

# Housing Opportunities Action Council

Governing Board

Minutes 10-25-17

**Board Members in Attendance:** Biff Traber (co-chair), Dan Duncan, Molly Chambers (alt-Hindes), Julie Manning, Jim Moorefield, Paul Adent (alt-Derrick), Lauren Schaffner (alt-Latimer), Tabitha Ciulla (alt-Rockwell), Andrea Myhre, Jennifer Moore, Jennifer Morris (alt-Wilson), Bettina Schempf, Kari Whitacre, Chris Hawkins, Karyle Butcher, Ann Craig, Shawn Collins (Program Manager)

Time	Type	Presenter	Topic / Notes
1:30 pm	Report	Co-Chairs and Program Manager	<b>Introductions</b> <b>Approve September Minutes</b> <b>Co-Chair Comments</b> <b>Program Manager report</b>
<p><b>Approval of September Minutes:</b> Motion: Julie Manning, Second: Dan Duncan. Approved</p> <p><b>Co-Chair Comments:</b> Men's Shelter open house scheduled for October 29, 2-4 pm.</p> <p><b>Program Manager Report:</b> Written comments were distributed, and are available online (<a href="http://bentonhoac.com/monthly-meetings/">http://bentonhoac.com/monthly-meetings/</a>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Discussion:</b> A question was raised in discussion about the notification that is made when Corvallis Police Department officers deliver citations to homeless camps before they are cleared by Parks &amp; Rec. After the meeting, clarification was provided by Lt. Dan Duncan. When camps are cited, notification is made to Corvallis Parks &amp; Rec staff, and to Community Outreach, Inc. Additional organizations may be considered for inclusion in the notification, with review by CPD. Any organization that would like to be notified when camps are cited should contact Shawn Collins (<a href="mailto:shawn@unitedwayblc.org">shawn@unitedwayblc.org</a>), who will coordinate with CPD to review the additions.</li> </ul>			
1:40 pm	SMART Team update	Andrea Myhre, chair of SMART team	
<p>- All three of the workgroups (Care Coordination, Housing Supply/Messaging, and Mental/Behavioral Health) have at least met as co-chairs. The Housing and Care Coordination workgroups have met as a full group, with Mental/Behavioral Health holding its first meeting Oct 27.</p> <p>- Care Coordination workgroup has shared info on a webinar about the Gorge efforts for care coordination. (A replay is available here: <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3298490188892205314">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3298490188892205314</a> )</p>			

- Mental/Behavioral Health: Bettina Schempf will co-chair, Anne will help until another co-chair is identified.

- Housing Supply/Messaging: Recent meetings have discussed training for messaging, and discussion of policy priorities. The Meyer Memorial Trust grant to WNHS will provide some helpful support for training and advocacy.

**Question:** Butcher - concern that the LWV work needs to link to this workgroup, but the schedule doesn't allow her to attend

<b>1:50 pm</b>	<b>Funding Coordination Team update</b>	<b>Jim Moorefield, chair of Funding Coordination team</b>	
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No report

<b>1:55 pm</b>	<b>Benton County Ten Year Plan Update: Review of draft</b>	<b>Sara Hartstein, Benton County Health Department</b>	Review and consideration of the document for adoption
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**Discussion:**

- Whitacre: Scope of homeless problem -- the statistics cited are different counts, so it is a skewed statistic
- Moore: Suggest linking strategies in graphics (ex p.2) to specific numbered strategies
- Additional discussion of labeling/numbering of strategies followed
  
- Butcher: There are no timelines on any of these strategies -- was that intentional?
  - Traber: Yes -- that is the work of the workgroups
  - Butcher: Do we need to indicate that in the plan?
  - Hartstein: Can add details to the implementation section -- the draft workplans that the workgroups have in hand do have timelines -- the workgroups have as a task a review and alignment of the workplans
  - Moorefield: Suggest we reflect the implementation details in the Executive Summary
  
