

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Coordinating Board

Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2017

Facilitated by: Initiative Director and Co-chairs

Prepared by: Emily Volpert; Reviewed by: Jurisdictional Staff Members

Members present: Cupid Alexander (Ted Wheeler rep.), Michael Anderson-Nathe, Alexandra Appleton, Carolyn Bateson, Stacy Borke, Michael Buonocore, Beth Burns, Julia Delgado, Jamey Duhamel (Chloe Eudaly rep.), Maurice Evans, Christian Gaston (Deborah Kafoury rep.), Marc Jolin, Susan Madar, Alexa Mason, Emily Nelson (Shannon Singleton rep.), Rachel Post (Ed Blackburn rep.), Art Rios, Sr., Tawna Sanchez, Michael Thurman, Joe Walsh (Karylinn Echols rep.), Sara Westbrook, Marisa Zapata. **Jurisdictional Staff present:** Jennifer Chang, Katie Dineen, Christian Elkin, Sally Erickson, Kaytee Evans, Michael Fisher, Lucas Hillier, Renee Huizinga, Liv Jenssen, Erin Pidot, Bimal RajBhandary, Walter Robinson II, Kate Schwab, Ian Slingerland, Wendy Smith, Denis Theriault, Emily Volpert, Carrie Young. **Guests:** Chris Aiosa, Don Allgeier, Jackie Arbour, Adam Brown, Laura Golino deLovato, Gregg Griffin, John Elizalde, Stuart Emmons, Katherine Kalpakis, Jonathan Lewis, Sherry Liebe, Renee Moore, Robbie Noche, Vailey Oehlke, Mark Sturbois.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
<p>Welcome, Introductions and Minutes</p> <p>– Stacy Borke, Initiative Co-chair</p>	<p>Stacy Borke, Initiative Co-chair, called the meeting to order, reviewed agenda, explained public comment process and commenced introductions.</p> <p>August 2017 meeting minutes were approved by consent; no objections.</p>	<p>Minutes were approved by consent.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Stacy Borke, Initiative Co-chair, opened the floor for public comment. No public comment.</p>	
<p>Multnomah County Library Updates and Rule Changes</p> <p>– Vailey Oehlke and Don Allgeier, Multnomah County Library</p>	<p>Vailey Oehlke and Don Allgeier from the Multnomah County Library presented the updated library rules for the Multnomah County Library system. This is the first time that they have changed the rules in about 20 years. The Multnomah County Library management team has been reaching out to stakeholders, library patrons and community members who have interest in the rule change.</p> <p>The rules were made public on Monday, October 2 in order to solicit feedback from stakeholders and from community members. They are planning to accept feedback through October 15th and make adjustments to the rules based on that feedback. The new rules will go into effect on November 1, 2017.</p> <p>Vailey Oehlke, Multnomah County Libray, reported that the ways in which people are using the library has changed dramatically in the last 20 years. The use of space at the library has become more intensive and high-touch. The Multnomah County Public Library is open and inclusive. They have a value to serve people without regard to status in the community. They strive to balance a wide range of individual needs and circumstances for the 800,000 people they serve at their 19 branch locations. They are hoping to set clear expectations for how staff should engage with the public and individuals who are using library space. The rules change policy on food, beverages, threatening behavior, and the amount of personal items one can bring with them into the library and policy change on weapons. You can access the rules here.</p> <p>According to Vailey, the Multnomah County Library System has seen an increase of severe situations during the past two years: threats of harm and the amount of criminal activity occurring at library branches have doubled in the last two years. They have hired social workers who serve</p>	

	<p>the entire Multnomah County Library System to assist with challenges and issues of addiction, mental health, and housing instability. Vailey recognized Kate Schwab for her work in the Multnomah County Library system. The Multnomah County Library Executive Management Team has developed these rules with significant legal and community guidance in order to protect the rights of individuals with disabilities, and they have strengthened their Americans with Disabilities Act and appeals processes. They wanted to bring these rules to the Coordinating Board, as they understand some of the changes will be of particular concern for people experiencing homelessness. They are working on ways to approach enforcing the rules with empathy and with sensitivity to individual situations or circumstances.</p> <p>The group discussed the proposed rule changes at length and provided suggestions for the Multnomah County Library Management Team.</p>	
<p>Report from Mayor and Chair AHFE Leads – Christian Gaston, Multnomah County Chair’s Office – Cupid Alexander, Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler</p>	<p>Christian Gaston, Multnomah County Chair’s Office, talked about the vision of supportive housing in our community. He mentioned that an ordinance of the City and the County will be brought this month to show continued commitment to supportive housing and next steps in our community.</p> <p>Cupid Alexander, Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler, talked about funding for supportive housing in mental health. They are looking into work being done in King County and determining how to secure funding for services in supportive housing.</p> <p>Marc Jolin, Initiative Director, mentioned the memorandum sent out by Mayor Ted Wheeler in regards to the City’s commitment to ending homelessness and investing needed funds.</p>	
<p>City of Portland October Housing Initiatives – Jamey Duhamel, Office of Commissioner Eudaly</p>	<p>According to Jamey Duhamel, Office of Commissioner Eudaly, the Housing Emergency in Portland has been extended for 18 months. The relocation ordinance has been extended for six months in its current form. Advisers for the relocation ordinance will come back to council on December 14th with a more permanent recommendation for the City Council. Commissioner Eudaly has proposed an amendment to close the one-unit loophole at City Council on October 4th, and the amendment did not pass.</p> <p>Commissioner Eudaly’s Office is facilitating conversations with neighborhoods and villages, and they have a focus on tenant protections looking forward. They believe that we must create regulated protections to prevent homelessness. Relocation was their first goal, and now that the relocation ordinance has passed, they are working on a new ordinance that would place reasonable limits on how much a landlord can require for security deposits, establish guidelines to clarify the definition of "reasonable wear and tear", and require security deposits be held in an interest-bearing escrow account. This will require transition time while businesses acclimate to the new rules, should they pass. They also have some severe equity concerns in terms of ensuring they are not creating consequences for tenants they are trying to help the most. They went through hours of Stakeholder Advisory Group meetings, and they are still looking at the chance that landlords will be more stringent in their criteria if they require them to reduce move-in costs. They are planning another</p>	

