

Coalition of Service Providers for the Homeless Meeting Summary – January 13, 2016, 10:00-11:30am

Flyers, Sign In Sheets, and Other Meeting documents can be found at
http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/csp_docs/
(Links to important handouts are also **highlighted** for your quick access.)

Dated Announcements:

- January 20th** – Evergreen Faith Based Coffee; contact Peggy Carlson.
- January 23rd** - Safe Car Camping Program Launch; contact Adam Kravitz.
- January 23rd** – Domestic Violence Lobby Day; contact Stephanie Barr.
- January 28th** – Point in Time Count and Project Homeless Connect; contact David Bilby.
- February 2nd** – Homelessness and Housing Advocacy Day; contact Brenda Schallberger.
- February 11th** – Homeless Community Town Hall; contact Adam Kravitz.
- February 17th** – Open House at Lincoln Place, 10am; contact Amy Reynolds.
- February 22nd** – Early Adopter (Medicaid) Conference; contact Vanessa Gaston

General Announcements:

Friends of the Carpenter Day Center is now open.
TripResourceCenter.org provides transportation.
CRMHS [Youth Recovery Services](#) is starting a Youth Drug and Alcohol program

Issues, Hot Topics, Discussion

Point in Time Count

Dale Whitley, dwhitley@councilforthehomeless.org
Every fourth Thursday of January, HMIS conducts a point in time count, so we invite anyone who is housing unstable or vulnerably unstable or literally homeless to come and receive services. Everyone who comes gets a survey form. Outreach workers go out and do counts. Notices will be going out. Volunteers are needed to do the count.

Project Homeless Connect, January 28, 9am-2pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

David Bilby, david@goconnect.org
Project Homeless Connect will be held on January 28, 2016, 9:00-2:00, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The primary objective of [Project Homeless Connect](#) is to provide direct service to the homeless and the secondary objective is to assist with a central location to conduct the Point in Time count. This event provides a Free LUNCH (lasagna), dental services, haircuts, eye care, chiropractic, and message. There will also be a clothing drive. (Clothes need to be delivered to St. Joseph's on the evening before.) Shuttle service is available from Share Fromhold, Friends of the Carpenter and Share House. The last planning session is January 21st at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 8am. Volunteers are still needed. Please promote this event at your agencies.

Medicaid Integration

Vanessa Gaston, Vanessa.Gaston@clark.wa.gov

Tabitha Jensen, Tabitha@novitassolutionsnw.com

Early Adopter will affect most service providers who work with clients using Medicaid. For the Health Care Authority's complete report click, [HCA's Early Adopter Initiative](#).

Early Adopter Conference is February 22nd at the Hilton. Homeless service providers are encouraged to attend this conference to be a voice at the table for housing support.

Vanessa gave a little history as to why the transition in the way health care is delivered is being made. As an example, she explained that someone who has an addiction, depression and health issues would need to navigate several systems to get care: Regional Support Network and the County and DSHS and then MCO's. This is complicated, so by 2020 the state intends to integrate these systems. In our region, Clark County has come together with Skamania and chosen to start full integration on April 1st. (This is called Early Adopter.) In our region care will go to two MCOs: Molina and Community _____ Washington, both of which will be required to pay for most mental health services. For crisis, there will be a Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization. Please provide your name to [Tabitha Jensen](#) if you would like to be on the County's Early Adopter Listserv to remain updated on this transition.

Andy added that pilot projects will help us to figure out how to facilitate good communication between a care coordinator and a case manager to make it a smoother process for the clients we serve.

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Cyndie Meyer, Cyndie.Meyer@clark.wa.gov - Public Health Chronic Disease Prevention

Cyndie spoke on [Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences](#) and the chemical processes that result and can unfortunately can be passed on through generations. The county is now focusing more on education of ACEs because it is the deeper cause of some physical health and chronic disease issues. There is a series of community protective factors that can be implemented to minimize the traumatic effects of ACEs, mentoring being an essential factor. Your involvement is welcome at the [ACES Action Alliance](#) which has four teams.

ACES Action Alliance focuses on four teams:

- Assessment and Evaluation Team
- Education and Awareness Team
- Trauma-informed Organizations Team
- Cross-Sector Collaboration Team

State and Local Advocacy Update

Andy Silver, asilver@councilforthehomeless.org

February 2nd is State Advocacy Day for Housing and Homelessness

Attached is the [Washington Low Income Housing and Homelessness 2016 Legislative Agenda](#) and the [City of Vancouver Mayor's Affordable Housing Task Force Recommendations](#)

Lincoln Place will be open for business on February 9th. The open house is TBA.

Clark County 2016 Funded Programs

Kate Budd, Kate.Budd@clark.wa.gov

Kate distributed the [2016-17 Clark County Housing, Homeless and Community Action Programs](#). Kate gave the rationale for the programs included in the County's Community Action Plan.

The meeting was adjourned. If you have questions regarding the CoC workgroups, the contact information is as follows:

- **Continuum of Care Steering Committee**
Amy Reynolds, programdir@sharevancouver.org
- **Coordinated Assessment Workgroup**
Olivia Resnick, oresnick@councilforthehomeless.org
- **Housing First Cohort**
Olivia Resnick, oresnick@councilforthehomeless.org
- **Bridges to Employment Task Force**
Kate Budd, Kate.Budd@clark.wa.gov
- **Youth Task Force**
Scott Conger, sconger@janusyouth.org

Heather Wilkins, hwilkins@janusyouth.org

Yellow Brick Road works with youth and young adults, 16-24, that are living in an unstable living situation, homeless or couch surfing.

Next Meeting: March 9th, 10:00-11:30am
YWCA 3609 Main Street, Vancouver WA 98663

The Coalition meets on the 2nd Wednesday bi-monthly for planning to prevent and end homelessness in Clark County.

Contact: Council for the Homeless (360) 993-9561 or asilver@councilforthehomeless.org
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