



Workforce & Economic Opportunity Workgroup Minutes

DATE: November 3, 2017
TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
LOCATION: Lincoln Building
Willamette Conference Room
421 SW Oak Street
Portland, OR 97204
ATTENDEES: Maria Alvarez-Lugo, Jennifer Chang, Rhea Graves, Nancy Jason, Brandi Jordan, Vivian Lackey, Andrew Mcgough, Walter Robinson II, Blair Shaeffer-Bisht.

MEETING DISCUSSION

- **Kenyatta Trice:** Shared information on the Economic Empowerment Programs at Bradley Angle. This program provides participants with:
 - Employment supports
 - Financial and credit counseling
 - Savings matching programs
 - Financial education
 - "Making Cent\$" helps program participants learn how to budget and how save towards individual goals.
 - IDA match savings program
 - Bradley Angle matches the participant at a ratio of 3 to 1 towards specific savings goals
 - Savings goals can be set towards any of the following:
 - ◆ employment goals
 - ◆ continuing education goals
 - ◆ vehicle acquisition goals
 - ◆ rental or housing goals
 - [Casa of Oregon](#) backs the IDA program
 - ◆ The income eligibility requirement is established by Casa of Oregon
 - ◆ More information can be found on their website: <http://www.casaoforegon.org/>
- Job seeker workshops at Bradley Angle
 - Participants that received more or better employment have tripled.
 - 40-60 participants per year
 - Most participants have children
 - 30%-40% come from shelter into this job seeker program
 - Participants range in age between 25 and 49.
 - Eligibility requires that the participant be a survivor of intimate partner violence
 - Question: What is the demographic of the participants involved
 - Answer: Mostly African-American and white
 - See more information about the supports offered by Bradley Angle here: <https://bradleyangle.org/get-help/support-groups/>

- **Blair Shaeffer-Bisht:** Recommends that Bradley Angle connect with the Aligned Partner Network to enhance the job workshop.
- Jennifer Chang, Portland Housing Bureau, provided an update on supportive housing planning:
 - The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) is convening partners for the planning of 2000 new housing units.
 - Planning seeks to identify costs and funds available to make this expansion
 - The plan will be brought to City Council in July 2018.
- **Group discussion:** Washington County is considering a bond or levy for affordable housing, workforce, and childhood development.
 - This is a potential opportunity for jurisdictional alignment.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ASSIGNED
1. Bring minutes from this meeting to the next workgroup meeting.	Rhea Graves
2. Share HMIS intake questions and income breakout categories with the group.	Ryan Deibert, Caitlin Campbell
3. Invite Volunteers of America Home Free to attend next meeting and share about economic empowerment programs.	Workgroup Leads
4. Add Kenyatta Trice to the Workforce and Economic Opportunity Workgroup list.	Rhea Graves
5. Add "Discussion about the HMIS Employment Categories" to December's meeting agenda.	Rhea Graves
6. Invite Vocational Rehabilitation representative to planning for supportive housing.	Unassigned

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 5, 2018
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
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