

A Home for Everyone (HFE) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2015

Facilitated by: Chair Deborah Kafoury and Initiative Director Marc Jolin

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Reviewed by: Jurisdictional Staff Members

Members present: Stacy Borke, Michael Buonocore, Karylenn Echols, Charlie Hales, Marc Jolin, Deborah Kafoury, Christine Lewis (Jules Bailey rep.), Matt Morton, Michael Parkhurst, Dan Saltzman. **Staff:** Shannon Callahan, Mary Carroll, Jennifer Chang, Jillian Detweiler, Rachael Duke, Sally Erickson, Brendon Finn, Ian Slingerland, Caitlin Harrington-Smith, Mary Li, Javier Mena, Bimal RajBhandary, Joe Walsh. **Guests:** George Devendorf, Ben Sand, Kris Smock.

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of Minutes - Deborah Kafoury, Chair	Chair Kafoury called the meeting to order and commenced introductions. Members reviewed the January and March 2015 minutes. There were no changes.	Motion to approve the January and March 2015 minutes. All in favor.
Introduce Executive Committee Candidate Bend Sand - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director	Marc introduced Ben Sand, CEO of Portland Leadership Foundation. Ben provided the attendees with a brief background about himself. He shared that his interest in creative solutions that include reaching out to non-traditional partners and the community itself, and exploring an alternate narrative to solve the housing needs in the community.	
Plan to End Veteran Homelessness - Mary Carroll, Multnomah County	Mary provided attendees with an update on the Plan to End Veteran Homelessness by the end of this year. Mary highlighted that through May 1, approximately 40% of the 690 Veterans who need housing before the end of the year have been housed. Going forward, about 63 Veterans will need to be housed per month. Operation 424 groups have been meeting regularly to identify and problem solve barriers. The outreach letter from the Chair and Mayor has resulted in commitments from several private property owners/managers who will make units available as they turn over. Staff is planning to undertake a 100 day housing blitz that will begin in September. Chair and Mayor expressed willingness to call property managers to solicit unit commitments for the effort. Ian Slingerland reported that Home Forward and the VA are collaborating on full VASH utilization and project-basing VASH and it has asked HUD for a VASH-specific increase in the payment standard to address the difficulty finding units with eligible rental levels.	Staff to provide property manager list to Executive Committee members to call for unit commitment.

<p>2015 Point-in-Time Count Report - Kris Smock, Kristina Smock Consulting/Point-in-Time Coordinator</p>	<p>Kris Smock led the group in a presentation that outlined the background and highlighted the key findings of the 2015 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count. The attendees were provided a copy of the 2015 PIT Report commissioned by the Portland Housing Bureau on behalf of A Home for Everyone and the Continuum of Care. The report details the results of a count conducted on January 28, 2015 of all people sleeping outdoors, in vehicles, or other places not meant for human habitation and all people sleeping in emergency shelters and transitional housing. The report also contains an estimate of the number of people who were doubled up for economic reasons; living with family or friends as an alternative to sleeping on the streets or in a shelter. The Street and Shelter Counts are conducted together every two years, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). While no methodology is perfect, Portland/Multnomah County’s count is comprehensive and, because it has not changed significantly, outcomes can be compared over time. At the most general level, there was essentially no change in the number of unsheltered people compared to 2013. There was a 14% reduction in the Shelter Count, and this is almost entirely a function of certain emergency shelter and transitional housing beds being redefined by HUD as a form of permanent housing (specifically, rapid re-housing). Without the definitional change, it would be a very small increase in the total street and shelter homeless populations since 2013 reported. Kris highlighted that there was significant and troubling increases among some groups such as African American adults who were unsheltered (48% increase from 2013) and unsheltered families (24% increase).</p> <p>Matt Morton and Stacy Borke, Coordinating Board Co-chairs, reviewed recommendations in the PIT Report cover letter to the board, which requests immediate response to the report data regarding the increase in unsheltered African American adults, seniors, families, and women.</p> <p>Marc shared one of the primary data sources used for the HFE Action Plans model was from the 2013 PIT. The model will be updated with the new numbers.</p>	
<p>Action Plan Recommendations – Progress Report - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p><u>Expanded Services and Increased Units</u></p> <p>Sally Erickson, Portland Housing Bureau provided a Summary of FY15-16 Budget Decisions highlighting some of the investments related to the HFE work. Investments include Veterans rental assistance, maintaining the women’s shelter year-round, landlord recruitment and retention, intensive street engagement and clean-up, and home retention/displacement prevention.</p> <p>Mary Li, Multnomah County, shared that the 2016 County budget was adopted, approving targeted investments in affordable housing, children health, and vital infrastructure projects. Highlighting that the budget includes \$2 million in new ongoing funding to help individuals and families find permanent home and \$5 million into a housing development fund to increase the number of affordable housing units across the county.</p>	

