



Coalition of Service Providers for the Homeless  
 --A Continuum of Care and Homeless Task Force  
 Wednesday, September 14, 2022  
 10:00am-11:30am  
 Via Zoom

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## Minutes

10:00am	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please introduce yourself and your agency in the chat</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Laura Ellsworth</a> , Council for the Homeless
<b>Issues, Hot Topics &amp; Discussion</b>		
10:05am	<p><b>City of Vancouver Affordable Housing Plan Progress Update</b>          Please take the <a href="#">Affordable Housing Fund Survey</a></p> <p>The Affordable Housing Fund Levy was passed in 2016 as a seven year property tax for homeowners in Vancouver city limits. The funding goes towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing production</li> <li>• Preservation for households earning less than 50% of the area median income.</li> <li>• Shelter</li> <li>• Affordable housing developers</li> <li>• Rental assistance</li> </ul> <p>The replacement levy will be on the special ballot in February 2023. It will grant \$10 million per year over the course of 10 years to continue what the existing levy does, plus additional assistance measures that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance for homeowners earning less than 60% of the area median income</li> <li>• Eliminating caps on unit development cost</li> </ul> <p>Exemptions for low income homeowners will be requested but is unlikely to be factored in.</p> <p>City Council approved the Ballot language on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Affordable Housing Levy Replacement <b>ballot language</b>:</p> <p>The City of Vancouver Council adopted Resolution No. _____ concerning the replacement of an expiring affordable housing property tax levy. This proposition would replace an expiring property tax levy and fund housing and housing services for people with low and very low incomes, including those with disabilities, veterans, seniors, and families with children, by authorizing a regular property tax levy generating \$10,000,000 annually (approximately \$0.30/\$1,000 assessed value) for ten years, beginning in 2024, pursuant to RCW 84.52.105. All levy proceeds would be used for affordable housing purposes pursuant to an administrative and financial plan adopted by City Council.</p>	<a href="#">Samantha Whitley</a> , City of Vancouver

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10:20am	<p><b>Anchor Community Initiative</b></p> <p>The Anchor Community Initiative (ACI) is a flagship program for A Way Home Washington.</p> <p>ACI provides support for youth and young adults to access services quickly. As of now, there is a gap where youth can do so in a timely manner. The plan is broken down in these next steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. By Name List</li> <li>2. Reduce to Zero</li> <li>3. End and Sustain</li> </ol> <p><b>By Name List</b></p> <p>Goal: Achieve a comprehensive, real-time, by name list that is reliable.</p> <p>This is achieved through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By name list score card</li> <li>• Reliable data</li> <li>• Youth and young adult engagement</li> </ul> <p><b>Reduce to Zero</b></p> <p>Goal: Drive monthly reductions in the number of unhoused youth and young adults.</p> <p>This is achieved through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systems improvement</li> <li>• Monthly reductions</li> <li>• Equity</li> </ul> <p><b>End and Sustain</b></p> <p>Goal: Reach functional zero, have equitable outcomes, and sustain gains.</p> <p>This is achieved through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirming zero</li> <li>• Equitable outcomes</li> <li>• Sustainability</li> </ul> <p>ACI is built on youth and young adult engagement. Policies and procedures need to meet youth/young adult approval and oversight.</p> <p>Currently in Clark County, a Youth By Name List is in development, more youth focused prevention and diversion funding is being allocated, and “in reach” teams are being organized.</p>	<p><a href="#">Terrell Berry</a>, A Way Home Washington</p>
10:30am	<p><b>Pocket Guide Update</b></p> <p>The 7<sup>th</sup>, and current, edition of the Pocket Guide is <b>blue</b>. Each edition is in a different color to distinguish differences. The material is made to survive all weather conditions and events – except for fire – and is small enough to be transported in various places.</p> <p>Funding for the Pocket Guide is through private donations that are solely to cover the cost of printing. Due to Covid and rising production costs, supplies are very limited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those who work directly with unhoused individuals will be the priority for distribution.</li> <li>• Many unhoused people already have older editions but the priority is to get Pocket Guides to the newly unhoused or those without an older edition.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Lois Smith</a>, Pocket Guide</p>

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	<p>There are new updates with each edition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 988 has replaced the Suicide Prevention Hotline</li> <li>• Friends of the Carpenters provides shower and laundry services</li> <li>• Coordinated Outreach line has replaced the Street Outreach line</li> <li>• Pet care is now provided by the Humane Society of Southwest Washington</li> </ul>	
10:45am	<p><b>Coordinated Outreach Update</b></p> <p>In July 2022, the Coordinated Outreach teams held their first in person meeting to promote team building.</p> <p>Coordinated Outreach is currently working on a vision statement that is in the drafting stages:  <i>Affect policy, community and homelessness. Serve people through empathy and compassion using a trauma informed lens. Collaboration with other providers. Coordination between outreach providers to evaluate, develop and enhance service provision using a person-centered, anti-oppressive, anti-racist, trauma informed lens.</i></p> <p>Year 1 Accomplishments:  265 unhoused people have been engaged with by an outreach staff member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80 have been successfully housed</li> <li>• 74 were housed without ongoing subsidy</li> <li>• 37 days was the average span of initial contact and being housed</li> </ul> <p>4 new partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress for Success in Portland, Oregon provides professional clothing and grooming assistance for unhoused job seekers.</li> <li>• C-Roots, a not for profit tiny home developer that provides affordable tiny homes to unhoused individuals.</li> <li>• Compass Career Solutions which provides programs and services through supported employment, supportive housing, person-centered planning, community inclusion, youth readiness, and transitions for individuals with various support needs.</li> <li>• Couv Collective, an organization dedicated to addressing trauma from addiction, homelessness, and mental health challenges.</li> </ul> <p>Next steps for Coordinated Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide more training opportunities for outreach staff.</li> <li>• Increase community engagement and presence.</li> <li>• Establish more partnerships with agencies that further the mission and will work to eliminate barriers for unhoused people.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Clara Johnson</a>, Council for the Homeless</p>
11:00am	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Laura Ellsworth</a>, Council for the Homeless</p>

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**Next Coalition Meeting: November 9, 2022, from 10:00am-11:30am**

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

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