

## **Coalition of Service Providers for the Homeless Meeting Summary – September 10, 2014, 10:00am-12:00pm**

**Flyers, sign in sheets and handouts at:**

[http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/csp\\_docs/](http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/csp_docs/)

### **Announcements during Introductions:**

- The Human Services Council has VISTA volunteers to place.

Go to <http://www.hsc-wa.org/about-amicorps-vista> to learn more.

### **Hot Topics, Discussion:**

**Healthy Living Collaborative of Southwest Washington** <http://healthylivingcollaborative.org/>

Presented by HLC member, Barbe West of the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington

The Healthy Living Collaborative is a four county, 41 member, multi-sector initiative designed to improve health (broadly defined) through both community and policy level work. Using the collective impact model, the HLC is the backbone organization facilitating this long term work. Two strategies connect to the CoC work. 1) addressing high utilizers of emergency medical services and 2) creating and funding models to improve education outcomes associated with housing stability.

### **Housing First Cohort**

Clark County, Share, and Council for the Homeless are hosting a three part training on Housing First methodology and service delivery. Representatives from Seattle's Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) will lead the sessions. Sessions are designed to help local agencies who are now or will be implementing housing first in the future increase their knowledge at all levels (case managers, program directors, leadership/board members.) Trainings are in Sept., Oct., and Nov.

Questions? Contact Amy Reynolds at [programdir@sharevancouver.org](mailto:programdir@sharevancouver.org)

### **Amy Reynolds, Share; Chair of Continuum of Care (CoC) Steering Committee**

**Contact Amy at** [programdir@sharevancouver.org](mailto:programdir@sharevancouver.org)

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.

To address the low private market vacancy rate, the Steering Committee is participating in conversations with landlords and property management companies to identify rental criterion that may be waived or reduced in exchange for services or guarantees from service provider partners.

### **Kevin Hiebert, Council for the Homeless: Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO)**

The WHO is our community's expanded shelter space made available at St. Paul Lutheran Church and St. Andrew Lutheran Church from Nov. 1-March 31. The WHO provides an additional 74 emergency beds.

To inquire about volunteering or donations, contact Kevin at [who@councilforthehomeless.org](mailto:who@councilforthehomeless.org)

## **Workgroup Reports**

### **10 Year Plan**

Pete Monroe, [pete.monroe@clark.wa.gov](mailto:pete.monroe@clark.wa.gov)

August meeting included data review of programs (see attachments)

Next meeting Oct. 2, 8:30am, Center for Community Health

### **Youth Access**

Chelsea Chunn, [cchunn@swwdc.org](mailto:cchunn@swwdc.org)

August meeting focused on youth and juvenile justice system. Goal of planning community forums to discuss idea of a youth service center.

Next meeting is Oct. 24 1:30 at Partners in Careers

### **Discharge Planning**

Kate Budd, [kate.budd@clark.wa.gov](mailto:kate.budd@clark.wa.gov)

No August meeting

Next meeting is Oct. 15, 9:30 at the Wellness Project at 39<sup>th</sup> and Main

Focus is employment resources for people being discharged from a system of care

### **Prevention**

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

No August meeting

Next meeting is Oct 14 at Share Fromhold Center and will feature review of Impact NW programs

### **Data Analysis**

Dale Whitley, [dwhitley@councilforthehomeless.org](mailto:dwhitley@councilforthehomeless.org)

Data standard updates coming in Oct. Watch for training opportunities.

Next meeting is Oct. 22 at 10am at the Vancouver Housing Authority

### **Coordinated Assessment**

Andy Silver, [asilver@councilforthehomeless.org](mailto:asilver@councilforthehomeless.org)

Topics of recent discussion are refining the assessment tool, developing a policy to address situations of clients who repeatedly do not complete their process for program placement, and reviewing the process for accessing prevention assistance. There are typically 0-5 openings per week for prevention assistance, but 100s of calls from people in need.

Next meeting is Oct. 17 10am at the Vancouver Housing Authority