

Housing Opportunities Action Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Corvallis Downtown Fire Station, Council Meeting Room

Minutes

Time	Presenter	Topic / Notes
1:30 pm 15 min	Co-Chairs	Introductions Lead Administrator update Review / Acceptance of Sept minutes
1:45 pm 20 min	Sean McGuire	Presentation: County Sustainability survey
2:05 pm 10 min	Tatiana Dierwechter / team	Mid-point planning process update
2:15 pm 10 min	Martha Lyon	Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) Collaboration update
2:25 pm 10 min	Andrea Myhre	SMART Team update
2:35 pm 10 min	Jim Moorefield	Funding Team update
2:45 pm 15 min	Public Comment	

1. Introductions –

- a. **Governing Board Present:** Dan Duncan (Corvallis Police Department), Corrie Latimer (Love, Inc), Kenny Lowe (Benton County Mental Health), Tabitha Ciulla (Benton Habitat), Bettina Schempf (Old Mill Center), Kevin Weaver (Project HELP), Anne Schuster (Benton County Commissioner), Bill Glassmire (City of Corvallis Councilor), Paula Grace (Benton Community Foundation), Denise Derrick (Department of Human Services), Aleita Hass-Holcombe (Corvallis Daytime Drop in Center), Martha Lyon (Community Services Consortium), Julie Manning (Samaritan Health Services), Jennifer Moore (United Way), Jim Moorefield (Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services), Andrea Myhre (Jackson Street Youth Shelter), Chris Quake (Community Outreach, Inc), Letetia Wilson (Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence)
- b. **Community Members Present:** Sean McGuire (Benton County), Deborah Hobbs (Baha’i Faith), Jill McAllister (Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis), Susannah Wright (Room at the Inn), Barbara Nixon (1st United Methodist), Bill Bouska (Samaritan Health Plans), Laurie Childers (Quaker Mtg), Rev. Simon Justice (Good Samaritan Episcopal), Rabbi Benjamin Barnett (Beit Am Jewish Community), Sara Hartstein (Benton County Health Department [BCHD]), Rocio Muñoz (BCHD)

2. Presentation: Sean McGuire, Benton County Sustainability Coordinator

The 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative is a community-driven, visioning process that will identify core values in order to address long-term, complex issues. Once core values are identified, strategies, actions, and measures of progress will be established to align community activities and guide government services surrounding the dynamic challenges and opportunities facing the county now and into the future.

The 2040 Thriving Communities Council includes twenty individuals from throughout the Benton County and has been meeting since May 2016 on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Sunset Building. More information about the Initiative can be found here: www.benton2040.org.

Public engagement phase:

- a. Public Events
 - o Celebrate South Corvallis, Benton County Fair, Monroe Fair, Campeones de Salud
 - o 1,200 comments generated
- b. Benton2040.org
 - o Stay updated by joining the 2040 [listserv](#)
 - o [Take the survey](#) - available in English and Spanish
- c. Listening Sessions
 - o Benton County would like to host a 30 – 40 minute listening session(s) with the non-profit community:
 - i. What do you like / value about living in Benton County?
 - ii. What do you want Benton County to be like between now and 2040?
 - iii. How do we get there?

Request:

- Schedule listening sessions with HOAC member networks.
 - o **Paula Grace:** Are you reaching out to Adair Village, Summit, Blodgett, and Philomath? A: Yes, the Adair Village City Manager is on the 2040 Council and our goal is to reach the rural communities.
 - o **Andrea Myhre:** What is the time frame for the listening sessions? A: Now through December
 - o **Andrea Myhre:** How much is each department allocating? A: June of 2019, fully incorporate into 19-21 Biennial Budget
 - o **Paula Grace:** Did transportation come up? A: Varies on the group. Bikability vs needing cars when “infrastructure”/mobility (pathways, trails, etc.)
 - o **Martha Lyon:** Are actual consumers being reached? A: Yes, but a liaison is needed to connect with the group/network – (Matt Gordon echoed being a liaison)
 - o **Martha Lyon:** What about those experiencing homelessness? A: We are aligning with the mid-point planning update and merging efforts.
 - o **Jim Moorfield:** I would like to see a listening session on the HOAC’s agenda.
- Contact Sean McGuire directly to schedule a listening session:
2040initiative@co.benton.or.us
- **Action: Leadership Team to look at future agendas to schedule a listening session for HOAC Governing Board**

3. Review/Accept Minutes from September meeting

- a. **Martha Lyon** – Move to approve the minutes.
- b. **Kevin Weaver** – Second the motion
- c. Minutes approved.

