

Housing Opportunities Action Council

Governing Board

Minutes 05-24-17

Board Members in Attendance: Biff Traber (co-chair), Anne Schuster (co-chair), Kari Whitacre, Brad Smith, Nicole Hindes, Martha Lyon, Andrea Myhre, Kenny Lowe, Karyle Butcher, Mary Newman (alt-Toler), Michael Olkin (alt-Holt), Tyan Hayes (alt-Latimer), Denise Derrick, Chris Hawkins, Chris Quaka, Jennifer Morris (alt-Wilson), Aleita Hass-Holcombe

Community Members: Sara Hartstein, Tatiana Dierwechter, Kelly Locey, Peter Banwarth, Rocio Munoz, Bob Stebbins, Roberta Smith, Bill Glassmire, Judy Ball, Greg Olson, Ben Danley, Ryushin Hart, Lynn Johnson, Fred Edwards, Kent Weiss, Susannah Wright, Deborah Hobbs

Time	Type	Presenter	Topic / Notes
1:30pm	Report	Co-Chairs and Program Manager	Introductions Approve April Minutes Co-Chair Comments Program Manager report
<p>Approval of April minutes: Approved</p> <p>Co-Chair Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Moorefield is not at the meeting, as he is now a new grandfather. Best wishes to all! • Leadership Committee opening - there are 3 elected positions – one position is open, and one nomination has been received: Karen Rockwell. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional nominations from the room. • Karen Rockwell elected to Leadership Committee by acclamation. <p>Program Manager report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written comments distributed at meeting, and available at www.bentonhoac.com/monthly-meetings/ Summary of written comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Budget hearings for both Corvallis and Benton County in May. Corvallis Budget Commission has recommended funding of HOAC Lead Administrator, and a net of \$60K to support homeless services (men’s shelter). Recommendation goes to City Council for approval. Benton County Budget Committee recommended funding of their share of the HOAC Lead Administrator, but did not recommended funding of the shelter at this time. Recommendation goes to Benton County Commissioners for approval. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Anne Schuster commented that as plans for the shelter firm up, the funding question can be reconsidered. 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussions with community partners have begun to develop fund raising channels to support housing and homelessness initiatives. ○ Discussions on a potential location continue. The shelter workgroup has set the end of May as a deadline for initial location option. If not secured by that date, efforts will shift to securing a location and best cost model for modular buildings or other facilities. ○ Discussions with potential shelter operators continue, with exploration of Plan A (partnering with existing organization) and Plan B (developing a new organization). ○ Universal Care Coordination Summit (May 1) suggested a model for greater collaboration among community organizations, and development of shared intake, closed loop referrals and shared billing capability. CSC will be hosting a meeting on shared data platform currently under development with partners in Linn County. 			
1:40pm	SMART Team update	Andrea Myhre, chair of SMART team	
<p>May SMART team meeting cancelled. Will resume as priorities are set, and workgroups are needed to drive implementation.</p>			
1:45pm	Funding Coordination Team update	Jim Moorefield, chair of Funding Coordination team	
<p>Jim Moorefield was absent. Anne Schuster reported no meeting has been held – no update.</p>			
1:50pm	The Benton County Ten Year Plan to Address Housing and Homelessness, Mid-Point Update	Tatiana Dierwechter and Sara Hartstein	Mid-Point Update – Work Session The purpose of this Work Session is to review and discuss the results of the prioritization survey.
<p>Tatiana Dierwechter, Sara Hartstein, Peter Banwarth: Benton County Public Health, Healthy Communities Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All slides and handouts are available on the website for the May meeting. - NOTE: There was a substantial amount of discussion. In the notes below, questions and comments captured reflect the major themes, but did not capture all comments verbatim. <p>Intro – Tatiana Dierwechter: The work of the mid-point update is nearing a close. The survey results that will be reviewed today are the result of work that has been done in these meetings, and the Leadership meetings, and a survey to get perspective of the Governing Board on impact, feasibility of the priorities, and identification of a “top 10”.</p>			

Overview of process – Sara Hartstein: Review of steps we have taken so far: Data collection, community mapping, key informant interviews, special population inputs – all have been used to build the 31 strategies that have been reviewed in these meetings, and the survey. Intent has been to identify the list of strategies, and narrow that list down to a set of key strategies that can have the greatest impact through collective action of HOAC. While the list is being narrowed, the intent is not to eliminate strategies that don't get selected for the "top" of the list – those will remain in the plan.

Definitions for criteria used in survey: Long term Impact – will the strategy impact the most people over a longer period of time? Feasibility – is this strategy likely to be accomplished based on resources, capability and political will? Top-ten overall – which strategies is HOAC best capable to deliver as a collective.

Review of data – Peter Banwarth: For impact and feasibility questions in the survey, respondents rated strategies on a scale of low, medium or high. Numerical values were averaged, and ranked highest to lowest in the graphics.

Impact

Questions:

- Karyle Butcher: If something is low impact (like year round shelter) -- is that because it's being done?
 - Broader question for group -- how have others interpreted this? (Discussion followed, with a range of responses to approach to the question. Some looked at impact going forward, others looked at whether it is already being worked on.)

