the increasing frustration among community members regarding the environmental impacts of homelessness. Board member had a follow up question, “will sites reported through the One Point of Contact process turn into a sweep?” Marc Jolin responded that he believes the intention in the Mayor’s Proposed Budget is to fund new livability initiatives. Mayor Wheeler clarified, “we are in early conversations surrounding the programming and implementation of these livability initiatives,” and he</p>	
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	<p>will provide updates to the Board as they become available. Mayor Wheeler clarified that he “is not proposing increased sweeps.”</p> <p>Marc Jolin shared a few of the target reductions that could occur at the state level from the Ways and Means Co-Chairs’ 2017-19 Target Reduction Lists.</p> <p>Patricia Rojas of El Programa Hispano Católico asked, “what are we doing as a body to advocate against these cuts?” Marc Jolin shared that the Joint Office of Homeless Services has submitted testimony for legislative priorities and are not setup to become an advocacy body. Marisa Zapata, Portland State University, shared that the results from the June 2016 Board Process and Equity Work Survey, indicated that about a third of the members that responded expressed wanting to engage in more advocacy. She suggested forming a subcommittee to engage around advocacy work.</p> <p>Sam Chase urged that those interested get involved in advocacy efforts currently underway. Katrina Holland suggested that those interested in advocacy work join the phone banks hosted by the Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) every Tuesday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.</p>	
<p>Center for Social Innovation – Marc Dones, Center for Social Innovation</p>	<p>Marc Dones, Center for Social Innovation, shared that Portland’s African-American population is 6%, but the group represents 45% of the unsheltered population in the community. HUD reports that 13% of the country’s general population is African-American yet the group represents 40% of the shelter population nationwide. Marc Dones highlighted that “when these patterns are replicated across jurisdictions it is evidence that there is a systemic racial equity problem that needs to be addressed as a country.”</p> <p>SPARC, Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities, was created in an effort to support organizations in better understanding systemic racial inequities. The project will be conducted in ten U.S. cities by gathering oral histories from people of color who are experiencing homelessness. Cities will be encouraged to participate in a virtual learning community to foster shared learning across jurisdictions.</p> <p>Maurice Evans, Community Member, commented that it costs a lot of money to house folks and these resources are best spent when people are given the tools needed to successfully retain housing.</p> <p>Board member asked what would it take for Portland to be 1 of the 10 participant cities. Marc Dones shared that an investment of \$40,000 is used to cover travel expenses, data collection efforts and administrative work needed throughout the project.</p> <p>Board member asked about the cost to implement this project on a regional scale. Marc Dones responded with interest in this concept and would check into it.</p> <p>Raihana Ansary, Portland Business Alliance, asked for examples of some of the innovative strategies that were developed as a result of this process. Marc Dones responded that San Francisco is developing an interagency agreement to implement a “leadership incubator” that works to address the racial inequities in leadership within organizations. Marc Dones also shared efforts underway in southern Dallas regarding economic mobility and the creation of initiatives that educate people about the historical systemic racial inequities in the region’s largely black population. Leaders in Dallas hope that these</p>	<p>Motion to move forward with discussion about this potential project. All in favor.</p>

	<p>initiatives will generate support in passing future legislation focused on building the local economy in the community.</p> <p>Mayor Wheeler asked if the “Center for Social Innovation could implement this project with a specific strategic purpose in mind?” Marc Dones commented that most of the projects are based on work already going on within the community. Mayor Wheeler asked if the organization had experience “working with jurisdictions around participatory budgeting and community input in resource allocation. “Marc Dones responded that the organization has not engaged in this work, and the data collected through this project could be used for this purpose.</p> <p>Maurice Evans pledged support for further conversations with SPARC, mentioned that this is a great next step for our system and highlighted that, as an Equity Task Force member, this data is vital to continuing the equity work needed in our system.</p>	
<p>Continuum of Care (CoC) Reauthorization – Ryan Deibert, Joint Office of Homeless Services</p>	<p>Ryan Deibert, Joint Office of Homeless Services, shared the three recommended actions needed by the Board in preparation for the upcoming Continuum of Care (CoC) application. The Board is being asked to approve the following actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reauthorize Multnomah County, through the Joint Office of Homeless Services, to serve as the Collaborative Applicant for the 2017 CoC Application. 2. Reauthorize the Portland Housing Bureau to designate the single Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the CoC and to continue acting as the HMIS Lead Agency for the CoC. 3. Reauthorize the Resource Advisory Committee, board’s subcommittee, to conduct tasks related to the annual CoC Program Competition. 	<p>Motion to approve recommendation 1. All in favor.</p> <p>Motion to approve recommendation 2. All in favor.</p> <p>Motion to approve recommendation 3. All in favor.</p>
<p>Emergency Shelter Guidelines – Sally Erickson, Joint Office of Homeless Services</p>	<p>Through collaboration with the Joint Office of Homeless Services, the local field HUD office, the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) and the Safety off the Streets (SoS) Workgroup, the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Guidelines for Shelter have been revised for Coordinating Board approval. Sally Erickson, Joint Office of Homeless Services, shared the Coordinating Board’s request that an intentional application of the Racial Equity Lens be applied to the guidelines before seeking Board approval.</p> <p>The SoS Workgroup recommended that the Coordinating Board approve the revised proposed ESG Program Guidelines for Shelter included in the meeting handout. Charles Hodge, SoS Workgroup member, was present for the March 14th workgroup meeting and confirmed that the Racial Equity Lens was applied to the guidelines as requested by the Coordinating Board.</p>	<p>Motion to approve revised Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Guidelines for Shelter. All in favor.</p>
<p>Stakeholder Advisory Group Bond – Jennifer Chang, Portland Housing Bureau</p>	<p>The Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) is coordinating the Affordable Housing Bond Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) to establish a community-driven plan for guiding decisions on use of bond funds. SAG meetings are open to the public and the meeting schedule posted online.</p> <p>Ed Blackburn, Central City Concern, commented that it is important that Board members have an understanding of the waitlist process and the outreach plans related to the bond funds.</p>	<p>Staff to coordinate recommendations from the Board to submit to the SAG.</p>

	Marc Jolin proposed a meeting/process for collecting recommendations from the Coordinating Board to provide to the SAG for consideration.	
Oregon Housing Alliance Legislative Updates – Alison McIntosh, Oregon Housing Alliance	Alison McIntosh, Oregon Housing Alliance, provided pledge cards and suggested calling thier legislators in support of House Bill 2004, to advocate for rent stabilization in our community. Currently, the Oregon Legislature is considering a \$10 million Emergency Rent Assistance budget for the entire state. Contact Alison McIntosh by email at amcintosh@neighborhoodpartnerships.org or visit the Oregon Housing Alliance website for more information on how to get involved.	
Next Meeting – Marc Jolin, Initiative Director	The next meeting will be 3:00 – 5:00 PM on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at the Multnomah Building, Room 315. Meeting adjourned.	