4. Mid-Point Planning Process update - Sara Hartstein and Rocio Muñoz, Benton County Healthy Communities Program

- a. Outreach efforts will be aligned with 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative this fall and winter
- b. Reminder that the one page timeline is available on the website (www.bentonhoac.com) and other mid-point plan update information as well as links to Facebook, sign-up to listserv, etc.

- c. Comprehensive data snapshot will be available soon. In the meantime, Benton County's Epidemiology and Assessment team are partnering with the League of Women Voters to present a Housing conversation on November 16, 2016 at the Corvallis-Benton Public Library, 7pm. Information of this event will be sent out via the listserv.
- d. Key informant interview questions are being finalized and being piloted with some HOAC Governing Board member agencies.
- e. With the recently announced funding to support administrative assistance for the HOAC by United Way of Benton and Lincoln Counties, a transition process to pass on admin support responsibilities that the Healthy Communities has been providing. This transition will take place in November 2016.
- f. **Anne Schuster:** What would folks like to see out of / from the Ten Year Plan? How is this going to help us?
 - **Paula Grace:** Measurable goals; consistency in use of metrics
 - **Julie Manning:** From original plan -
 - i. Five goal areas were aligned with state-level goals; where appropriate, aligned with federal goals; meant to assist in leveraging funds
 - ii. Leverage that framework where possible toward further collective impact
 - iii. Allowed for focus of actions on specific goal areas; ability to identify lead organizations
 - iv. Work was being completed around the same time Linn and Lincoln were planning; coordinated communications. Benefited from neighboring county work. Consider those elements moving forward.
 - **Martha Lyon** - A format that makes it easy to share successes; built-in process for communications and public forums were helpful. Mechanisms to allow "visual" of who is working on what, when; regular report-outs of progress against goals – higher level, more comprehensive, less weeds
 - **Paula Grace** – During the Summit last fall, no one at my table knew about the current Ten Year Plan
 - i. Identify the owners of goals
 - ii. Have owner/organization report out
 - **Rocio Muñoz:** Mid-point plan update team is currently drafting a community partner map as part of key stakeholder interviews and will be sharing soon.
 - **Sara Hartstein:** We may want to consider asking organizations during the key informant interviews what they would like to see highlighted in the end product of the update.
- b. **Action: be mindful of all update efforts—looking to combine/align outreach and interviews wherever possible.**

5. Cold Weather Shelter update:

- Open House was held on October 23 and was successful. About 50 community members attended. Many conversations with people about the collaboration.
- Event handouts were helpful which included a list of scheduled public forums, FAQ sheet, and a flyer on how to provide comments/community feedback
 - Email: comments@bentonhoac.com
 - Phone: 541-766-6924
- **Action: Andrea Myhre will send a copy of materials / will get posted to website**

- **Series of community forums scheduled** throughout season, 2nd Wed of the month, beginning November 9 at the Library. Jan, Feb, March, April scheduled. Collaboration Team has drafted an agenda for the forums. Meant to be informative and interactive in terms of solutions and moving forward; not intended to be a complaint session.
- There are services connected with the cold weather:
 - **Julie Manning:** Enhancing health-related services: Samaritan Health Services engaged in conversations with both men's and women's shelter Samaritan Health Services will provide 2 afternoons per week at the Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center (CDDC)
 - Samaritan Internal Medicine has agreed to be a medical home for this client population
 - CDDC will provide an environment where clients feel safe for a clinician assessment.
 - Provide nursing and navigator services
 - **Alieta Haas-Holcombe:** Benton County Health Department is also an option for services.
 - Conversation with the County to provide at least once a month
 - Public Health nurses on site M-W-F (TB testing); have been at the CDDC
 - Adult mental health housing peers have been tasked to flex hours to be available onsite at night.
 - Working to strengthen the safety net of services for this population

