



## Community Advisory Forum Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, January 17, 2018

TIME: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Bud Clark Commons  
Multipurpose Room  
650 NW Irving Street  
Portland, OR 97209

ATTENDEES: Ruthie Benjamin, Erin Burrise, Caitlin Campbell, Kaytee Evans, Ernest Hayes, Shasta Leming, Guy Limasa, Alicia Lindsey, Natasha MacDonald, Bill Moore, Katherine Moore, Art Rios Sr., Christopher Sage, Andrea Sanz, Bill Toepper, Juliana Wallace

### MEETING DISCUSSION

- Welcome, Introductions and Agency Updates
  - Katherine Moore, Cascadia Behavioral Health, called the meeting to order.
  - Bill Toepper, Portland Street Medicine (PSM), introduced the new organization and explained that PSM gives direct services to individuals experiencing homelessness and living on the streets.
    - The goal is to have a street team in place by February 2, 2018.
    - PSM's mission is to bring quality medical care directly to Portlanders who are facing unstable housing or sleeping in the streets.
    - [Portlandstreetmedicine@gmail.com](mailto:Portlandstreetmedicine@gmail.com) is the best way to contact if interested in getting involved.
  - Caitlin Campbell, Joint Office of Homeless Services, advised Community Advisory Forum (CAF) meeting members of the Mental Health First Aid Training that will be taking place on March 21, 2018
    - Training is intended for direct service providers
    - The first 35 people to sign up are guaranteed a spot for the training
- OneApp Oregon Presentation
  - Alicia Lindsey, OneApp Oregon, gave a presentation and demonstration of how to use OneApp as a property manager and as a potential client.
    - One App is currently rolled out in Oregon, but will be expanding to other states soon.
      - Currently in Portland Metro area but will be expanding into Bend, Salem and other Oregon cities.
    - OneApp was launched on December 12, 2017 with 1,300 units. 2,000 more units have been added as of January 16, 2018.
      - Both single home and family homes are available.
    - OneApp is averaging about 40 new applicants per day.
  - Alicia asked for input from the meeting members of what they feel may improve the OneApp site and/or experience:
    - One barrier is that often individuals who have an extensive criminal record may have a hard time finding housing. Is there leniency with the screening process?
    - It would be helpful if there was a way to utilize the website without having a personal email address.

- OneApp is working on creating a login for case managers.
- Diversity and Equity Question and Review of the Racial Equity Lens
  - Meeting members reviewed the Group Agreement and A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Racial Equity Lens Tool.
    - The Racial Equity Lens Tool was created shortly after AHFE was established and it is used with every funded policy and decision.
    - What can this equity tool be used for in our work?
      - Termination policies
      - Decision making when clients are from various backgrounds and cultures
      - For the first time, Metro is including a racial equity lens when planning transportation services. They are currently working on a clear and concise equity lens tool, but they have already started making programmatic changes with consideration to equity.
      - Best implemented in a situational manner and being able to gather information to see the full picture
      - Hoping it is used to hold people, especially elected officials, accountable.
- Unity Center for Behavioral Health Presentation
  - Juliana Wallace, Unity Center for Behavioral Health, gave an overview of the services provided at Unity and the populations that they serve.
    - Unity is a shared venture between four major health systems
    - Goal is to reduce the utilization of patient beds
      - Discharge rates are about 78 – 80% of patients and serves around 900 patients per month.
    - Adults ages 18+ are served
    - About 30% are self-reported as homeless
    - Unity is licensed as an emergency center.
    - Facility is open 24/7, 365 days a year for walk-ins.
    - Unity is always willing to take in individuals who may be considered high-risk if an outreach worker brings them in.
    - Co-location rooms where formal contracts can be done with Cascadia and other service providers
    - Working on having visitation time with verified family for patients.
    - Tours take place every other month. Email Juliana if interested in taking a tour at [jwallac@lhs.org](mailto:jwallac@lhs.org).

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

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