

Housing Opportunities Action Council

Governing Board

Minutes 04-25-2018

Board Members in Attendance: Biff Traber (co-chair), Blake Pang, Ben Danley (alt-Whitacre), Kenny Lowe, Bettina Schempf, Brigetta Olson, Ann Craig, Michael Olkin (alt-Holt), Lauren Schaffner (alt-Latimer), Art Kyle (alt-Derrick), Letetia Wilson, Aleita Hass-Holcombe, Julie Manning, Dan Duncan, Nicole Hindes, Andrea Myhre, Nicole Hindes, Ann Craig, Jennifer Moore, Tabitha Ciulla, Karyle Butcher, Shawn Collins (Program Manager)

Time	Type	Presenter	Topic / Notes
1:30 pm	Report	Co-Chairs and Program Manager	Introductions Approve March Minutes Co-Chair Comments Program Manager report
<p>Approval of March Minutes: Motion: Julie Manning, Second: Kenny Lowe. Approved with one abstaining</p> <p>Co-Chair Comments: HOAC and cooperating organizations have gotten good press lately, including coverage of the CARE event, and outreach activities to those who are homeless and camping in the community.</p> <p>There is currently an opening for at-large position on the Governing Board -- any suggestions, please bring forward to one of the co-chairs. There is also a vacancy on HOAC Leadership Committee, as Karen Rockwell has stepped down from Leadership. Governing Board selects Leadership – it means one extra meeting per month. If interested, self-nominate or nominate others.</p> <p>Program Manager Report: Written comments were distributed, and are available online (http://bentonhoac.com/monthly-meetings/).</p> <p>Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Manning: How will AST leadership be selected? A: Selected from within group, vetted by United Way. Discussion of Samaritan’s potential involvement in Adult Services Team – interest if there’s a stronger connection between clients seen and Samaritan services. 			
1:40 pm	SMART Team update	Andrea Myhre, chair of SMART team	(information)

Workgroup Updates

SMART team chair comments:

- Co-chairs of workgroups met with Andrea and Shawn re challenges, clarifying next steps.
- Outreach team (SORT - Street Outreach and Response Team) has developed code of ethics, guidelines, training recommendations. Training sessions being set for May. Contact Andrea if interested.

Housing Supply and Messaging, Brigetta Olson:

Deferred update to later in agenda.

Comprehensive Care Coordination, Pegge McGuire and Letetia Wilson: Next meeting planned for May 17 at United Way. Agenda includes discussion of workplan, and overlap of workgroup with IHN-CCO Universal Care Coordination workgroup.

Mental and Behavioral Health, Bettina Schempf: Still seeking a co-chair that can address adult mental health needs.

Meeting on May 23rd, 8am-12 noon focused on community dialogue and identifying gaps in children's mental health. Still working on an adult focused forum. There will be a 1-hour session on adult mental health services, from 12-1pm. Location: Corvallis School District, Western View Center, 1435 SW 35th St. Contact Chris Hawkins (chris.hawkins@corvallis.k12.or.us) for details.

COMMENT: Julie: Having more representation from those working with Adult Mental Health has been discussed previously. Hoping to have a Samaritan rep for adult mental health by end of this week.

1:50 pm	Funding Coordination Team update	Jim Moorefield, chair of Funding Coordination team	(information)
Olson: No report			
1:55 pm	Policy framework for HOAC	Brigetta Olson, Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, and Sara Ingle, co-chairs of the Housing Supply & Messaging Workgroup	(review/ call for approval)

- Reminder - last month, shared letter and proposed policy items, with aim to get feedback, and bring forward for vote in April. Minor changes have been made (see attachment #2 [online](#)). Received no other feedback or suggested changes.
 - Traber: Clarifying -- seeking approval of both the process in the cover letter, and the advocacy positions outlined in the attachment.
- Manning: Move approval of process related to process as outlined in the cover letter.
 - Second: Butcher
 - Friendly amendment – spilt process and advocacy motions.
 - VOTE: Approved (unanimous).
- Manning: Move approval of proposed advocacy items as outlined in the attached.
 - Second: Myhre
 - VOTE: Approved (unanimous).
- Thanks from Brigetta to workgroup, and from Biff to the workgroup for working through the process, and bringing this forward. Good model for future work.
 - Andrea: Proud to see the workgroup take this item on and balance desire for instant action with the need for process.
- Julie: Important for us to think about what's next, and identify future advocacy opportunities. Expect that the workgroup to start looking at timeframes and actions to move policy items forward at local and state level. Oregon Housing Alliance and others will likely be bringing items forward that may need support.
- Biff: When there are opportunities to advocate for City Council, it's worth some time to present and speak to priorities at Council
- Karyle: LWV Housing Committee recently had a strong presentation from Nicole Hinds on Student Homelessness. Housing Committee now interested in developing a forum on the topic to raise visibility. If there are resources that need to be connected to that effort, please let her know. If LWV turning out to speak to Council, it's important to get additional supporting comments from HOAC members. Great appreciation for Nicole and her presentation.
 - Brigetta: May 23, 3pm - would like to offer housing advocacy training for HOAC members and community. Additional opportunity at Tunison - May 23 in the evening.
 - Sara Ingle: Nicole had a great presentation -- and she leveraged the advocacy training she received. Need to get HOAC's name and advocacy more visible in the community. There's a great deal of good work going on, and not as much awareness as is needed.

