

10-Year Homeless Oversight Committee

Meeting notes

January 27, 2016

Present: Biff Traber , Anne Schuster, Abraham Griswold, Jenna Baker, Gregg Olson, Jen Chen, Lucy Huffman, Chris Hawkins, Latetia Wilson, Tina Mills , Tom Sherry, Rebecca Taylor, Jim Moorefield, Kenny LaPoint, Tatiana Dierwechter, Kenny Lowe, Bill Glassmire, Joanne Miller, Jessica Taylor, Kari Whitacre, Corrie Latimer , Jennifer Moore, Sarah Power, Judy Ball, Donna Holt, Steven Schultz

Next Meeting: February 24th

Introductions – All

1. AST Report (Kari)

- First would like to apologize for the email sent out—did not realize there was a second page.
- Looking at the data we can see
 - Many clients are referred to AST from COI. We would like to engage community clients to bring more people to the table
 - AST does serve many families, but individuals also qualify for AST
 - Though AST is serving mostly Benton county, other counties have also been served
 - Jim Moorefield asked if there is outcome data being tracked?
 - Much discussion was had on working with AST follow up case management
 - AST meetings now will have an extra 20 minute slot designated for discussing new candidates and reviewing any administration needs
 - Jessica T. and Jeffrey from COI are working on updating the new MOU after the recent administrative meeting
 - **Action item requested from Biff:** Find some closure or outcomes on cases so we know what was accomplished and how they ended

2. Homeless Connect (Jessica Taylor)

- Nothing new to report at this time. Still working on finalizing event dates and details. Will report back to the group as soon as more information is known.

3. Working Group Reports

a) Governance Report (Biff, Kaci, Jennifer Moore)

- i. Jennifer Moore reviewed the 5 documents that were sent out prior to the HOC meeting
- i. Governing Board Charter—Jennifer Moore discussed some of the major changes
 - 1. A background of the 10 Year Plan was added
 - 2. Name change: Housing Opportunities Action Council. There was discussion on why this was chosen as the new name.
 - 3. Items that address operations of the council that may need to be changed more frequently were taken out of the charter and put into a separate document, the Operational Policies document.
 - 4. Seat changes
 - i. Standing seats broken into two categories: Service Organizations and Policy & Advocacy
 - 1. CARDV, DHS, and JSYS were added
 - ii. Sector Seats
 - 1. Added Basic Needs Services, Law Enforcement, and Social Justice
 - 2. A business seat was taken away, though business association still remains
 - iii. Goal was to make the number of seats small enough to still manage for effectively getting work done
 - 5. Feedback on Governing Board Charter:
 - a. Steven Clark will help to find an OSU representative
 - b. Anne--Discussion regarding Article VII, Section 1
 - i. Co-Chairs
 - 1. A conversation was had by many members discussing pros and cons of having an elected city official versus an appointed representative.
 - 2. Jim Moorefield highlighted that needs in the future may be different than current needs.
 - 3. Biff mentioned that flexibility may be needed in case there is not a commissioner who wants to sit in on the meetings. A delegate named by the elected officials may be necessary and therefore the elected officials would be held accountable for whom they delegate
 - 4. Clarification that co-chairs are non-voting members and are there to facilitate and moderate.
 - 5. It was asked that when defining quorum in Section 6 to only show a percentage, not a definite number so that if at any point in time all seats are not filled then quorum will only be based off of the percentage, 51%.

6. Discussion on where IHN-CCO fits in with standing health seats and Samaritan Health Services.
- ii. Operating Policy Document
 1. Lifted out of the overall charter for easy edits
 2. Included are definitions from the 10 Year Plan, though not every term was lifted
 3. Section 2 was lifted directly from the charter, except that "ad hoc work groups" were added.
 4. Section 3 is a decision making piece that was lifted from charter
 5. Section 4 outlines a plan for oversight, that recommends the charter is reviewed every year by the governing board
 - iii. Declaration of Cooperation
 1. A fill-in-the blank form that each organization who would like to participate would fill out
 2. By filling out this form, the organization is stating that they are "at the table" and want to work towards the goals of HOAC
 3. Biff asked that the effective date be changed from January 1st to June 30th, and then update on a regular cycle yearly on January 1st
 - iv. HOAC Candidate Application
 1. Individuals will know, agree, and have buy in to be nominated on the governing board
 - v. Rough timeline:
 1. Today's meeting was to review the timeline
 - a. Changes were proposed. Jen will be sending out an updated charter with the proposed changes following the meeting.
 2. **Action item:** Signed Declarations of Cooperation and nomination forms would be due back February 17th
 - a. Though this is an aggressive schedule, it is needed
 3. Tatiana asked for clarification on how the governance board will support HOAC in reference to what the broader community of HOAC will be.
 4. Discussion between Biff and Tatiana on ways to better explain to the community how they can be involved.
 5. Discussion between Anne and Kenny LaPointe on how his work in central Oregon contributed to the forming of this council.
 - a. Comments/concerns on the size. Also that it needs to be a flexible process. If things are not working, then we can evaluate the process and change it to make it better.
 - b. Recruitment for sector seats will be a good opportunity to broaden this conversation to areas of the community which are effected by homelessness but have not before been a part of the conversation.

