

# Housing Opportunities Action Council

Governing Board

Minutes 04-26-17

**Board Members in Attendance:** Anne Schuster (Co-Chair), Biff Traber (Co-Chair), Kari Whitacre, Nicole Hindes, Brad Smith, Andrea Myhre, Letetia Wilson, Chris Hawkins, Tabitha Ciulla (alt), Karyle Butcher, Julie Manning, Mary Newman (alt), Miguel Mendez (alt), Aleita Hass-Holcombe, Bettina Schempf, Shawn Collins (Program Manager)

**Community Members:** Ben Danley, Judy Ball, Roberta Smith, Jen McDermond, Deborah Hobbs, George Keller, Patty Parsons, Chris Gray, Susannah Wright, Matt Gordon, Bob Bernhardt, Kevin Schultz, Steve Schultz

Time	Type	Presenter	Topic / Notes
1:30pm	Report	Co-Chairs and Program Manager	<b>Introductions</b> <b>Approve March Minutes</b> <b>Co-Chair Comments</b> <b>Program Manager report</b>
<p>Approval of March minutes: Motion to approve, Julie Manning, Second, Andrea Myhre. Approved</p> <p>Co-Chair Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to the Corvallis League of Women Voters, especially Judy Ball, Karen Rockwell, and Karyle Butcher, for their efforts to develop the recent report on the number of homeless in Corvallis. Will have time on future agenda to review in detail.</li> <li>• Thank you to Susannah Wright and Room at the Inn for case management efforts -- example where case management work has made a significant difference and moved women into housing.</li> <li>• Leadership Committee openings - there are 3 elected positions -- have a position open due to Paula Grace retiring from Benton Community Foundation, and HOAC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-nominate or nominate others to Shawn, Anne, or Biff</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Program Manager report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Written comments distributed at meeting, and available at <a href="http://www.bentonhoac.com/monthly-meetings/">www.bentonhoac.com/monthly-meetings/</a> Summary of written comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Attended United Way Lobby Day March 24.</li> <li>o Provided Benton County Board of Commissioners update on March 28.</li> <li>o Spoke to Real Estate Property Managers Group March 28.</li> <li>o Meeting with City of Corvallis staff to discuss challenges with various potential men's cold weather shelter locations March 28.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Met with OSU faculty to discuss internships and faculty research interest intersections with HOAC April 17.</li> <li>○ Spoke to OSU class of MPH students April 19</li> </ul>			
<b>1:40pm</b>	<b>SMART Team update</b>	<b>Andrea Myhre, chair of SMART team</b>	<b>Transitional Housing white paper: review of recommendations, call for additional comment</b>
<p>SMART Team sent out paper with recommendations for actions from HOAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested edits -- please send to Shawn -- will be compiled as an addendum to the white paper</li> <li>• Recommendations -- some of the elements are within the framework to be shared by Health Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ But want to provide opportunity for comment now</li> <li>▪ Any actions, based on the recommendations, that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your org is doing now? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDDC has been distributing sleeping bags</li> <li>• Kimbal Craig is organizing a protest to call for legal camping sites</li> <li>• BC Mental Health is providing tents and sleeping bags</li> <li>• Veterans Services is doing outreach to vets twice weekly</li> </ul> </li> <li>• You feel strongly we must address now?</li> <li>• Question: (Karyle) Who owns these recommendations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biff: Ad Hoc developed them, anything HOAC wants to endorse would be forwarded to City Council on behalf of HOAC.</li> <li>• Andrea: Even though we're going through the process of priority setting, want to know if there's something we need to do outside of that process.</li> <li>• Julie: Next agenda item is looking at priorities -- makes sense to fold into next item.</li> <li>• Bettina: Expect that with a recommendation from sub-committee, the larger group should discuss and adopt</li> <li>• Biff: Propose that after today, we'll have a larger set of recommendations to consider, in the context of the larger plan</li> <li>• Aleita: Note that the topic has been included in Draft Goals / Strategies</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>1:50pm</b>	<b>Funding Coordination Team update</b>	<b>Jim Moorefield, chair of Funding Coordination team</b>	<b>Update on proposal to Meyer Memorial Trust</b>
<p>Proposal has been submitted for a grant on developing messaging and training for organizations, including HOAC. Positive reception – expect to hear more in June.</p>			
<p><b>Announcements: Anne Schuster:</b> Kevin Schultz of Jackson Street Youth Services is managing a summer employment program for about 40 youth. Please contact Kevin for more details.</p>			