2:05 pm	Criminal Justice System Assessment: Community Forum	Ari Basil-Wagner, Director of Organizational Development,	(information/discussion)
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		<p>Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. (GOBHI)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for this much time on the agenda -- appreciate how much work this group has, and to get an hour is a big chunk of time. • GOBHI is a non-profit Coordinated Care organization. Goal is to help divert people from criminal justice to mental/behavioral health system where appropriate. • Doing community forums to get feedback, but also going to groups (like HOAC) to get feedback. • Feedback won't be reported by groups -- it will be a rollup • Request for recording: comments will not be personally identified - NO OBJECTIONS • Partners with CGL -- they are doing hard data collection, GOBHI is collecting "soft data" • QUESTIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karyle: What is the origin of this? Is it all about the jail? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is more comprehensive, broad based -- not simply focused on jail needs. ○ Nicole: Please comment on some of the data and how it will be used -- for example, is racial demographics a part of the assessment? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes -- racial demographics, over/under representation of groups in the Justice system, and the needs represented are part of the assessment. • Intent of work is to develop options and cost assessment for each option. • SPECIFIC COMMENTS FROM HOAC MEMBERS CAPTURED BY SPEAKER -- MINUTES will capture summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q: What do you want to see as part of an effective, healthy justice system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one in jail if cause relates to mental/behavioral health or homelessness • Services should be provided to those incarcerated that support their successful reentry/reintegration into society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Life skills to avoid revolving door • Know needs for individuals, and have them met - especially housing • 18-24 yr old treated differently • (missed) • Commitment to addressing racial inequalities, training for all officers, review of reporting measures for those experiencing bias, plan for response • Restorative justice • Sanctuary state – this can be at cross-purposes with immigration practices • Summits regularly to get to root causes and address social justice, etc. • Victim safety must continue to be part of the system • Address discrepancies based on socio-economic status (equity) • Requirements of law enforcement job are challenging -- include their voice • Robust response system for mental health crisis - Crisis Intervention Team model • Sufficient resources: places, people, competency ○ Q: What kinds of treatment do you think is important? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detox -- we have medical detox, but not a detox center for residential treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-occurring addiction/mental illness treatment 			

- Mental Health services regardless of ability to pay
 - Improve access
 - Improved quality of available MH care
 - Accounting of costs/addressing peripheral impacts of incarceration on families
 - Increased capacity for "navigators" and enabling more people in community to be effective navigators
 - Address prevention, and help to limit recidivism
 - Leverage best practices from countries and communities that have lower rates of recidivism
 - High rate of offenders with A/D use -- resources to support recovery and sobriety
 - Housing solutions to support recovery and reintegration
 - Education - help to break cycles of poverty and addiction
 - Drug court and supportive services to provide ongoing support after exiting drug court
 - Mental Health court
 - Day-programs to support mental health (like International Clubhouse model)
- Q: Other open ended comments?
- Timely processes of progressing through criminal justice system
 - Incarceration at great distance from attorneys/family can be a problem -- in rented jail beds
 - Larger community conversation about the impact of the rental/contract jail bed issue
 - Clarity on the process about how things are actually working
 - Better community conversation/education/awareness of inclusion/diversity issues, including those who are re-entering the community from the justice system
 - Metrics coming out of assessment for ongoing review
 - Conversation about causes of addiction and homelessness
 - Progressive community in discussion, but that doesn't always translate to action
 - "We're tolerant as long as people look like us"
 - Mediation to support restorative justice, and support a culture of conflict resolution
- What happens next?
- Info will be shared on Benton County website - meetings held, themes identified
 - There will be a community forum - May 31 - 6pm -- info will be shared

2:55	Public Comment / Q&A
<p>Biff - call for any public comment Reminder that there will be an extended public meeting in June 27 -- (Aleita's birthday) Tentatively 12-4. Planning meeting/retreat for HOAC</p> <p>Andrea: Sustainability Coalition is exploring development of something similar to Opportunity Village/Emerald Village. They are working with Square One. Next meeting May 4. Connect with Andrea or Shawn if interested.</p> <p>Blake: Want to publicly thank Shawn for his efforts – he is the recipient of the 2018 Sheldon Wagner Public Health Service Award.</p>	