	<p>Javier Mena, Portland Housing Bureau, shared a handout summarizing the affordable housing projects that are under construction, preconstruction, and under solicitation. It estimates how many affordable units will come online between now and the next three years that are affordable to people making 0-30% of Area Median Income.</p> <p>Ian Slingerland, Home Forward, shared that Home Forward has committed to new targeting of Housing Choice Vouchers in a limited preference for up to 50 vouchers for Veteran families that are ineligible for VASH vouchers and a limited preference for up to 200 vouchers for families assisted through Multnomah County’s Homeless Family System of Care.</p> <p><u>Next Steps</u> Now that resources are available there is still a great deal of policy work that needs to happen. The HFE Action Plan workgroups are being reconvened to further strategize.</p>	
<p>Home Forward Shelter Proposal - Michael Buonocore, Home Forward</p>	<p>Michael proposed the idea of siting a shelter in the first floor of their building on SW Ash. This would involve working with jurisdictional staff to work out the feasibility and details, and finding funding for a provider to manage the shelter.</p>	<p>Staff to investigate into feasibility of siting a shelter on SW Ash.</p>
<p>Board and Executive Committee Membership and Board Subcommittees - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>The Charter reserves appointment authority of Coordinating Board members to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may charter subcommittees, task forces, ad hoc workgroups and other network groups associated with the Board. To ensure that the board has membership that is representative of the community, to refill vacant board positions, and to formally approve board subcommittees the following actions are recommended for approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pending their applications, the Executive Directors of Urban League and JOIN are reappointed to the Coordinating Board and Metro Councilor Sam Chase is appointed to the Board. 2. Solicit applications to refill the Coordinating Board positions for the third community representative and an individual with private sector housing development or small business experience. Staff to present candidates for appointment at the September Executive Committee meeting. 3. Solicit applications for one additional Board position representing (a) faith-based services; (b) criminal justice/reentry; and (c) domestic violence. Staff to present candidates for appointment at the September Executive Committee meeting. 4. Pursuant to authority granted by the Charter, recognize “Legal Services” and “East County/Gresham” as additional stake holder groups needing representation on the Board and, if necessary, solicit applications for up to one additional Board member in each category. Staff to present any candidates for appointment at the September Executive Committee meeting. 	<p>Motion to approve recommendation 1. All in favor.</p> <p>Motion to approve recommendation 2. All in favor.</p> <p>Motion to approve recommendation 3. All in favor.</p> <p>Motion to approve recommendation 4. All in favor.</p> <p>Motion to approve recommendation 5. All in favor.</p>

	<p>5. Pursuant to authority granted by Charter, the Executive Committee approves the addition of two additional members to the Executive Committee, with the intent to appoint one leader from the faith community and one leader from the business community.</p> <p>6. Appoint Ben Sand to the Executive Committee as a representative of the faith community.</p> <p>7. Ratify the Coordinating Board's creation of three subcommittees of the Coordinating Board: (1) The Resource Advisory Committee; (2) the Data Management Committee; (3) the Data Outcomes and Evaluation Committee.</p> <p>8. Authorize the staff and Coordinating Board to convene an ad hoc committee to review the HFE Charter and propose modifications in time for the September Executive Committee meeting.</p> <p>Executive Committee members were asked to vote on each of the recommendations.</p>	<p>Motion to approve recommendation 6. All in favor.</p> <p>Motion to approve recommendation 7. All in favor.</p> <p>Motion to approve recommendation 8. All in favor.</p>
<p>Closing Comments/Next Meeting - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p>	<p>The next meeting will be Friday, September 18, 2015, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Meeting is adjourned.</p>	