

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2017

Facilitated by: Chair Deborah Kafoury and Initiative Director Marc Jolin

Prepared by: Rhea Graves; **Reviewed by:** Jurisdictional Staff Members

Members present: Stacy Borke, Simone M. Brooks, Michael Buonocore, Karylenn Echols, Chloe Eudaly, Marc Jolin, Deborah Kafoury, Sharon Meieran, Michael Parkhurst, Ben Sand, Emily Nelson (Shannon Singleton rep), Joe Walsh, Michelle Plambeck (Ted Wheeler rep). **Staff:** Michael Cox, Ian Davie, Ryan Deibert, George Devendorf, Sally Erickson, Christian Gaston, Rhea Graves, Renee Huizinga, Ian Slingerland, Denis Theriault, Emily Volpert, Joe Walsh. **Guests:** Becky Beier, Lynnae Berg, George Devendorf, Laura Golino de Lovato, Eliana Kennedy, Maria Lamb, Kitty Miller, Robin Mullins, Kristi Smith, Susan Stoltenberg, Bobby Weinstock, Vanessa Yarie.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
<p>Welcome, Introductions, Review and Approval of Minutes</p> <p>– Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>Marc Jolin, Initiative Director, called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Members reviewed the August 2017 minutes. Minutes were approved with no changes.</p>	<p>Motion to approve August 2017 minutes. All in favor.</p>
<p>Member Updates</p> <p>– Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>Ben Sand, Portland Leadership Foundation, shared that Murdock Charitable Trust and A Home for Everyone (AHFE) will host a gathering of 50 faith leaders to discuss outcome improvements for addressing homelessness. The event will take place on December 7, 2017 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Altabira City Tavern.</p> <p>City of Portland Commissioner Chloe Eudaly announced that the Relocation Ordinance will be permanent soon. The City of Portland will also de-prioritize tiny home and recreational vehicle (RV) enforcement. Marc Jolin asked “does this policy direction include people sleeping in tents?” Commissioner Eudaly confirmed that the de-prioritization guidance does not apply to camping.</p> <p>Michael Buonocore, Home Forward, shared that Home Forward and the Veteran Affairs (VA) collaborated on an application for 50 additional VASH vouchers. The application was submitted and HUD will make the final decision.</p> <p>Stacy Borke, Initiative Co-chair, shared that Transition Projects (TPI) was awarded a renewal of the \$3 million Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Grant.</p> <p>Multnomah County Commissioner Sharon Meieran announced the start of a mental health care and mapping review project. The goal of this project is to identify gaps and leverage opportunities by identifying points of intersection between systems. The Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) will provide support on this 6 month project. Commissioner Meieran and Commissioner Eudaly are in agreement about the critical need for consistent messaging surrounding local drivers of homelessness and the collaborative efforts in place to support</p>	<p>Contact Ben Sand for more information about this event: Ben.Sand@portlandleadership.org</p>

	<p>people experiencing homelessness. Commissioner Meieran recommended the development of a speaker's bureau that connects with organizations in the community to share information and address concerns.</p> <p>Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury shared information about the Supportive Housing resolutions being voted on by the City of Portland and Multnomah County.</p> <p>The Portland Business Alliance shared an announcement about the letter they sent to the Governor's office. The letter emphasized the need to allocate additional staff resources to camp cleanups.</p>	
<p>Adults 55 and Older Overview and Update</p> <p>– Bobby Weinstock, Northwest Pilot Project</p> <p>– Laura Golino de Lovato, Northwest Pilot Project</p>	<p>Laura Golino de Lovato, Northwest Health Project (NWPP), thanked the Joint Office of Homeless Services, Multnomah County, City of Portland, and Home Forward for supporting her organization in addressing homelessness for folks 55 and older. NWPP serves 1,500 people yearly and prevents the homelessness of about 500 people annually. The majority of clients are on Social Security Income (SSI) and 25% of clients experience mental health challenges. Laura highlighted that there has been an increase in homelessness among seniors of color. NWPP has built strong relationships with culturally specific providers to better serve seniors of color moving forward.</p> <p>NWPP reports that many people would benefit from a federal housing subsidy and access to permanent supportive housing.</p> <p>Bobby Weinstock, NWPP, thanked the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) for sponsoring the long-term voucher pilot. The pilot project will ensure long-term affordability for 50 people. Michael Buonocore, Home Forward, believes the long-term voucher project would work for other populations as well.</p> <p>Commissioner Meieran asked, "what outcomes are being tested in this pilot project?" Laura Golino de Lovato, NWPP, replied that this project is in the developmental stages and these measures are still being developed. Commissioner Meieran suggested that we keep information on emergency room visits for the people served during the pilot.</p> <p>Question: What is the gender breakdown of the clients served by NWPP?</p> <p>Answer: The gender breakdown is about 50% male and 50% female.</p> <p>City of Gresham Councilor Karylenn Echols asked if NWPP collected any information on clients served and their connection to family. The response was that there is not a lot of information about clients' family connections.</p> <p>For more information about NWPP and their work visit their website at http://www.nwpilotproject.org/</p>	

<p>Domestic Violence Awareness Month: System Overview & Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Vanessa Yarie, Bradley Angle – Kristi Smith, Bradley Angle – Eliana Kennedy, YWCA 	<p>Vanessa Yarie, Bradley Angle, shared that Coordinated Access was piloted in the domestic violence (DV) system about two years ago. Coordinated access helped the organization prioritize goals based on the demonstrated need. New investments allowed Bradley Angle to greatly increase emergency motel vouchers, eviction prevention and rent assistance dollars. Commissioner Eudaly asked what happens when you don't have an available bed? If no bed is available, an advocate engages in safety planning with the survivor until a safer location is identified.</p> <p>Question: Do you see immigration status as a tool for manipulation in incidents of domestic abuse? What are providers doing to address these challenges?</p> <p>Answer: Advocates are unable to give survivors any real sense of security, but can provide support in safety planning and connect the survivor to supports.</p> <p>Councilor Eudaly is assembling a task force to develop sanctuary city language in order to help address these safety concerns. She will provide more updates about this process as they become available.</p> <p>Vanessa Yarie shared enthusiasm over the Tami Best Emergency Shelter Program. The scattered site model experiences higher success rates and is half the cost of larger facility based shelters.</p> <p>For more information about Bradley Angle can be found on their website at: https://bradleyangle.org/get-help/emergency-services/tami-best-emergency-shelter-program/</p>	
<p>AHFE Initiative Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Marc Jolin, Initiative Director – Sally Erickson, Joint Office of Homeless Services 	<p>Sally Erickson, Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS), shared that JOHS along with the City of Portland and Multnomah County are in collaboration with providers and community members to develop a more integrated action plan in the event of severe weather this year. JOHS has a contract with Transition Projects, Inc. (TPI) to open up Imago Dei and the Bud Clark Day Center if severe weather thresholds are met. TPI is recruiting and training volunteers to support the expanded emergency shelter capacity. Updates about the severe weather planning process will be shared as they become available.</p>	<p>If you have any recommendations for emergency shelter sites please send these to Sally Erickson at Sally.Erickson@multco.us</p>
<p>Closing Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Marc Jolin, Initiative Director 	<p>The next meeting will be 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM on Monday, December 18, 2017 at the Multnomah Building, Room 315.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p>	