

Housing Opportunities Action Council

Governing Board

Minutes 12-20-17

Board Members in Attendance: Biff Traber (co-chair), Anne Schuster (co-chair), Chris Quaka, Aleita Hass-Holcombe, Nicole Hindes, Julie Manning, Martha Lyon, Jim Moorefield, Paul Adent (alt-Derrick), Karen 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	<p>Introductions Approve October Minutes Co-Chair Comments Program Manager report</p>
<p>Approval of October Minutes: Motion: Julie Manning, Second: Jennifer Moore. Approved</p> <p>Co-Chair Comments: Pat Farr from Lane County BOC will visit our next meeting to talk about Lane County experience.</p> <p>Program Manager Report: Written comments were distributed, and are available online (http://bentonhoac.com/monthly-meetings/).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction: Report noted a contribution to Shelter incorrectly as from Samaritan Foundation. The donation was from Samaritan Health Services. Correction has been made to online version. • Discussion of homeless camp citation notification process: Until revised distribution is arranged with CPD, Kari Whitacre offered to forward notices to Shawn Collins. 			
1:40 pm	SMART Team update	Andrea Myhre, chair of SMART team	
<p>Workgroup Updates</p> <p>Housing Supply and Messaging: Identifying opportunities for advocacy, reviewing policy priorities and a draft policy agenda related to housing supply, and engaging several of its members in a two-day “Advocates College” sponsored through WNHS’ recent Meyer Memorial Trust grant, focused on developing more effective messaging skills in support of affordable housing.</p> <p>Care Coordination: Review of the RHIC (Rural Healthcare Information Collaborative). Reviewing data points being collected on organization intake forms. Review of ServicePoint - front end of HMIS. Review of TouchPoint Tracking developed by CHANCE and CSC. Next meeting Jan 19, 9am at UW</p> <p>Mental Health workgroup: Review of issues (warm handoffs, etc), services, gaps. Next steps: Event designed to bring together service providers and stakeholders to identify key gaps and opportunities for collaboration. Interest in the International Clubhouse Model. Still seeking a co-chair, ideally with adult mental health service background.</p>			

Other Topics

Recent City Council included a discussion of options to address issues downtown and in parks, which were requested of staff in a recent meeting. These included exclusionary ordinance, increased policing, funding of courts for more jail time, reduction of cases moved from criminal charge to violations.

- There's interest in pulling together an ad hoc group to develop an Outreach Team, much as was proposed in the Transitional Housing whitepaper. Andrea is coordinating the first meeting. Want to be able to present Council with alternatives to what has been presented by Staff.
 - As Mayor, co-chair Traber encourages the development of alternatives -- staff presented options based on the tools at hand, and more support is needed to present alternatives for Council. Staff was requested to develop a list of options in a previous Council meeting.

Comment: Brad Smith: caution about the numbers that were presented in the memo, which represent a very small number of folks in the community.

Comment: Bill Glassmire: there was a recommendation to Chief Sassaman in Council (by Councilor Glassmire) that they engage CDDC and others to get input on these policies.

Comment: Jim Moorefield: there is some deeper analysis of the situation that's needed, to support a clearer understanding where law enforcement is needed, and where alternatives would be more appropriate.

Comment: Aleita Hass-Holcombe: HOAC is a great forum to develop and review alternatives, and there are things in the updated plan that directly address some of the challenges addressed in Council.

Comment: Jim Moorefield: significant and positive that Council was willing to move forward with a deeper review and consideration of option like SDC waivers

1:50 pm	Funding Coordination Team update	Jim Moorefield, chair of Funding Coordination team	
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HCDAB is going to be heavily involved in a 5 year plan for CDBG and HOME funds. In 12/18 Council, Moorefield testified in public hearing and recommended that the City refuse HOME funding, which it receives as a participating jurisdiction. Corvallis receives one of the smallest amounts in the state (formula driven). If Corvallis applied directly to the state, rather than receiving from HUD, we would be likely to be funded less often, but in larger amounts, based on awards across the state. This will be a topic of continuing discussion in the planning process.

Traber: This is the kind of topic which would be helped greatly by presentation/discussion with HCDAB.

