

**Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC)
Board of Director's meeting
February 24, 2010
Reservation # 29996
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1-866-484-5341 Participant Code - 103517**

Members Present:	Corenne Stuart - MCCAC
Ann Brown - OHCS	Debbie Price – OHCS
Ben Atchley – City of Albany	George Sabol –Ccaservices
Denise Sitler – DOC	Jessica Maclay-Ccaservices
Debbie Roberts – OHCS	Hundley Bergstad
Jeff Peuterbaugh - DHS/ AMH	Matt Walker-L-BHA
Mary Carroll –OHCS	Kristina Hernandez - MCOA
Coleen Trogdon - OHCS	Rachael Marble - OHOP
Justina Fyfe – UCAN	Erin Skaar-CAREINC
Marci McMurphy – CAPECO	Karen Chase -OHCS
Diana Otero – Klamath Housing	Laura Moore - ORCCA
Patty Gouveia – ORCCA	Lauren Fontanarosa- PSU Intern
Michelle Grimaldo – Community in Action	Megan Smith - MCOA
Cindy Pratt – CSC	

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Introduce VCON flow chart – Ann went over the flow chart that was sent out.

This describes what needs to be done each month to participate in the ROCC meetings via Video Conferencing.

**Debrief of the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference
McKinney-Vento reauthorization**

Ann gave an overview of the conference. She advised that HUD will be publishing the new regulations regarding the McKinney-Vento reauthorization, in May. She advised that when HPRP ends, the program will roll over into the Emergency Shelter Grant and it will become the Emergency Solutions Grant. ESG will then be 20% of the CoC overall funds, instead of the current 10%. The Federal agencies such as HUD, VA, Education, and HHS are beginning to discuss how their programs can be integrated to work together in a more cohesive, efficient manner. HUD is talking about funding CoC structures rather than individual projects and providing more admin depending on how the Continuum is structured. Hopefully when HUD publishes their regulations, it will be come clearer whether or not the ROCC will be considered rural. There will be advantages if we can apply as rural. Mary Carroll (OHCS) advised that she is working with communities to assist with training and guidance on HPRP. She advised that at the National Conference they were asking agencies to “really” think of who they are assisting with HPRP. Be sure to use the criteria of “but for this assistance they would be homeless.”

Mary also wanted to let folks know about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) information to be sent to participants. She advised that the Governor and OHCS Director, Victor Merced was asking that everyone participate in disseminating the information about EITC. She will have more information to send out soon.

AHAR data 2010 Point in Time Count / Bed (Housing Inventory) Count

Ann and Debbie Roberts of OHCS spoke about the Point in Time count that was conducted statewide the last week of January. They are going to have a debrief in April after the Point in Time Count has been tabulated. This debrief will be in Salem, or participation may also be via phone. Ann advised that the Bed-(Housing Inventory) count was to have been done at the same time as the

Point in Time Count and that the eHic will be due in April. We are now required to enter the bed count into the AHAR data screens in Esnaps.

Rural Continuum of Care HUD June 2009 document

Ben requested that all participants print out the CoC HUD document. This is HUD's perspective on rural continuums of care manual. As participant's we would utilize this document in future meetings for more funding and current spending. How do we function as ROCC – how can we establish a common vision. Look at Chapter 2 for next session, how does ROCC support communities. Take 10-15 minutes to develop what we are doing and how it works in your community.

Discharge Planning Research / Survey

Lauren Fontonaros, one of the interns from PSU who is doing research on Discharge Planning went over the survey that she and Joann Zimmer developed to gather information about Discharge Planning in the state. Ben advised that he had completed the survey and asked others to do so also and that this is a: 'How can we do a better job state wide?' type of survey. Corenne had questions about their agency participating in the survey as her agency does not assist those who are discharged from corrections facilities. Ann asked that all agencies, including providers who may not do the actual discharging, to complete the survey. Lauren advised that the survey's close date is March 5.

Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments survey / activities

Ann spoke of the Fair Housing Impediments to Fair housing survey and asked that everyone participate. The survey can be found at www.ohcs.oregon.gov. There will also be a Fair Housing activity and a public meeting the last week of April in the following places:

Klamath Falls – Diana Otero and Debbie Price are assisting with.

Pendleton – Marci McMurphy will be assisting there and,
Tillamook, Erin Skaar has agreed to assist.

Rachael with OHOP would like to participate in those meetings also. Rachael spoke about OHOP and how they would like to work more closely with other programs.

Oregon Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (OCHH)

Ben talked about the OCHH annual homeless conference will be in Hood River April 21 – 23.

Ann advised that we will not have a ROCC meeting at the conference, we will stay with our 4th Wed. of the month meeting time.