	<p>Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting to discuss the equity-related issues in the security deposit policy.</p> <p>An intent to sell policy is currently in the development stages. The policy would require owners of rental units to provide 90-days’ notice of intent to sell to both tenants and the City of Portland. This would provide the tenants with 60 days to pursue purchase of the property, and 30 days for the city to pursue purchase of the property.</p> <p>The group discussed how much impact each of the ordinances would have on our community.</p> <p>Please contact Jamey Duhamel, Office of Commissioner Eudaly, by email at Jamey.Duhamel@PortlandOregon.gov with any questions related to these ordinances.</p> <p>Marc Jolin, Initiative Director, mentioned a resolution that is coming to the City Council on October 18th and the County Board on October 19th. This resolution directs the Joint Office of Homeless Services, the Portland Housing Bureau, the County Health Department, and Home Forward act as conveners to pull state partners in to get us to the units of supportive housing within the next 10 years. This directive intends to go through at nine month planning process including Portland, Multnomah County and a regional discussion including funding from Metro. We are trying to answer: What is the need and how might we start to resource that need?</p> <p>The state is actively talking about how to expand the amount of supportive housing for those coming out of the healthcare system who need that support to maintain their health. Supportive housing can encompass Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Housing First, low-barrier housing, as well as recovery housing and other forms of supportive housing. This resolution does not try to answer how many of each types of supportive housing strategies are needed, but the range of those opportunities and what we can invest in.</p> <p>Cupid Alexander, Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler, spoke about the new Office of Renters’ Services that will be the oversight body for the issues that they are discussing. Cupid also shared that the Portland Housing Advisory Commission (PHAC), the body that Portland Housing Bureau reports to, has new members.</p>	
<p>2017 HUD Notice of Funding Availability Update</p> <p>– Erin Pidot, Joint Office of Homeless Services</p>	<p>Erin Pidot, Joint Office of Homeless Services, explained the 2017 U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) funding application process and shared the following decisions made by the AHFE Resource Advisory Committee (RAC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At its May 22, 2017 meeting, members approved some minor changes to the rating and ranking framework used last year. • At its September 12, 2017 meeting, members approved the 2017 CoC Ranked Project Application List. • At its September 12, 2017 meeting, members selected two applications totaling \$1,383,345 to put forth to HUD as a part of our CoC application. 	

	<p>Looking forward, each CoC renewal project grantee will receive a breakdown of their project’s final score along with an analysis of those scores compared to the average scores of all projects and the top five ranked projects. We hope that this analysis will support projects in considering strategic changes to improve their score in future years.</p> <p>We expect to hear back from HUD in early 2018 and will update the Coordinating Board and CoC partners when information becomes available.</p>	
<p>AHFE Initiative Updates: Equity Lens Task Force, Center for Social Innovation’s SPARC (Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities), and Oregon State Housing Plan – Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>Marc Jolin, Initiative Director, provided some updates on the AHFE initiative.</p> <p>The AHFE Equity Lens Task Force has been in a process of re-evaluation over the past several months. Committee members were interviewed by an outside consultant to determine next steps for the group. The task force would like to invite Coordinating Board members who have not been to an Equity Lens task force meeting to develop a set of recommendations for the group. We will develop a charter, a work plan and direction for the task force. The meeting will take place on October 19th from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at the Lincoln Building, 421 SW Oak Street, Portland OR 97204.</p> <p>Michael Anderson-Nathe, Coordinating Board and Equity Lens Task Force member, echoed the importance of participation in the task force meetings by Coordinating Board members.</p> <p>Marisa Zapata, Coordinating Board and Equity Lens Task Force member, posed the questions: What can the group do to advance equity as a collective and in the work that we all do? How can we help everyone?</p> <p>Marc Jolin spoke about the SPARC (Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities), an initiative of the Center for Social Innovation, procurement. Marc Dones of SPARC met with the AHFE Equity Lens Task Force to plan a partnership. There will be an extensive rollout at the end of February 2018, including a community-wide training, public launch event including community members and SPARC representatives, a “data dive” to pull data together, and a set of qualitative interviews. Marc Jolin mentioned that SPARC will help us to identify concrete social change objectives. It is an exciting opportunity for our community.</p> <p>Marc Jolin announced the Portland State University Panel on Homeless in the Environment on October 12, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:30. Dr. Darrell Rodgers will be speaking on Management of Environmental Impact and Homeless Encampments via Equity and Social Justice. This event is free and open to the public.</p> <p>Marc spoke about the Oregon Housing and Community Services Statewide Housing Plan—this plan becomes the framework for conversations on getting the State more involved. The Oregon Statewide Housing Plan is placing a greater emphasis on strategic planning and the way we invest our resources. They are planning outreach to many Oregon communities in 2017. Please visit http://www.oregon.gov/ochs/pages/oshp.aspx for more information on the outreach schedule.</p>	