6. **SMART Team:**

- Working to form the 2017 ad hoc Cold Weather Shelter group
- Brainstorm session at last team meeting to get a sense of what ad hoc group would look like. Brainstormed 13 different opportunities / outcomes / assets.
- Core questions: who, how, where?
 - Convene an ad hoc group
 - Leadership team meeting will be discussing
 - SMART Team debrief
 - Jasper, Aleita, Andrea, others
 - Initial scope out and what would be responsible for
 - Listed 13 opportunities
 - Simon, Aleita, Julie, Andrea, Ty, Jim Sweean, and we need a county person and someone from law enforcement
 - **Julie Manning:** Not a "preferred" model of what it will look like, exploring multiple options
- Share our progress this winter at monthly shelter meeting in early 2017
- **Question for Leadership Team: Who "owns" the work group? Does it belong under SMART or under the Leadership Team? Who should chair? Andrea has self-selected for now.**

7. **Funding Team – Jim Moorefield**

- **Chris Quaka:** The committee currently has no funding to discuss, so is focused on drafting a process. Addressing how to best leverage funding sources within and outside the community. One challenge the team is addressing: not wanting to get in the way of organizations applying for funding (especially shorter-notice opportunities); mindful to not get in the way of accessing funding.

- Putting definitions around how to be inclusionary (should/when funding becomes available).
- There is an individual interested in providing funding for housing units that are net zero. Kenny LaPoint suggests there are some State funding streams available for manufactured homes project, due 12/9/16. For more information, see Anne Schuster.

8. **Public Comment**

- a. **Jill McAllister:** I'm here with interfaith group to gather information on how we can be most helpful to the HOAC.
 - How to get congregation involved:
 - Clergy may come up with funding and need to iron out the process
 - The faith community can provide locations. Think of how else the faith community can help the HOAC.
 - 50-60 congregations
 - Simon Justice is the contact for the interfaith group
 - **Action: Add Simon Justice to SMART team**
- b. **Julie Manning:** Support families to stay in homes, increasing housing affordability
 - Goal 1 of the plan is to prevent people from becoming homeless by supplying services that allow them to obtain housing or maintain their current housing status.
 - Samaritan Health Services can grant money to Community Services Consortium Rental Assistance for immediate use since funding stream is exhausted.
- c. **Anne Schuster:** Expand drop-in center, a place for people to be
- d. **Aleita Hass-Holcombe:** The CDDC is \$120/day for space. Additional discussion on locations / space options for CDDC. Community Services Consortium has capacity to move quickly in some instances, on behalf of HOAC / emergent opportunities.
- e. **Paula Grace:** Benton Community Foundation does have a large number of donor-advised funds and a competitive grant cycle, however it does not currently have a housing fund, as such. BCF does have the capacity / ability to create a donor-advised fund, as an access point (or assist) for HOAC-related funding.
- f. **Martha Lyon:** We Care Program (slush funds) is used as last resort
 - CSC looking for mentors
 - DHS pilot with Relief Nursery
 - Mentorship bank and training
 - Extra EHA Emergency Housing money in Benton County to house more money and buy or rent a property. CSC can provide some funding to start something and can host individuals to discuss.
- g. **Jim Moorefield:** City of Corvallis presented HDTF Recommendations. One recommendation was for the City to convene a meeting of interested parties—with the intent of gathering the appropriate resources to increase the housing supply.
- h. **Other discussion**
 - Need money and land
 - Next few months with stakeholders to discuss
 - Start making choices and have focused answers
 - Things to slow down increase of rents
 - Many of us are prevented from doing advocacy, but faith isn't nor League of Women Voters
 - Real estate developers should be involved in these conversations
- i. **Action: Mid-point Update Planning Team will put HDTF recommendations on website**
- j. **Denise Derrick:** Success story

- 10 families with TANF and are chronically homeless
- Application fees, rents, were covered by CSC
- **Martha Lyon:** \$750,000 was allocated to LBL Counties to stabilize families
 - a. Coaches to provide wrap-up around services

Next meeting: December 7, 2016

(This is the combined November/December meeting)