

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Coordinating Board

DRAFT Meeting Minutes – January 3, 2018

Facilitated by: Marc Jolin, Initiative Director, and Stacy Borke, Initiative Co-chair. **Prepared by:** Erin Burrise; **Reviewed by:** Jurisdictional Staff Members

Members present: Michael Anderson-Nathe, Alexandra Appleton, Lynnae C. Berg, Stacy Borke, Michael Buonocore, Beth Burns, Lee Po Cha, Sam Chase, Maurice Evans, Kevin Fitts, Katrina Holland, Marc Jolin, Susan Madar, Brad Malsin, Alexa Mason, Andrew McGough, Michael Parkhurst, Michelle Plambeck (Ted Wheeler Rep.), Art Rios Sr., Patricia Rojas, Tawna Sanchez, Nicole Stein, Becky Straus, Michael Thurman, Derald Walker, Joe Walsh (Karyllyn Echols rep.). **Jurisdictional Staff present:** Claire Adamsick, Seraphie Allen, Jackie Arbour, Caitlin Burke, Erin Burrise, Ryan Deibert, Katie Dineen, Sally Erickson, Jane Marie Ford, Christian Gaston, Lucas Hillier, Renee Huizinga, Liv Jenssen, Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, Erin Pidot, Anna Plumb, Bimal RajBahandary, April Rohman, Alison Sachet, Kate Schwab, Ian Slingerland, Carrie Young. **Guests:** Ruth Adkins, Chris Aiosa, Joel Broussard, Rachel Carlson, John Duke, John Elizalde, Michael Fisher, Laura Golino de Lovato, Merissa Heller, Leth Luangphasy, Roy McKenzie, Robbie Noche, Rachel Solotaroff, Mark Sturbois, Dirk Vanderhaul, Lauren Waude, Jill Weir.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
<p>Welcome, Introductions and Minutes – Stacy Borke, Initiative Co-chair</p>	<p>Stacy Borke, Initiative Co-chair, called the meeting to order and initiated introductions.</p> <p>November and December minutes were brought to the board for approval.</p> <p>Art Rios, Sr., board member, reported that the November minutes did not include all comments heard during the Oregon Housing and Community Services Statewide Housing Plan presentation and comment portions of the meeting.</p>	<p>December minutes approved by consent.</p> <p>November minutes will be revisited and brought to the February meeting for approval.</p>
<p>Public Comment – Stacy Borke, Initiative Co-chair</p>	<p>No public comment was brought to be heard.</p>	
<p>Legislative Updates 2018-2019 – Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer, Oregon House District 46</p>	<p>State Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer, Oregon House District 46, reviewed the Building a Housing Vision for Oregon presentation with the attendees. Highlights from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation, education, health care, human services, public safety and economic development, housing should be a core responsibility of the state. • Oregon has just two (small) dedicated state funding streams for affordable housing supply – the Document Recording Fee and the Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credit • Our vision and investment for supply (as well as for the homeless, distressed renters and homeownership) must be much bigger. • Housing bills in 2018: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raise the Document Recording Fee from \$20.00 to \$75.00. This would generate \$112.5 million per biennium for affordable housing (vs. current \$30 million). ○ Will exempt County Tax Assessors, who currently pay \$300,000/biennium in Document Fee for affordable housing. ○ Will raise eligibility for homeownership assistance from 80% AMI to 100% AMI ○ First time homebuyers tax deferred savings account (may be part of the Document Recording Fee bill). ○ Two ballot referrals to amend the State Constitution to provide more flexibility for state and municipal affordable housing bonds. ○ Racial Disparity Task Force. ○ Streamlining the legal process to remove racial discriminatory language in the CC&R's of homeownership Titles. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Solar and weatherization incentives for homes. ○ Supporting the home construction industry (workforce and small businesses). <p>View the full presentation for Building a Housing Vision for Oregon at ahomeforeveryone.net/s/CB_PPT_Legislative_20180103.pdf.</p>	
<p>Coordinated Access and Continuum of Care Guidelines – Katie Dineen and Erin Pidot, Joint Office of Homeless Services</p>	<p>Erin Pidot, Joint Office of Homeless Services, reviewed and gave a brief update on the final draft of Coordinated Access guidelines. The intent is to make the Coordinated Access Guidelines a living document to be approved by the Coordinating Board annually. Board members were given time to read the substantive changes that were made.</p> <p>Katie Dineen, Joint Office of Homeless Services, discussed items that were submitted as feedback for Coordinated Access guidelines that were out of scope of these specific guidelines at this time, but will be addressed in the future.</p> <p>The final draft of Coordinated Access Guidelines were brought to the board for approval.</p>	<p>Board approved Coordinated Access Guidelines.</p>
<p>Chronic Homelessness Plan Review – Ryan Deibert, Joint Office of Homeless Services</p>	<p>Ryan Deibert, Joint Office of Homeless Services, presented a PowerPoint of Chronic Homelessness Plan Background.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Data from point in time count from 2013 to 2017 was given. ● Chronic Homelessness Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Primary planning questions forwarded by Executive Committee in April 2017 ○ Engagement through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safety off the Streets Work Group ▪ Housing Work Group ▪ Health & Homelessness Work Group ▪ Community Advisory Forum ▪ Interviews with people with current experience of chronic homelessness ○ Began with a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) analysis of current conditions ○ Developed, reviewed and refined recommendations ● Focus on Racial Equity and Use of Lens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Used PIT and Coordinated Access data to assess disparities in chronic homelessness ○ Intentional outreach through culturally-specific providers and to people of color with lived experience of chronic homelessness ○ Equity-focused SWOT ○ Use of equity lens during each review of draft recommendations <p>Ryan Deibert led meeting members in a review of the A Home for Everyone’s Racial Equity Lens tool questions and requested that members use the tool while reviewing the Chronic Homelessness Plan recommendations.</p> <p>Patricia Rojas, board member, states that it is important to check the assumptions of what the data says and does not say if we are applying an equity lens. The data presented does not express how the Latino and Asian communities, in particular, are experiencing homelessness, which is a flaw in our system.</p>	<p>Staff to send survey tool to board members to provide feedback on the Chronic Homelessness Plan Recommendations.</p>