Comment: Julie Manning: There is an opportunity to look at funding for workforce housing. There is a shortage of housing for employees in regions across the state. There are opportunities to present proposals to the state -- there will be up to 7 pilot projects available. The funding may not be enough to solely fund a project, so additional partners would be required. The City of Corvallis submitted an RFI related to this. Between now and Jan 25th, we need to determine if there's a project that may be competitively. A sign that the Governor's office is focused on this issue.

Moorefield: A concept was developed by WNHS, but it may not be competitively scored.

Traber: Responses need to come from a public entity			
1:55 pm	Benton County Ten Year Plan Update: Review of revised draft	Shawn Collins, HOAC Program Manager	Review and consideration of the document for approval
<p>Julie Manning: Motion to approve the update to the Ten Year Plan and refer the update to the Benton County Board of Commissioners, Corvallis City Council and other parties as appropriate. Motion Seconded: Bettina Schempf</p> <p>Comment: Julie Manning: Want to express appreciation for the work of the Benton County Health Department to lead this effort and develop the update.</p> <p>No further discussion: Unanimously approved</p>			
2:20 pm	Updates from Community Services Consortium	Dina Eldridge, Housing Services Manager and Julia McKenna, PIT Coordinator	Review of Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) and State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP) funding, and update on the January 2018 Point In Time count.
<p>Martha Lyon: In a recent meeting, there was confusion about EHA and SHAP funding. Funding available through CSC (A Community Action Agency) has been increased. Want to clarify funding available and process.</p> <p>Funding that comes through OHCS has to be accompanied by a plan. When EHA 2-3 was provided, the State had a very focused message about the intent of EHA: Keeping people housed, rapid-rehousing, and homeless -- do not let the housing situation get worse. Plans for EHA 3 have been approved, but funds have not yet been released -- funds won't be available until February.</p> <p>Dina Eldridge: CSC has been getting funding through this and other programs for years that can help with rental support, move in costs, etc, to keep people in housing. One of the biggest barriers is finding people housing. The plan is to use available funding in EHA 3 for permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless/disabled, and transitional housing for those who have barriers to address before they can get into permanent housing.</p> <p>Looking for agencies who work in these areas and have experience working with homeless in Linn/Benton/Lincoln. Need to be able to use funds before June 30, 2019. Need to have appropriate data collection to show how funds are used -- either do their own data entry, or work with CSC to get data into HMIS/ServicePoint within 72 hours of initial service. Looking for agencies to become ServicePoint licensees, or partner with CSC. Seeking organizations that are partnering across the community, and have housing already identified for the population to be served. Funding application info will be shared in early January.</p>			

There will be high scrutiny for reporting from the state. These are reimbursement contracts -- must hit the ground running to report outcomes quickly, and cycle the reimbursements.

Encourage any shelter organization to get their info into HMIS/ServicePoint.

Julia McKenna: Coordinator for PIT Count in Jan 2018 (January 31). Scott McKee (veterans outreach) will also be involved, especially with shelters. Julia will be focused on unsheltered count. While HUD only does unsheltered every other year, the ROCC process includes unsheltered count every year.

Julia has MPP from OSU, background in community based research. If interested, invite her to meetings, can be involved in training with organizations. Trainings will be available for anyone involved in the process.

Martha Lyon: Weekly reporting and calls with the state to review status of warming shelters, overnight shelters, drop in centers, etc.

- CSC can provide extra food boxes, etc, to have meals and other incentives to support the unsheltered count

2:40 pm	Update on Adult Services Team (AST)	Jeffrey Burns, Family Outreach, Title I and Homeless Education Support, Corvallis 509J School District	Update on status of the Adult Services Team, review of future plans
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Shared the AST intake form with the Governing Board.

8 people are actively being staffed in AST. Have had 22 full staffing meetings, serving 41 individuals through AST in the past year. 10 clients who have gone through AST have received CSC housing vouchers. 6 current folks in "after-care" case management, being seen by AST after getting housing.

HUD requirements are changing requirements for management of CSC vouchers. All clients will have to go through VI-SPDAT evaluation, and prioritization based on vulnerability score. This will become standard practice for AST clients.

Capacity, technically of 66, but practically speaking will serve ~41 a year.

AST is changing process to allow AST case management staff to better track and manage the progress of those going through AST.

MOU for AST was originally signed in 2013. MOU will be revised in early 2018.

Homeless resource fair is in planning, partnering with CPD Community Livability Team. Matt Gordon has a group that will be involved, and there will be homeless involved in that planning effort.

No public comment sign-ups or request from audience