



## Health Workgroup Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, April 18, 2018

TIME: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

LOCATION: McCoy Building  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room 8B  
426 SW Stark Street  
Portland, OR 97204

ATTENDEES: Ruth Adkins, Andrew Brown, Sam Chase, Erin Fisher, Drew Grabham, Rhea Graves, Janet Hamilton, Pam Hester, Tessa Hingston, Liv Jenssen, Zainab Kamara, Jessi Norris, Mike Savara, Claudia Schroeder, Shelby Trinh.

### MEETING DISCUSSION

- Organizational and Member Updates
  - Liv Jenssen, Multnomah County's Department of Community Justice, invited everyone to sign up for the Oregon Health Authority's news updates.
    - You can sign up [here](#) or:  
[https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDHS/subscriber/new?qsp=ORDHS\\_1](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDHS/subscriber/new?qsp=ORDHS_1).
  - Erin Fisher, Transition Projects (TPI), shared that the Hansen helter will need to be relocated no later than June 15, 2018.
    - The Hansen shelter's capacity will likely be reduced to 75 beds.
    - The Mead shelter will house women and couples and will move to another space as well.
  - Mike Savara, Central City Concern, shared enthusiasm for the Housing First Partners Conference he attended in Denver.
    - Denver has used elements of the Bud Clark Commons in their design process.
- Supporting Partnerships from Anti-Racist Communities (SPARC) Week Debrief
  - The group shared feedback on the SPARC Initiative launched in March.
  - Marc Dones, Center for Social Innovation, was able to describe the problems that marginalized communities face in a supportive environment.
  - The trainings provided tangible tools that can be use immediately.
    - The content was accessible, practical, and positive.
    - Small, incremental changes can lead to more impactful permanent changes.
  - Training for the executive directors is critical for moving equity work forward.
    - Having a shared language is important for engaging in these difficult discussions.
  - Maintaining and recruiting a diverse workforce should be a priority in our community.
  - Lack of attendance from the healthcare system was disappointing.
    - We need to conduct more intentional outreach to the hospital system for future engagement opportunities.
  - More information about SPARC Week can be found at [ahomeforeveryone.net/sparc/](http://ahomeforeveryone.net/sparc/).
- Health and Housing Survey Update
  - Liv Jenssen's co-worker will build and distribute the survey, collect responses and aggregate the data.
    - There are too many operating definitions of permanent supportive housing (PSH).
      - The survey data will help us move towards standardized definitions of what PSH means.
  - The survey will be sent to Health Workgroup members first to ensure everyone can access it.
- Affordable Housing Initiative Update

- Sam Chase, Coalition of Community Health Clinics (CCHC) and Metro, gave an update on Metro's Affordable Housing Initiative, Metro's effort to address the region's affordable housing crisis.
- Engaging regional communities helps increase funding to address the affordable housing crisis.
  - If the voters approve, this would mean up to \$1 billion in funding for affordable housing.
  - Voter polling suggests will to pass this initiative.
- Metro will convene a stakeholder advisory group to provide input on desired community outcomes that should guide program activities.
  - We know that people in the lowest income levels have the fewest choices and face the most crisis.
  - Recommendations will be forwarded to Metro Council in May.
- Metro will also convene a technical advisory committee to advise the technical and operational components of a potential housing measure framework.
- Supportive Housing Planning Update
  - Heather Lyons, Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) was unable to attend this meeting.
  - A handout will be sent out to the group regarding the planning process.

## ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ASSIGNED
1. Add health and housing system engagement opportunities to May's agenda.	Rhea Graves
2. Send supportive housing planning process handout to members.	Heather Lyons Rhea Graves

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 16, 2018  
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM  
Five Oak Building  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Willamette Conference Room  
421 SW Oak Street  
Portland, OR 97204