Feasibility

(Peter) Data indicates a wider range of responses, less agreement, on feasibility. Not more than a 1/3 of respondents agreed on any one strategy feasibility.

Top 10 (tie for tenth, so Top 11)

Discussion:

- Kari: Mental Health includes detox
- Martha: When picking top 10, tried to balance impact and feasibility -- ranked some things on top 10 that would be very hard to do, but need to be top priority
- Kari: Filled out similarly -- but if we're not all agreed on how to make choices on the survey, is it right to make selection based on this?
 - Martha -- Thinks that Top Ten stands alone -- offers an opportunity to think about the blended ranking, and talk about where HOAC can have impact.
 - Don't expect HOAC to build affordable housing -- but some organization may see this as within their scope.
 - Biff: Maybe if affordable housing is a top priority but HOAC is not the "agency" to deliver -- HOAC could still advocate
 - Andrea: Seeing the priorities are very valuable for grant writing
 - Biff: This was collecting info -- now this group can take it up as a discussion and tune

Blended impact and feasibility

- The upper right holds most of what was selected as top 10
 - Peter recommends this as a starting point for selection
- Questions and Discussion:
 - Martha: How do the priorities fit into the quadrants?

- On the handout, the "top 11" are marked in triangles
- Karyle: LWV Housing views increasing affordable housing as a top priority, and want to focus and get support from HOAC despite feasibility score
 - Brad: How do we really think about feasibility?
- Anne: Even if feasibility is low, we may want to take on those items as "hard things"
- Sara: Some of these may be viewed as activities within other strategies
- Kenny: Mental Health and detox services may be separate services
- Andrea: We could split this in many ways
 - Example: advocating for policies that support affordable housing
 - Thinking about how we can effectively work to make progress on these?
 - Don't need committees that never sunset - need to be flexible and think through the structure of how we can address
- Karyle: Messaging is a base that would support each of these. Are there others that are like this?
- Andrea: If there's energy and focus on something that no one else is working on, maybe we should focus there?
- Suggestion from Tatiana: Could use the Key Informant interviews as a tool to identify areas where there's opportunity
- Aleita: In the interviews, there may be more perspective on feasibility -- can we use that data?
- Biff: Is there a sense from the group that we should use the data to make another cut, or bring back more perspective to inform decisions?
 - Karyle: If we had more sense of what we're going to do, we could be more focused on use of the interviews.
- Martha: Question what kind of priorities we are setting - 2 opportunities
 - Recommendations to the Cities/County what HOAC views as most valuable to take action on (key function of TYP)
 - HOAC priorities: Things we as a group can accomplish, with minimal staffing and funding
 - Sees #1 as the top priority item for HOAC to do -- provide guidance to cities/county
 - Biff: Agrees that HOAC's best function is to communicate priorities
 - Karyle: If that's the case, is feasibility less important than impact?
 - Brad: Big P Priority vs little p priorities is a good discussion
 - Best approach may be putting this back out for another view with a different lens -- setting priorities for councils/commissioners
 - Biff: Believes the need from Council and Budget Commission is for an integrated view of the priorities
- Martha: How do people feel about representation from the balance of the county? Feels like we haven't engaged appropriately.
 - Sara: Process did gather input from rural communities, but can continue work on that.
- Anne: Feel like the Health Dept team has all this info, but hasn't provided a view based on that knowledge. Not sure HOAC has enough info to make decisions and build a story about this?
- Martha: Feels like we have a duty to provide guidance to electeds.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kari: Is this intended to provide direction to non-profits? If HOAC gives guidance to electeds, this will have an impact on Boards and non-profits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Formerly, the process was a monthly report from agencies, and an annual report out to the community on progress against plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Now, see less value in the group and approach - concern about impact to agencies ○ Anne: Think we're at the point where we need to generate goals and tell the story ○ Andrea: Identify what goals within the continuum we will focus on ● Biff: Hearing a couple of different requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We started this process around updating the TYP - good from a planner point of view ● For the community, are there 3-4 clear goals that can be stated with metrics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Example: Improve affordable housing by x% in y Years. ○ Kari: If the goal is affordable housing, will support, but COI will not work on this. If the goal is MH services, COI will be working on systems level change directly. ● Biff: Suggest a subset work between now and next meeting to identify a clear subset. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chris: From a funding perspective it's going to come down to a continuum, and a timeline, and how do orgs and goals fit. ○ Biff: As we get this aggregation, don't want to lose all the other work and goals we can set ○ Kari: From a funding standpoint, as we look at supportive care/continuum, we cannot lose view of those on the street and at risk. Many who have job skills training, other life skills. ○ Karyle: Example of something easy, but not being done, is tiny housing. Don't want to see affordable housing as only a single family home. ● Biff: In Leadership, we will determine how to move forward. Need to get input from the key informant interviews from the Healthy Communities Team between now and Leadership (June 6) 	
2:50pm	Public Comment
No public comment	
Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 pm	

Next meetings:

June 6, HOAC Leadership, 1:30-3:30 (Open to all Governing Board members)

June 28, HOAC Governing Board, 1:30-3:00