

**Coalition of Service Providers for the Homeless  
Meeting Summary – May 4, 2016, 10:00-11:30am**

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**Issues, Hot Topics, Discussion**

**Announcements**

Congratulations to Melanie Green who received the WA State Classified Employee of the Year award!

**Presentations**

**Trauma Informed Care, Renata Wilson**

It takes everyone in the agency to be on the same page and speak the same language regarding how to care for people who have experienced trauma. All agencies can think of one thing they can do to reduce re-traumatization in your work.

Recognize the symptoms of past trauma and seek actively to resist re-traumatization. Even though we think we are there to help, we are not generally viewed as helpers. It's that trust we have to build. With this it's best to take some time to talk with clients to figure out what is their priority, rather than place your priorities onto them.

Any message you can get out, deliver it in a positive way and give them choice. We have to try not to come across as we have the "power." Have clear guidelines about the program and go through it step by step.

**Steering Committee and Work Group Updates**

**Continuum of Care Steering Committee**

**Amy Reynolds, [deputydir@sharevancouver.org](mailto:deputydir@sharevancouver.org)**

The committee asked for 1.2 mil in renewal funds (largely for Permanent Supportive Housing), and they were received. An additional .5 million was given to compensate for the unprecedented housing prices.

**City of Vancouver**

On Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Vancouver City Council Workshop, our community champions were out in front to give the message that increased affordable housing is what we need; but there were concerns voiced by the councilors: maybe not now; maybe we look at other strategies. Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm there is a Citizens Forum where community members have a chance to talk about the need for affordable housing, and we are encouraging people who are in need of affordable housing or those in agencies who serve them to attend and speak.

## HMIS

Dale Whitley, <mailto:dwhitley@councilforthehomeless.org>

- 94.5% of data quality on HMIS for March. .5 away from the goal. Some trainings have been going on to get this up. We appreciate the hard work that everyone is doing.
- Project Homeless Connect – 212 attendees. Dale had the Report Form available. There were a total of 228 unsheltered people in 2016, vs 206 in 2015: 41 families with children, 98 families without children. People who are staying in shelter are staying there longer because there is no place to go.

## Coordinated Assessment Workgroup

Kate Budd for Andy Silver for Olivia Resnick, [oresnick@councilforthehomeless.org](mailto:oresnick@councilforthehomeless.org)

Focus of this meeting is around Housing Solutions Center to coordinate the entry into the housing programs with the community. This is helpful for working on gaps in services and systemic changes.

## Housing First Cohort

Kate Budd gave the report for Olivia Resnick, [oresnick@councilforthehomeless.org](mailto:oresnick@councilforthehomeless.org)

This cohort is working on a training plan through Clark County Dept of Community Services, which includes Trauma Informed Care. These programs would be open to the CoC to assist in moving agencies toward a best practices model. The HSC brought a list of clients that had been referred to find out definitively where they actually are today.

## Youth Access Resource Group

Scott Conger, [sconger@janusyouth.org](mailto:sconger@janusyouth.org)

This task force has now taken the direction of being a resource group. There are bi-monthly meetings. They have spotlight speakers. The next one is on the Juvenile Justice System. The meetings are held on the fourth Fridays monthly; the next one is July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Next Meeting: July 13th, 2016 10:00-11:30am  
YWCA 3609 Main Street, Vancouver WA 98663**

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

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