



## Safety off the Streets Workgroup Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, July 11, 2017

TIME: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

ATTENDEES: Chris Aiosa, August Armstrong, Tony Bernal, Avi Deol, Charles Hodge, Ken James, Marc Jolin, Bashar Kasim, Tiffany Kingery, Ben Maruo, Katie Mayes, Christina McGovney, Naimo Nur, Susan Madar, Matt Olguin, Kristi Smith, Becky Straus, Emily Volpert, Liz Weber, Ken Wilson

### MEETING DISCUSSION

- Welcome and Acknowledgments
- Chronic Homelessness Planning
  - Marc Jolin thanked the Steering Committee for welcoming him to the meeting today. He mentioned the charge from the Executive Committee on April 17, 2017 which asks the Coordinating Board and jurisdictional staff office to answer a variety of questions for families, chronically homeless people, and, as needed, youth and veterans.
  - The Point-in-Time Count data is not ready to be distributed in full at this time, but there is some information that is currently available and that will be helpful to inform our efforts to meet the needs of our chronically homeless population in our community. The full report will be out by the end of July 2017.
  - Marc led the group through the Point-in-Time Count handout related to Chronically Homeless individuals in our community.
  - There is a significant majority in the total increase of HUD homelessness in the chronically homeless category.
  - Marc led the group through the questions listed on the Executive Committee Request to the Coordinating Board.
  - Marc explained the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis handouts to the group and asked them to fill out the handouts for a small group discussion to get the conversation going.
    - Marc indicated that the Racial Equity Lens is important to consider in the SWOT analysis, to keep race as a central piece in the analysis.
    - The group spent 25 minutes working individually on their SWOT analysis handouts.
    - The group then spent 30 minutes discussing their SWOT analysis responses in small groups
    - The group reported back the following Strengths:
      - Better access for communities of color and people with varying sexual identities
      - Communication and collaboration
      - Scoring for housing based on vulnerability
      - Flexible funding for clients
      - Staff with expertise (housing and otherwise)

- Coordinated Access for Communities of Color
- Joint Office Coordination
- Access to Community Shelter
- Severe Weather Response
- Outreach innovation
- Partnering with culturally specific services
- Services for veterans
- Understanding of what help is available for clients
- Accommodating shelters for diverse populations
- Weaknesses
  - More culturally specific mobile teams
  - Targeted screening (severe weather services)
  - Severe mental health housing
  - HUD funding (more Permanent Supportive Housing funds)
  - Staff training (Assertive Engagement, de-escalation, especially for first point of contact)
  - Foster care pro-activity
  - Resources for addiction and mental health
  - Broadening definitions of Intimate Partner Violence/Domestic Violence in chronic homelessness
  - Better connections for mental health
  - Hygiene
  - Negative community attitude (not in my backyard)
  - Communication with neighbors in shelter process
  - Sweeps to move problems to other areas
  - Lack of access to safe on-street existence
  - Day services, Mobile services
  - Staffing specific to populations served
  - Educating community members
  - Communications and neighborhood concerns
  - Culturally specific/smarter referrals
  - Runaround through agencies
  - How to say no to consumers instead of making empty promises
  - Apartments (small amount of PSH for someone on social security)
  - Enforcement/criminalization of homelessness
  - Confusion within the system
  - Beyond shelters (village model, permanent housing, camps, alternative models)
  - Development of affordable housing
  - Defining Affordable Housing
- Threats
  - Lack of lane for developing
  - Future recession
  - HUD
  - Budget/Federal funds
  - Falling value of low income tax credit
  - Screening companies

- Political environment
- Neighborhood push-back
- Layered stigma
- Racial income disparities
- Intersectional oppression
- Stagnant Social Security Disability/Supplemental Security Income/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Medicaid cuts
- Opportunities
  - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH): Tenant or project-based
  - Community-based supportive housing
  - Landlord support
  - Building community through all walks of life
  - Collaboration with healthcare and sheltered housing providers
  - Leveraging business owners (community buy-in)
  - Apartment-style shelter
  - Master leasing
  - Transition in place
  - Inclusionary zoning/housing
  - Tenant protection
  - Reducing fees for builders/streamlining
  - Rent control
  - Legislative support
  - Loosening of zoning
  - Farm zones
  - Alternative Dwelling Units (ADUs)/non-traditional housing
  - Regional effort
- Workgroup Work-plan
  - The members discussed the addition of Chronic Homelessness Planning to the work-plan.
  - Members are interested to see what was prioritized in the last meeting, and not included in the work-plan.
  - Attendees were asked to review the work-plan further to discuss at the next meeting.

## ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ASSIGNED
1. Review the Safety off the Streets Workgroup Work-plan to discuss further at the August meeting.	All attendees
2. Report back on the priorities that were not included in the work-plan.	Steering Committee

## NEXT MEETING

August 8, 2017  
2:00 to 4:00 PM  
Bud Clark Commons  
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