Community member addressed that there are populations that seem to not be captured in the most current point in time count. He suggested that maybe our process should be changed to have the point in time count more often.

Board members were given time to review the [Draft Chronic Homelessness Plan Recommendations](#) on their own. After board members individually reviewed the recommendations, they were broken into groups of five to go over specific assigned sections of the recommendations.

Various feedback was given by board members after the group session:

- Expanding the availability of basic needs of services is critical.
- Minority communities, refugees and immigrants may experience homelessness differently which can make it hard to identify them and difficult to refer them to services.
- It would be important to separate and pull data by age because there may be different guidelines for seniors.
- Considering the Equity Lens tool, using 211, internet or phone based resources is not an effective strategy for some communities. Having more street-level outreach going into non-traditional places where folks may be congregating would be helpful. Improving 211 and expanding on languages provided would also be helpful.
- Training public safety officers is important, but tension arises if trainings do not align with agency policies.
- There is not enough attention around addiction. There needs to be adequate treatment for a variety of substance abuse issues and harm reduction strategies.
- In any sort of application we should disaggregate communities of color. People show up differently, want services differently and they experience situations differently so it is a disservice to try to place people into two big buckets.
- How can we improve data quality and data collection from the populations that may not be readily available for point in time count? Can we look at other outside data sources?
- How do we ensure there is enough culturally specific services?
- Confused about list and prioritization of housing and support services section.
- Some of the language is abstract and high-level. It would be helpful if it was more straight-forward.
- Revenue recommendation language feels timid. Should also be more straight-forward.
- Feels that letter 'J' of the Permanent Housing and Supportive Services section is irrelevant, isn't this Chronic Homelessness Plan just that?
- There doesn't seem to be a recommendation about people who have lived experience of homelessness.
- Letter 'F' of the Permanent Housing and Supportive Services section, there is timid language regarding the specific populations it refers to.
- There is a lack of specificity throughout the Permanent Housing and Supportive Services section.
- Letter 'A' in the Permanent Housing and Supportive Services section should have something about providing some kind of trauma informed training.
- Letter 'E' in the Permanent Housing and Supportive Services section is missing details around evaluation with coordinated access. How is it working? Who is getting access and who is not making it though? Is there disparity in the system?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There seems to be many disclaimers throughout the recommendations regarding the data used. There should be some tactic or strategy of how we are going to increase the data collected. • Letter 'Q' in the Permanent Housing and Supportive Services section, are we doing geographical research on the displaced communities of color? <p>A survey tool will be sent out to board members to solicit additional feedback regarding ease of implementation, relative impact and opportunities to improve outcomes for racial equity. The final review and approval of the Chronic Homelessness Plan will take place at the February Coordinating Board meeting. If approved, the Chronic Homelessness Plan will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for initial prioritization and directing for implementation planning.</p> <p>The full presentation for the Chronic Homelessness Plan Background may be viewed here.</p>	
<p>Metro Measure 101 Update – Sam Chase, Metro</p>	<p>Sam Chase, board member and Metro representative, stated that Metro has conducted polling around affordable housing and the results around our region have been exceptional. Metro is interested in working with A Home For Everyone and 24 local jurisdictions around the region to identify if there is a winning strategy that can be put on the ballot in November 2018. Metro will need to make a decision on council by May 2018 about referring a potential affordable housing initiative to voters.</p> <p>Welcome Home has been helping organize and rally people and he encouraged board members to pay attention to that initiative and join in.</p> <p>Kevin Fitts, board member, encouraged a 'yes' vote on ballot Measure 101. Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer also encouraged a 'yes' vote on ballot Measure 101.</p> <p>Katrina Holland, board member, asked if it would be helpful if A Home for Everyone created a collective letter to recommend that Metro refer an affordable housing strategy to the ballot. Sam Chase said that pressure on Metro from outside sources, like A Home for Everyone, is helpful.</p>	<p>A collaborative letter to support a bond measure for Metro to be discussed as an agenda item at a future Coordinating Board meeting.</p>
<p>Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities (SPARC) Project Update – Marc Jolin</p>	<p>Marc Jolin asked meeting members to please reserve the week of March 12th for the launch of the Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities (SPARC) project. There will be a kick-off event, training for front line staff, focus groups with various communities of color, planning process and planning for social change objectives.</p> <p>More information and calendar of events will be sent out to board members and community soon.</p>	