



## Safety off the Streets Workgroup Minutes

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018

**TIME:** 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

**ATTENDEES:** Amy Anderson, Tony Bernal, Cait Burke, Clay Cooper, Rhea Graves, Tiffany Kingery, Katie Mays, Christina McGovney, Karissa Moden, Jinine Ramirez-Cortez, April Rohman, Neal Sand, Becky Straus, Liz Weber.

### MEETING DISCUSSION

- Welcome and Introductions
    - Karissa Moden, Sisters of the Road, called the meeting to order and initiated introductions.
  - Assertive Engagement Update and Exercise
    - Tiffany Kingery, Joint Office of Homeless Services, shared that the last Assertive Engagement (AE) Train the Trainer cohort meeting went really well.
    - The team received a lot of support and enthusiasm for continuing the training and getting hands on practice during future events.
    - Tiffany Kingery led the group through an assertive engagement exercise.
  - Committee and Work Plan Review
    - This item will be discussed next month and led by Tony Bernal, Transition Projects.
  - Camping Guidelines Work Session
    - This exercise is meant to generate tangible information that already exists within various locations, brought together to provide relevant knowledge to people sleeping unsheltered.
    - Katie Mays, JOIN, facilitated a brainstorming session to gather both questions and known answers about all aspects of sweeps. The session was broken into three points in time of a sweep: before, during and after a sweep.
    - Questions generated during the discussion included:
      - Where and how long a person's belongings are stored
      - The legal rights of people sleeping outdoors
      - Who has jurisdiction over public lands and how that changes the experience and protocol
      - What resources exist for replacement survival gear
      - How to end and reduce sweeps entirely
    - Most of the questions generated by the group had answers that April Rohman, Joint Office of Homeless Services, was able to track down; those answers will be shared as the introduction to next month's Safety off the Streets brainstorming activity.
  - Agency Spotlight: JOIN
    - Liz Weber, JOIN, shared information about the In-Reach Mobile Housing Team.
      - The In-Reach team is a multi-agency team that brings mobile housing services to five specific Safety off the Streets sites.
        - Willamette Center, Hansen, Dignity Village, Right to Dream Too, Rose Haven
        - The sites have no, or limited, on-site support
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- Partner agencies for the team include: Urban League of Portland, Native American Rehabilitation Association (NARA), YWCA, El Programa Hispano, Housing Transitions Program, and Transition Projects.
- 70 households have been placed since July, 2017.
  - 78% of placements were female head of household
  - 12 households were parenting children under the age of 18
- Contact Liz Weber at [eweber@joinpdx.org](mailto:eweber@joinpdx.org) for more information about the team

## ACTION ITEMS

### ITEM

Send out the In-Reach Mobile Housing Team reference sheet to the group

### ASSIGNED

Liz Weber  
Rhea Graves

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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