

Coalition of Service Providers for the Homeless  
Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2013, 10:00am-12:00pm

**Present:**

Amy Reynolds, Share; Teri Owen, Second Step Housing; Emily Stoutsenberger, PIC; Stephan Maynard, SWBH RSN; Charlie Gourde, Janus Youth; Susan Arney, Clark County Volunteer Lawyers; Matt Jefferis, CSNW; Chelsea Jackson, Innovative Services NW; Phyllis Clausen, Citizen; Karen Romanelli, Citizen; Tom Breitenbauch, Share; Katherine Garrett, Share; Paul Dumlao, CFTH; Armetta Burney, Clark College Eligibility Programs; Dee Sanders, Share; Karen Youman, Share; Peggy Sheehan, City of Vancouver; Kevin Hiebert, CFTH; Pete Munroe, Clark County DCS; Marlene Gonzalez, ESD 112; Tillie MakePeace, Janus Youth; Kate Budd, Clark County DCS; Rob Schultz, Impact NW; Shelley Sneed, Impact NW; Vicki Salisbury, CRMHS; Lee Watts, YWCA; Anne Galvas, VPS; Dale Whitley, CFTH; Jan Wichert, VHA; Bryan Snodgrass, City of Vancouver; Deborah Willoughby, 211info; Andy Silver, CFTH; Charlene Welch, CFTH

**Announcements during Introductions:**

Marlene Gonzalez, ESD112

Looking for participants ages 16-21 for Youth Workforce Development program, See attached flyer. [Marlene.gonzalez@esd112.org](mailto:Marlene.gonzalez@esd112.org)

Andy Silver, Council for the Homeless

February 11, 2013 is Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day, coordinated by the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance. Go to [www.wliha.org](http://www.wliha.org) for flyers, fact sheets, and registration materials.

Amy Reynolds, Share

Share is consolidating its offices to its new location on Feb. 4. New location is 2306 NE Andresen Road, 98661

**Hot Topics, Discussion:**

**Mike Boldt, Council for the Homeless: Coordinated Assessment Update**

- Mike presented a flyer to inform Coalition members of the hours and location of the Housing Solutions Center. Materials designed for the public are forthcoming.
- The Coordinated Entry Task Force meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, 10am-11:30am at the VHA. The task force will continue meeting as a venue for communications regarding the Housing Solutions Center.
- Michael's email is [assess@icfth.com](mailto:assess@icfth.com)

**Peggy Sheehan and Bryan Snodgrass, City of Vancouver (COV) Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan** [Peggy.sheehan@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:Peggy.sheehan@cityofvancouver.us) and [bryan.snodgrass@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:bryan.snodgrass@cityofvancouver.us)

- In order to access federal CDBG and Home Funds, a Consolidated Plan must be in place and updated every five years.
- Content is HUD-driven but shaped by a community process. Goals, strategies, and activities in the plan should avoid duplication of services, yield long term results, and make a clear difference in the community.

- COV staff are seeking input from Coalition members as plan is updated. Anticipate an electronic survey.
- COV staff will come back to the Coalition in the spring with data and suggested strategies.
- Pete Munroe shared that Clark County will begin its Consolidated Plan update in 2014.

**Dale Whitley, Council for the Homeless: Project Homeless Connect and Point In Time Count**

- The street count is scheduled for both the morning and afternoon (new this year) of Jan. 31, 2013. The next planning meeting is Jan. 15, 11am at the VHA.
- Project Homeless Connect is from 10am-3pm at Living Water Community Church (same location as last year.) Cards and flyers are available. Kate Budd is a contact for social service providers wanting to participate. [Kate.budd@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Kate.budd@clark.wa.gov)

**Andy Silver, Council for the Homeless: Continuum of Care grant update**

- Andy shared that the grant will be submitted this week.
- Over the coming year we will have opportunities to discuss how various elements of our community's homeless services impact how we track and report, which ultimately impacts our outcomes and the resources available to us from HUD.
- All providers should be aware of the federal Energy Star initiative ([www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) )

**Workgroup Updates –**

**Ten year Plan** – Pete Munroe

- Looking at re-user rates and length of stay
- Next meeting is Feb. 7, 8:30am at the Center for Community Health on Fourth Plain

**Discharge Planning and Prevention** – Kate Budd

- Learned about Clark County Jail safety initiatives and opportunities for collaboration with social service providers
- Contributed to CoC grant question: “What services do people need upon discharge?”
- Next meeting is Feb. 20, 9:30am at the Wellness Project at 39<sup>th</sup> and Main

**Youth Integration** - Chelsea Jackson

- Thank you to Janus Youth for chairing the group in 2012
- New chair is Carol Murch of Clark County Juvenile Justice
- Considering merging with the Foster Youth Continuum of Care group, facilitated by Innovative Services Northwest
- Next meeting (including merger discussion) is Feb. 8, 1-2pm at Innovative Services Northwest - 9414 NE Fourth Plain Rd Vancouver, WA 98662

**Housing Partnership** – Andy Silver for David Moore

- Working with County to maintain the Clark County Interested Landlord List. Focus is on landlords with 50 units or fewer interested in renting to people with barriers. The list will be updated quarterly and is posted on the CFTH website ([http://www.icfth.com/com\\_housing](http://www.icfth.com/com_housing) )The list does not guarantee openings and is not to be confused with the Current Availabilities List Dave Moore sends out regularly to social service providers.

**Data Management**- Dale Whitley

- As of November, we qualify for full allocation of state bonus funds
- Service Point upgrade scheduled for January 22, 2013
- Next meeting is Feb. 27, 10am at the DSHS office on Mill Plain.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55.