



Community Advisory Forum Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, April 18, 2018

TIME: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

ATTENDEES: Erin Burrise, Jessica Mathis, DiJonnelle Montgomery-Thompson, Christopher Sage, RJ Stangland, Haven Wheelock, Carissa Williams

MEETING DISCUSSION

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Christopher Sage, Transition Projects, Inc. (TPI), called the meeting to order and initiated introductions.
- Agency and Provider Updates or Announcements
 - Impact NW states they are still allocating funding.
 - Temporary winter shelters will be closed for the season.
 - Hoping for waitlist to start moving by the end of June or early July
 - Joint Office of Homeless Services will not be moving forward with Hoyt shelter due to Harbor of Hope.
 - Bradley Angle is running out of short term funds.
 - Maybelle Center, located on 6th and Couch.
 - Assisted Living
 - Long term Affordable Housing
 - Community Center and Visitation Program
 - Outside In is recruiting for a new Executive Director.
- Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities (SPARC) Reflection
 - Meeting members used this time to talk about their perspective with SPARC events and the three Structural Change Objectives.
 - Wished the Service Provider Training could have been two days.
 - Once we can figure out how to change the current structure and systems, then we can better address and change racism and homelessness.
 - Marc Dones was very engaging and a great speaker.
 - Wish more people could have been involved in the focus groups.
 - It was interesting to see the lack of people of color as Executive Directors.
 - JOIN has hired more people of color within the last year, which is beneficial for the organization and the people they serve.
 - JOIN is trying to adjust and make some transitions to have more staff who are people of color working in the Day Space.
 - It was brought to light how many of the high positions require a college degree in addition to experience.
 - People could easily be trained to be in higher staff positions if given the opportunity.
 - Salaries need to be better for frontline service providers.

- There is an internal cultural incompetency within the system.
- Opioid Crisis Presentation
 - Haven Wheelock, Outside In, explained her role and work that she does.
 - Syringe Exchange sees hundreds of clients weekly.
 - 4,000,000 syringes being exchanged annually.
 - Since 2013, trained over 2,100 people to administer naloxone HCl
 - Have had over 1,700 overdose reversals
 - Have given out 11,000 doses
 - 21% increase between 2015 and 2016 of overdose deaths

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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1st Floor Multipurpose Room

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