6. Corrie and Biff discussed AST's role in the HOAC between
 - a. AST will be one of the coordinated delivery teams

b) Funding Report (Jim)

- i. What the funding team is defined to do in the new charter is different than what the short term projects are now
- ii. There are two pots of money:
 - i. 20 million to create more housing for individuals with behavioral health challenges
 - ii. 40 million to create housing for families at risk of homelessness. There is a request for another 60 million.
- iii. There is a key deadline in June/July of when notices will go out for opportunities for fundraising
 - i. The submission of a proposal will go out 60-90 days after that
 - ii. Early fall is when the selection of projects will happen
 - iii. If our project is not selected for funding than we can put together a proposal and try again for another funding opportunity
- iv. Anne asked Jim who would be at the next funding meeting
 - i. Jim replied that anyone who signed up to be on the committee as well as anyone who had a need or part in the process
- v. Tatiana asked if there would be any opportunity to collaborate on a funding opportunity that the HOAC would work on.
 - i. Biff replied that the HOAC would have an ad hoc committee focused on short term funding goals. In the charter, this committee would move more into funding for projects

c) SWOT exercise for SMART committee to determine projects (Tatiana)

- i. Was hoping today to brief group on SWOT exercise and then move forward with the exercise next meeting
- ii. SMART team has been able to meet twice
 - i. Looked into minutes and documents of the past few years to have a refresher on the landscape of where we've been, where we are, and where we are going
- iii. SMART team's ideas to use a SWOT exercise:
 - i. Small group could synthesize the teams to make a community partner mapping exercise
 - ii. A chance to look who is out there who should be a part of the conversation surround homelessness who may not yet be a part of the conversation
 - iii. A chance to look at our teams strategies and what strategies we want to work on
- iv. Find a few projects or initiatives that we all want to work on together
- v. Look at ways we can align ourselves with other initiatives

- vi. Anne asked Rebecca Taylor if she would like to share her idea for a short term project
 - 1. Rebecca Taylor offered that we could take a similar approach to the St. Vincent DePaul program in Eugene. The program would hire people who would otherwise not be able to get jobs to help with recycling around the community. There could be housing offered to those who were hired. Republic Services had wanted this to happen and Habitat for Humanity said they have a lack of resources to take in materials at the landfill.
 - 2. The project would help with material reuse, providing jobs, and helping fund additional housing.
 - 3. Discussion between Kari and Jennifer about some obstacles Kari had come across while looking into doing a similar project.
 - a. Kari explained that it can only make a few jobs, the work can be very bad, and there was no guarantee that we would not lose money since recycling depends on the market. Kari added that she loved the idea, but that there were too many red flags. Kari offered to talk more in depth with Rebecca about these obstacles at a later time.
 - 4. Jim Moorefield offered that we should look at what is unique to Corvallis/Benton County area in reference to reusing materials because of the large institutions here.
- vii. Steven Schultz informed the group about City Club on February 25 at 5:30 at the Library. He stated that it would be great to have everyone attend. There will be a panel about what HOAC is doing, discussion where we are now and what is envisioned for the next few years.
- viii. Tatiana stated that she was hoping to start the SWOT exercise today, but time was running out
 - 1. **Action item:** Tatiana and SMART team will create a survey money to send out to the group so that it can be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Updates

a) Corvallis Housing First

- i. Gregg Olson informed the group of Partners Place, a unit with 14 apartments that takes the most vulnerable folks off the streets. It has been a very big success and that given the current climate, it was a success to follow up on. Gregg stated that CHF would like to move away from shelter services and move more towards permanent supportive housing, similar to Partners Place, with case management. Gregg stated that cast management makes a difference in keeping people off the

streets. He stated that there would still be some limited emergency short term housing beds where they would not have to leave throughout the day for a short period of time to get themselves situated. Then they could move into supportive housing or go on their way. These changes would take care of most of the people who were in the current CHF shelter.

- ii. Gregg explained that at the November summit there was a discussion that CHF was responsible for the activities of the homeless even when not on property. They also received an SRN at the shelter and if they receive another one, they will be fined heavily and that could really damage their operation.
- iii. This new operation would fit more closely with the national housing first model
- iv. At this time there is no news about a timeline but they will be moving towards that soon.
- v. Stone soup and other similar initiatives will go their own way.
- vi. There is an article in the Gazette-Times and Advocate regarding CHF's change
- vii. Judy Ball brought up a concern that there will be a piece of the homeless population that will no longer be served.
 - i. Greg responded that if we look at the current population of homeless, 2/3 –3/4 would do well in supportive housing. There is a small group that are mostly moving through that are vulnerable. And then there are others who are just using their place for free rent. The community will need to work on what to do with those individuals. There are also some individuals with severe conduct disorders that Jen Chen is currently working with that are problematic for any organization and they will not be served by CHF.

b) Legislative Session (Jim Moorefield)

- i. Jim Moorefield discussed a legislative session for the Coalition for the Oregon Housing Alliance that deals with new money that could be used for housing families at risk and inclusionary zoning. The hearing was Monday, February 1st. A separate email was sent out regarding the legislative session directly following the HOC meeting.

Next meeting: February 24th 1:30-3:30