<p>2:00pm</p>	<p><b>The Benton County Ten Year Plan to Address Housing and Homelessness, Mid-Point Update</b></p>	<p><b>Tatiana Dierwechter and Sara Hartstein</b></p>	<p><b>Mid-Point Update – Work Session #5</b> The purpose of this Work Session is to review and discuss the framework and proposed goals and strategies before HOAC begins to consider adoption, amendment or priority setting.</p>
<p>Tatiana Dierwechter and Sara Hartstein, Benton County Public Health, Healthy Communities Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All slides and handouts are available on the website for the April meeting.</li> <li>- Recap of activities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SWOT, Key informant interviews, special population inputs</li> <li>○ March - talked through goals, updated and reviewed with Leadership team - discussed prioritization approach</li> <li>○ Identify key strategies for collective implementation</li> <li>○ Does this work reflect the system appropriately?</li> <li>○ Do the strategies include right kinds of initiatives?</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Comments (rough capture of the comments made in discussion)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Karyle: It's broad strokes. If you were not part of this group, it may not make much sense. Doesn't feel enough like an action plan.</li> <li>○ Andrea: Need to approve and move on -- there's work in the HOAC that's within these strategies. If we can agree on the top numbered items, we can dive into more detail on action plans</li> <li>○ Biff: In 9.1.A., Hearing a need for inventory of actions across community group -- which we've discussed before. But there may be more that needs to be identified to convert some of these high level items into specific actions.</li> <li>○ Anne: Looking at 4.1.D - what are the specifics around how to develop employment programs? Do we have a way to talk through those specifics?</li> <li>○ Kari: Need clarification on the plan -- are we trying to finish up the existing plan, or trying to re-launch another 10 year plan?                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tatiana -- a little of both. Finish up existing, and set up additional future work.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Goal for today is to finish discussion on the framework basics</li> <li>● Next is to start prioritization -- first pass through survey monkey</li> <li>● By end of May, final priority setting                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identify areas that are specific to HOAC</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Begin to outline specifics of SMART goals, metrics, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Biff: Pulling up to high level -- are the 9 areas outlined in the framework "right" -- are there areas where we need to have more discussion? Are they functionally appropriate? Too many, too few?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Julie: Like the framework. Incorporates all the major goals of the current plan, and adds some broader perspective on system level issues. Helps us think of HOAC members as advocates at a state and local level.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

- Further, HOAC as an organization represents many organizations and areas of expertise. They are not all the same, so the process of thinking through prioritization, will influence and educate us all as a collective.
- Building awareness and common understanding builds/generates momentum.
- To Kari's question -- are we completing or starting a new plan -- we're always on a continuum. We're trying to build on community efforts already underway. But we also want to identify some new efforts that are beyond what's being done now, and can't be done by any single orgs within HOAC.
  - Biff: Need to do some work on the inventory of efforts currently underway - create visibility to current efforts and gaps
  - Sara: There was an effort to align new goals, existing plan, transitional housing paper, PNARB plan, etc.
    - Biff: If we can get a view to that which includes organizations who owns current efforts, it would be helpful
      - Tatiana: Can leverage the community mapping document to support that work
- Andrea: Might consider combining #5 and #6
  - Street Outreach / Rapid Response / Emergency Response
    - Tatiana -- might work to collapse these
- Nicole: Like the framework. Glad to know there's something to guide us long term. Suggest something shorter and more punchy for public consumption.
- Jim: Like the framework -- agree with Andrea on 5/6 combo. Under 8, there's not enough on increasing current housing supply, and housing available to a diversity of income levels.
  - Jim: It may be too fuzzy -- this may shake out as we work through priorities, but this is a good framework to begin with.
- Anne: Agree on merging 5/6.
- Karyle: 1/2 seem more HOAC organizational. Others seem more concrete. Some look like marketing. This will not speak to the community and we need to punch this up to make clearer what we're doing and how organizations plug in.
- Biff: One audience looking for a system-type plan, is City Council. Need to show an overarching plan, which can be summarized in public statements that are clear and brief.
- Karyle: Agree we need a big picture, but this is too large and complex for folks to understand. Need to remind people that there are actions underway right now that are not well understood/known. The current view doesn't resonate as a public document.
- Biff: We need to develop the steps to lead reader into the details, rather than start with this big system view.
- Jim: Messaging on this topic is challenging. We need to take time to step back and develop a story, and messaging documents -- but this framework is not our messaging piece. It provides the background for it, but it's not the front-line piece.
- Tatiana: This gives us a framework, a menu of items to work from when talking about these issues.
- Anne: Need to show the system: Outreach, case management, a data system to link together, employment, funding -- we need to be going out to the community with requests, and we need messaging to support.
- Karyle: Survey Monkey -- how will this help? There's different kinds of priorities here (org goals, specific actions, etc)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tatiana: Will be a first pass</li> <li>▪ Karyle: Might need some weighting to help</li> <li>▪ Biff: May want to include some open questions, and ways to gather input on how to tighten the strategies</li> <li>○ Kari: Need to recognize mental health and treatment services as part of the plan. Without it, we have issues.</li> <li>○ Anne: We need a strong clear goal - similar to Kenny LaPoint's "house one veteran a month" or something to that effect would be powerful</li> </ul>	
<b>2:50pm</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>
<p>Steve Schultz: Corvallis City Club, May 25th, in the public library, will host a panel on homelessness.</p> <p>Deborah Hobbs: Appreciate all the work that's being done in this group. Willing to be engaged more and get involved -- what's the mechanism?</p> <p>Julie Manning: We need to have a link on website: Would you like to volunteer?</p> <p>Jim Moorfield: "Stories from the Julian" – there will be a showing May 31 at noon, at the Darkside Theater. Tickets are free – register for tickets at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/thehoteljulian">http://tinyurl.com/thehoteljulian</a></p>	
<b>Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 pm</b>	

**Next meetings:**

**May 2, HOAC Leadership, 1:30-3:30 (Open to all Governing Board members)**

**May 24, HOAC Governing Board, 1:30-3:00**