

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Coordinating Board

Meeting Minutes – November 1, 2017

Facilitated by: Initiative Director and Co-chairs; **Prepared by:** Emily Volpert; **Reviewed by:** Jurisdictional Staff Members

Members present: Michael Anderson-Nathe, Alexandra Appleton, Stacy Borke, Michael Buonocore, Beth Burns, Rachel Carlson, Tou Cha, Sam Chase, Kevin Fitts, Marc Jolin, Deborah Kafoury, Alexa Mason, Sharon Meieran, Monique Menconi, Rebecca Nickels, Rachel Post, Arthur Rios Sr., Patricia Rojas, Shannon Singleton, Sean Suib, Michael Thurman, Derald Walker, Joe Walsh (Karylenn Echols rep.), Marisa Zapata. **Jurisdictional Staff present:** Seraphie Allen, Caitlin Campbell, Steve Ciccotelli, Kevin Coughlin, Ian Davies, Katie Dineen, Jane Marie Ford, Christian Gaston, Liv Jossen, Michelle Plambeck, Anna Plumb, Bimal RajBahandary, Walter Robinson II, Kate Schwab, Ian Slingerland, Wendy Smith, Brett Szymoniaic, Denis Theriault, Emily Volpert, Carrie Young. **Guests:** Chris Aiosa, Mariah Aton, Ginger Bandeen, Liora Berry, Megan Bolton, Joel Broussard, Chelsea Bunch, Tai Duncan, John Elizalde, Laura Golino de Lovato, Janet Hamilton, Laura Hodak, Bashar Kasim, Jordan Kling, Phyllis Leonard, Connor McDonnell, Dennis Morrow, Alisha Mortan, Ariel Nelson, Robbie Noche, Eric Noll, Shoshana Oppenheim, Ingrid Parmeter, Barb Rainish, Margaret Salazar, Becky Seel, Mark Sturbois, Amy Thompson, Brandi Tuck, Tate Waggoner, Jeff Woodward.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
<p>Welcome – Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>Marc Jolin called the meeting to order, reviewed the agenda and explained the unique structure of the November Coordinating Board meeting.</p>	
<p>Oregon Housing and Community Services Statewide Housing Plan Presentation and Discussion – Shoshana Oppenheim, Margaret Salazar and Megan Bolton, Oregon Housing and Community Services</p>	<p>Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) will take a look at Oregon’s housing needs, addressing homelessness and providing home ownership opportunities and the entire spectrum of housing needs. They are aiming to gain a sense of the need for housing in Oregon, and then create a strategy for investments in the next five years. Many Oregonians have limited or no choices when it comes to housing and too many are living in poverty or cannot find a stable, healthy place to call home. Rental housing has become more out of reach than ever before and home-ownership is becoming harder to achieve and maintain.</p> <p>The goal is to create a plan that prioritizes investments so that more Oregonians achieve housing stability. The plan will be based in accountability and data metrics. There will be a clear articulation of roles of Oregon Housing and Community Services and their partners, as well as a clear implementation plan and success assessment. The plan will be developed using equity, collaboration, compassion, effectiveness and innovation. Megan Bolton provided a data-rich presentation on their understanding of the housing needs in the state of Oregon. Representatives from Oregon Housing and Community Services responded to questions from the Coordinating Board.</p> <p>Shannon Singleton, Initiative Co-chair, facilitated group discussion. Coordinating Board members provided many recommendations for the plan. Have conversations with communities of color, as the housing needs can look different for those communities. It should not downplay the situation when presenting this issue for people need to hear the extent of the homelessness crisis in our state. Equity should be placed at the forefront of the plan with specifics and methods to keep the plan accountable for the incorporation and there needs to be supportive housing. There needs to be more resources across the board and funding needs to be re-prioritized by adjusting spending in other sectors. More general funding should be put into housing to help individuals stay in the homes they already have. Create the possibility to buy down rents for an extended amount of time or have more affordable units with tax credits or incentives to owners. Figure out how you, as a member, influence policy or determine who influences policy within your office.</p>	<p>OHCS to send staff presentation. Staff to send presentation to board members.</p>

	<p>Attendees were given the opportunity to provide public comment on the Statewide Housing Plan. Oregon Community Housing representatives asked the group to comment on how we are experiencing the housing crisis locally.</p> <p>Marisa Zapata, board member, mentioned that much of the responsibility lies in the State government.</p> <p>Patricia Rojas, board member, mentioned that the Latino community experiences homelessness invisibly and acutely—they are dealing with homelessness from the eviction-prevention perspective. There is a racist environment in which we are currently living, and there is increased vulnerability in an already vulnerably-increased population. Many members encouraged the need for supportive housing and feel the structure of feedback and community involvement has to change. We must recognize the mental health component of housing instability in our community.</p> <p>A guest shared that youth are lining up outside of the shelters and sometimes must go through a lottery to decide who gets to sleep inside. The youth providers want to prevent their clients from leading a long-term life of homelessness.</p> <p>Further comments and feedback were heard from guests and members. Families with children are invisible populations within the homelessness community. Approximately 1,300 students in Portland Public Schools experience homelessness on any given night. Domestic and sexual violence can be a cause to homelessness, challenge to eviction prevention and homelessness prevention. There is systemic opportunity to align and be very people-centered in considering that population.</p>	
<p>Coordinating Board Introductions – Stacy Borke, Co-chair</p>	<p>Coordinating Board reconvened to begin the normal agenda, including introductions and approval of the October 2017 meeting minutes.</p>	<p>October 2017 minutes approved by consent.</p>
<p>Initiative Updates – Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and the Portland City Council approved resolutions adopting a goal of creating 2,000 additional supportive housing units by 2028. We are looking for opportunities to start working towards those 2,000 units (before the resolution goes into place and during the planning process). Metro has approved a grant funding award to support the Tri-county Equitable Housing Strategy to Expand Permanent Supportive Housing for People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness.</p> <p>Kevin Fitts provided an announcement about the Law and Mental Health Conference in Portland on March 2, 2018.</p> <p>Chronic Homelessness Planning work has continued and the Housing Workgroup has been evaluating a preliminary set of recommendations to the Executive Committee and Coordinating Board.</p> <p>Severe Weather Planning workgroup is convened and has been working to take lessons learned from last winter and ensure that we are in a position where we have shelter available during severe weather.</p> <p>Marc Jolin mentioned that there were many attendees at the Equity Planning Committee meeting—Marisa Zapata felt that there were not many people there and that recognizing the difference in perspective is important.</p>	