

Coalition of Service Providers for the Homeless Meeting Summary – May 14, 2014, 10:00am-12:00pm

Flyers, sign in sheets and handouts at:

http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/csp_docs/

Announcements during Introductions:

- Tillie Makepeace, Janus Youth Programs: Tillie is leaving her position to pursue new opportunities in Eastern Oregon. She introduced Chuck Cole, the new program director for Janus Youth Programs in Washington.
- Stephanie Barr: Stephanie is the Interim Director for YWCA Safe Choice. Lee Watts, the former director, recently took a position with Multnomah County.

Hot Topics, Discussion:

Kate Budd, Clark County Department of Community Services: State Conference on Ending Homelessness

The annual conference is scheduled for May 21-22 in Yakima. Kate is on the planning committee and is excited that a number of providers from Clark County are registered to attend. One of the featured speakers, Vu Le, a service provider and blogger known for his irreverent and humorous writing and champion of non profits. His blog is www.nonprofitswithballs.com

Peggy Sheehan, City of Vancouver: CDBG/HOME funds update

CDBG and Home funds are federal money that is passed through the city and county to local organizations through a competitive process. Funds must be used in support of the City's 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan for Community and Economic Development, which was recently updated and includes a goal of funding homeless services. Peggy shared that the 2014 applicants have been notified and more info is at www.cityofvancouver.us/cdbg

Amy Reynolds, Share: Continuum of Care (CoC) Steering Committee

The CoC Steering Committee was formed as part of our process of meeting HUD's requirements for CoCs across the country to formalize their structures and operations. The Steering Committee is charged with monitoring and evaluating funded projects and evaluating community needs, trends, and opportunities. The committee is learning more about Housing First and approaches for dealing with the low rental vacancy rate in our community. They will bring information back to the membership. Another focus is a convening a process to determine shared vision, goals, and outcomes within the homeless services system. Kevin Hiebert, Council for the Homeless, will facilitate a community engagement process to inform this work.

Andy Silver, Council for the Homeless: Deed Recording Fee/Advocacy update

Andy presented details of the Deed Recording Fee bill compromise that was achieved through grassroots advocacy pressure. See attached handout for details.

Charlene Welch, Council for the Homeless: Project Homeless Connect

This event is held annually as a component of our Point In Time Count. The 2014 event was at St. Joseph Catholic Church and saw 324 attendees. Thanks to David Bilby of GoConnect for facilitating the event planning and implementation. See attached handout for details.

Andy Silver, Council for the Homeless: Point in Time (PIT)

See attached handouts including 2013 and 2014 data, 2014 analysis, and add'l demographics.

Kevin Hiebert, Council for the Homeless: Refuge project

Refuge is a project that matches homeless high school seniors with local families to live with while the teen completes their education to graduate. Refuge is a program of GoConnect. Partners include the school districts and the Council for the Homeless. See attached flyer.

Workgroup Updates –

Ten year Plan –Pete Munroe

- April meeting included looking more closely at the PIT, the HEN program, implications of the tight rental market, and reviewing the legislative session.
- Next meeting is June 5, 8:30am-9:30am at the Center for Community Health on Fourth Plain

Discharge Planning and Prevention –Kate Budd

- April meeting included in-depth review of 211 as a referral resource in Clark County. To help with the tight rental market situation, the County has designed money within each funded program for landlord risk mitigation.
- Next meeting is June 18, 9:30am at the Wellness Project at 39th and Main.

Youth Access - Scott Conger

- Continuing to work through the 10 Year Homeless Plan to inform youth representation in the goals
- Next meeting is June 27, 2014 from 1:30-3pm at Partners In Careers.

Data Management- Dale Whitley

- Our system-wide data quality was 96.7% for the month of March!
- We are on track to meet at least 2 of 4 of the CHG bonus fund performance measures
- Reviewed a last permanent zip code report for last five years. The number of people with a last zip code from Portland was (only) 3.8-4.5%
- Next meeting is June 25, 10am-11am at the VHA.

Coordinated Assessment – Andy Silver

- This group meets to oversee coordinated assessment (a HUD mandated function) through the Housing Solutions Center. Within the last month, Homelessness Prevention was added to the HSC's services and Heather Kelley is the Prevention Coordinator. Crystal Goodman is now the Placements Coordinator, working directly with clients who are transitioning to a partner agency program.
- Group is testing a revised web-based tool to track program openings and discussing processes for streamlining homelessness and disability verifications.

- Next meeting is June 20, 10am-11am at the VHA.

Prevention – Amy Reynolds

- Partners have implemented a tool to help them target resources to people most likely to become homeless. Next step is to create a tool to evaluate these efforts.

Next meeting is June 10, 1pm-2:30pm at the Share Fromhold Center