

Housing Opportunities Action Council

Governing Board

Minutes 02-22-17

Board Members in Attendance: Anne Schuster (Co-Chair), Biff Traber (Co-Chair), Jennifer Morris, Kari Whitacre, Martha Lyon, Brad Smith, Paul Adent, Michael Olkin, Nicole Hindes, Karyle Butcher, Chris Hawkins, Corrie Latimer, Kenny Lowe, Karen Rockwell, Sue Schulz, Shawn Collins (Program Manager)

Community Members: Molly Chambers, Tiffany Franklin, Kent Weiss, Tatiana Dierwechter, Sara Hartstein, Rocio Munoz, Peter Banwarth, Savannah Carrico, Chris Gray, Xan Augerot, Jim Swinyard, Gloria Krahn, Hyatt Lytle, Jake Rodriguez, Susannah Wright, Jeffrey Burns, Bill Glassmire, Judy Ball, Pegge McGuire, Neil Goudriaan

Time	Type	Presenter	Topic / Notes
1:30pm	Report	Co-Chairs and Program Manager	Introductions / Recognition of Alternates Approve January Minutes (deferred to March) Program Manager report
<p>Motion to accept January minutes was not included in opening comments. Approval of January and February Minutes to be completed in March meeting.</p> <p>Lead Administrator report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written comments have been distributed with the meeting packet, available at www.bentonhoac.com/monthly-meetings/ Summary of written comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Continued meetings across the community, through Key Informant Interviews and separate 1:1 and group settings. o Continued challenges on Cold Weather Shelter location, camping (especially as shelter season closes), tension across organizations, and between those that want prompt action, and others who feel their voices have not yet been brought into the conversation. o Adult Services Team: Recognition of Jennifer Chen McDermand for her work facilitating AST. Will hand facilitation role off to Jeffery Burns. 			
1:40pm	The Benton County Ten Year Plan to Address Housing and Homelessness, Mid-Point Update	Tatiana Dierwechter and team	Intro to process Data Snapshot Community SWOT survey results Special Population Input Results
<p>Tatiana Dierwechter, Benton County Public Health, Healthy Communities Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All slides and handouts are available on the website as "Attachment #2" for the February meeting. - Introduction to the Mid-point Update: vision, work session model and process, timeline. 			

- Introductory Video: How Housing Matters, from the Urban Institute (<https://vimeo.com/199026947?ref=em-v-share>)
- Goal is an inclusive process, well informed by data, community inputs, and best practices. Well defined priorities as outputs.
- To facilitate a more rapid process, HOAC Governing Board and Leadership meetings will be leveraged as work-sessions. Leadership meetings will be open to all HOAC Governing Board members for these sessions. Details and locations will be shared to the Governing Board asap. See "[Attachment #2](#)" online at www.bentonhoac.com/monthly-meetings/ for copies of all shared materials. A draft [Timeline](#) is available as well.

Savannah Carrico and Peter Banwarth, Epidemiology Team

- Data Snapshot – Part I, Community Level Data
 - Material shared was based on public data sources.
 - Benton County demographics, income, housing spend, commuting and OHP or other insurance participation.
- Homeless Count in Benton County
 - Challenge of deriving an accurate count of homeless population in Benton County. Many sources, potential for over/under/double counting. Proposal shared to develop a better data model.
 - Discussion: Use of federal systems (HMIS/Service Point) data, connection to League of Women Voters data efforts discussed. Peter was directed to investigate Service Point data access, and invited to connect with LWV team (Judy Ball and Karen Rockwell).

Sara Hartstein, Healthy Communities Team

- Community SWOT Survey results
 - Results of January 2016 survey shared through a breakout session, with group inputs on what's missing or changed since the survey was conducted. See below:

Threats

Lack of housing -- affordable or other -- is a big threat
Lack of visibility for homeless families

Weaknesses

Pent up demand
Lack of education for landlords
Culture resistant to development
Over-focus on Corvallis
Mobile home parks -- inexpensive but are they healthy?
Lack of Coordination
Lack of urgency

Strengths

Expertise of OSU
Available land in South Corvallis

<p>SHS med center Affluent community Strong school district</p> <p>Opportunities New administration May drive changes in funding No funding for OCHS - OR Community Housing Services Inclusionary zoning challenges Land Bank for Affordable Housing Economy challenges may drive increase in student pressures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special Population Input - Part I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Data collected from 82 individuals currently or recently homeless, through the Harm Reduction team (Chris Gray, Chris McFarland, Kenny Lowe). o Discussion of the interview base – included those camping, sheltered, some with addictions and mental health diagnosis, mostly adults, split men/women. o Discussion of the need to integrate survey results with input from those who have successfully moved out of homelessness, to identify success strategies. o Discussion of the barrier of having pets for those seeking shelter, and the need to articulate the economic impacts of being housed vs homeless. 	
2:50pm	Public Comment
<p>Community member Neil Goudriaan spoke of his experience being homeless, and the choices he had to make to come out of homelessness.</p>	
<p>Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 pm</p>	
<p>SMART TEAM UPDATE - Andrea Myhre (Collected by email): Update from the SMART team is that we are in process of putting together the services delivery coordination Ad Hoc and are LOOKING FOR MEMBERS. Please email me if you are interested in participating. If you or your staff have case management services or coordinate services in some other way for those experiencing homelessness, I would recommend you joining this group.</p> <p>Also, we are working with the camping Ad Hoc group to bring some recommendations to the larger group by the March meeting.</p> <p>Andrea Myhre, andrea.myhre@jacksonstreet.org</p>	

Next meeting: March 22, 1:30-3:00 pm