- Whitacre: Feel like when we determined the keystone priorities and forming workgroups, we were taking the step to get things moving -- but concerned we didn't discuss more fully
  - Manning: Looking at the House on Page 10 - if we begin to change the language and priority items, do we lose integrity of the prioritization?
  - Whitacre: Agree -- we shouldn't change these, but concerned that we have language in the document that doesn't align to the standard industry terms -- and this could be confusing and unhelpful
    - Example: camping is referenced as housing, but it's generally referred to in terms of shelter.
  - Manning: Would suggest that this kind of more detailed review will happen in workgroups

- Whitacre: But still concerned that the community will miss that nuance
- Myhre: The workgroups will have timelines and be focused on the details.
- Butcher: The vocabulary issue is important -- if the language is problematic, Boards and others will be confused -- we need to be careful and specific
- Moore: No reference to the creation to the Lead Administrator role. May be worth delineating (on p. 6) distinguishing between HOAC the Governing Board, and HOAC the broader collaboration.
- Traber: **Action Item:** Let's identify any key terms that are problematic, and share them to Sara -- so we can clarify and do focused editing. Goal is to support action, not spend another 6 months editing the document.
  
- Discussion of Lead and Collaborating Agencies:
  - Addition of Samaritan to Mental Health
- Discussion of the distinction between lead and collaborating -- what's the difference?
  - Partly based on Community Partners map.
  - Need for more definition of the Lead/Collaborating roles
  - Need for HOAC member organizations to self-identify and affirm their role as Lead/Collaborator
    - Butcher: May be a red herring issue - making the distinction may not be helpful
    - Manning: OK with that change - important to note that some of this work is for others in the future, so will it be helpful to them to make the change?
    - Moorefield: Softening the language to make all collaborative doesn't recognize the stronger commitment of some organizations
    - Traber: Part of the commitment is demonstrated in their work in the workgroups
    - Hartstein: Linking Lead Agencies to workgroup co-chairs was not the intent -- these agencies were intended to be a starting point to identify agencies that are critical to the effort. Need additional input.
  - Traber: Expect that there will be additional updates to this document, based on the workgroups effort. One thing we may want to do is acknowledge the dynamic nature of the document and priorities in the Executive Summary.
  - Butcher: Want to acknowledge the work that's gone into this. Good to get to a point where we have a solid document to work on.
  - Traber: Not likely to adopt this today -- we may need to set a goal to reach some agreement and approve by the end of the year.
    - Butcher: Setting this up as a working document is a good idea, and would allow us to adopt more quickly.
    - Manning: Leadership has already done some changes to the document -- getting this ready for approval by end of the year should be achievable.
    - Bettina: Suggest that feedback be driven through Leadership for additional review

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreement: <b>Action Item:</b> Collins to send most recent version of the document for review. ALL will review, and share any edits/issues with Sara Hartstein. Document will be reviewed by the Leadership Committee in November and December, and bring back to group in December meeting.</li> </ul>			
<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Updates from Oregon Coalition on Housing &amp; Homelessness conference</b>	<b>Roundtable of attendees</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hartstein: TYP/Public Health perspective presentation was well attended, and multiple requests have been received for documents related to the process/outcomes.</li> <li>- Whitacre: Great keynote on racism and housing, great session from Jimmy Jones, Corvallis well represented</li> <li>- Myhre: We need to catch up with some other communities who are ahead in terms of lining up funding, etc</li> <li>- Ann Craig was involved in organization of the event</li> <li>- Samaritan session on their CDDC pilot was great -- the nurses are willing to present to HOAC when we can get on calendar.</li> <li>- State Housing Planning sessions -- announced at OCHH and other forums -- session in Albany 10/31, 930-1130 at CSC office</li> </ul>			
<b>2:40 pm</b>	<b>Update on 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative</b>	<b>Sean McGuire, Benton County</b>	
<p>2.5 years ago the Benton County BOC asked community leaders to get involved in an effort to explore community needs/wishes for the next 20-25 years.</p> <p>Process has unfolded over the last year -- results will be integrated into County plans and budgets going forward.</p> <p>This fall, will be seeking additional feedback, and working on communication of the core values through community events and listening sessions.</p> <p>Online survey will remain open until week before Thanksgiving.</p>			
<p><b>No public comment sign-ups or request from audience</b></p>			

Adjourn: 3pm

A brief listening session with Sean McGuire was held after the meeting adjourned.