

**Coalition of Service Providers for the Homeless  
Meeting Summary – November 9, 2016, 10:00-11:30am**

**Flyers, Sign In Sheets, and Other Meeting documents can be found at  
[http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/csp\\_docs/](http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/csp_docs/)**

**Announcements**

- St. Luke's Women Housing and Transition Program will be opening in the next couple of weeks.
- YWCA Childcare Vouchers – 30 – 120 days of free child care through a licensed facility. Potential clients need to come in to the YWCA to fill out the voucher after they find the child care. Centers can be found through ESD website clearinghouse. For further info, contact Leah Reitz, [lreitz@ywcaclarkcounty.org](mailto:lreitz@ywcaclarkcounty.org), 360-906-9128
- PHC and PIT are January 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact David Bilby if you would like a table at the event or contact [dwhitely@councilforthehomeless.org](mailto:dwhitely@councilforthehomeless.org).
- Community Housing Resource Center begins the FREE tax preparation at the end of January. Clients may qualify for a lower income tax credit or a child tax credit and then they can use this to leverage debt and put them in better standing.

**Prop 1 Update:**

Andy Silver suggested in light of the national election, we celebrate our victories. Proposition 1 is passing with a very wide margin. Should federal move away from funding housing, it makes the local work especially important.

**Presentations Focus on Employment Navigation**

**Consumer Voices Are Born (CVAB) Val Ogden Employment Services), Kate Ireland**  
Kate Ireland, [irelandk@cvab.org](mailto:irelandk@cvab.org)

Kate distributed a brochure for Val Ogden Center, which specializes in Employment Support. It is located on 102<sup>nd</sup> and Fourth Plain. They offer reception training. They also have a trained chef who offers training. They conduct job assessments and career exploration. They assist with job packet and mock interviews and also provide evidence-based supportive employment. They also have an education consultant that helps people connect with Clark College, financial aid and GED program. At Val Ogden there is a tour. (Tuesday at 11am and a free lunch.) Folks who attend are paired up with a staff person, someone who helps them make a goal plan and progress from there.

**Partners in Careers (PIC) Career Academy**

LaDonna Langwell and Lynette Ferguson, [ladonna@swwpic.org](mailto:ladonna@swwpic.org)

Career Academy is a provider of multi-generational workshop at various locations (to get closer to the client) for people 16 and older where they assist people with mock interviews, job search skills, provide laptops for working on resumes, etc. There is also a lot of follow up that happens.

## **Columbia River Mental Health Services Employment Navigation**

Mary Morris

People with a diagnosed disability can receive navigation services through CRMHS. She helps them also to find felony friendly jobs. They have 3 pages of folks willing to hire. The funding was cut for helping homeless folks for employment navigation, but since they are still pretty well known for the work they do, they continue to go the shelters and to the jail for the re-entry program to assist folks. They can also assist folks to get the diagnoses so that they can get the help they need.

### **Steering Committee and Work Contact Information**

#### **Continuum of Care Steering Committee**

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#### **HMIS Users**

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Current Data Quality Score 94.6%. We are getting closer to being back to an “A” rating.

#### **Coordinated Assessment Workgroup**

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**Housing First** – The work group is working toward universal standards around timelines for the housing search. They are trying to continue to develop system wide policies so that we are all in synch across the different programs across the county. Performance measures are of the utmost importance for reaching community-wide outcomes and poise us well for funding.

Please note the change in location of the January meeting.

**Next Meeting: January 11th, 2016 10:00-11:30am**

**Vancouver Housing Authority 2500 Main Street**

**(Since there is no parking at the VHA, if curbside parking cannot be found, overflow parking is available that day at**

**the First Church of Christ Science, 204 East 4<sup>th</sup> Plain.**

The Coalition meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:asilver@councilforthehomeless.org). For more information on the Coalition, visit [www.councilforthehomeless.org](http://www.councilforthehomeless.org) and click on Agency Resources.