Subcommittee Reports – HMIS, Training, Permanent Housing

Some discussion about how HMIS is separate from Training. Ann asked that there be a focus on HMIS that addresses things such as reports, data tracking, data verification. Training should include case management training, HMIS training, etc. Ann will be working with Marci and Justina to get some things set up.

Ann stressed the importance of data and statistical reporting. We are continually reminded by HUD that extensive, accurate data and statistical reporting are the reasons we have continued to have the homeless programs funded by congress.

Permanent Housing – There is a concern that our projects are not meeting the stated goals. There needs to be a focus on where projects are at. Bob More, now retired, and James Hackett had agreed to work on this committee. Ann asked for assistance from Deb Price and Karen Chase of OHCS to work on this issue.

Discussion about expenditures. Several agencies are not showing that they are spending their funds. The one year renewals have to be expended by June 30, 2010. Ann will be working one on one with those who are not spending. Patty with ORRCA needs one on one assistance. Anyone else in need, contact Ann. Ben added that we do not want to lose funds out of the state and when funds are returned, it affects the entire ROCC.

Reports from Regions

Region #1 - Coos/Curry/Josephine/Douglas – Patty advised that the homeless count was up dramatically. Justina reported on Point in Time count from Douglas and Josephine Counties.

Region #2 Klamath/Lake/Harney/Malheur – Michele advised they are working with census bureau on the counts. Rapid Re-Housing seems to be working. Need to reach out to Jordan Valley.

Diana talked about their new Housing Plus project in Klamath Falls - New Construction to house 8 SMI individuals/couples to start in April, completed by September. Deb P. highly commended Diana for her work on pulling this together for their community.

Region #3 – no report

Region #4 - Hood River/Sherman/Wasco/Wheeler/Morrow/Umatilla - Corenne– They are working on their 10 year plan and getting support from The Dalles mayor. They are receiving better count data from agencies, 1000 higher than past. They are spending their HPRP funds.

Marci says the 10 year plan is on the back burner until after the homeless count is done. Homeless count in Umatilla Co. was good. Marci talked about a tri-plex owner who is willing to work with CAPECO. She was wondering if anyone else had a similar program. Ben suggested she e-mail Linn Co. (Cliff or Tonya) for a similar program. Rachael suggested contacting St. Vincent DePaul. Mary talked about the Tenant Readiness Program that OHCS has. Ann advised that Vicki Massey at OHCS runs the Tenant Readiness program.

Region #5 – Columbia/Clatsop/Tillamook/Yamhill - George Sabol, Jessica Maclay – They just did a project connect that went really well. Their point in time count was good.

Region #6 – Lincoln/Benton/Linn – Cindy advised that the education program to get homeless into housing is working well. Their Project Action training for advocates for the homeless is going well. There will be a “Project Homeless Connect” in Albany May 20th.

Individual Member/Program Update

Homeless programs updates

Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP)

Mary talked more about HPRP and how the numbers are looking good.

Housing Plus (HPLUS) – no report

Neighborhood Stabilization (NSP I & NSP II) – no report

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) – no report

Emergency Housing Account (EHA) – no report

State Housing Assistance Program (SHAP) – no report

Housing Stabilization Program (HSP) – no report

Veteran’s Administration programs (Grant & Per diem & VASH) – no report

Corrections:

Denise – talked about the large group (2700) of veterans returning in May. Current statistics show that 80% will show signs of PTSD. This will have an impact locally. Discussion about how to get money to Vets? How to assist homeless Vet’s, Housing, VA-what is the impact. Dan Rupe has projects in Douglas and Lincoln counties. Discussion about how local VA programs are working with other programs. Ben advised to contact National Guard Administration in White City. Oregon Veteran Administration is different than National Veterans Administration and that Federal and local agencies work differently.

Oregon Housing Opportunities in Partnership (OHOP) Program

Rachael talked more about the OHOP program. The program assists homeless who are HIV positive. They do receive some funding through the ROCC. Meds are provided with housing. Gives all around assistance (Housing and healthcare to prevent risky behavior).

Local Programs – Ben Atchley – Homeless Enrichment and Rehabilitation Team (HEART)

Ben talked about how the program has gotten off to a good start and spoke of the immediate success with one client in particular. Staffing is done every other week. The Salvation Army is offering to give 2 million dollars for a program in Albany. Linn County's current programs are working well, though a DETOX Center is needed in Albany. Salvation Army is granting this need.

Ann talked about the US Interagency on Housing and Homelessness holding listening sessions. Mary advised that Rick Crager will be attending one in Seattle. Send input to Ann or Mary as to what the Federal government could be doing differently to make the programs work together better.

The V-Con system requires we give a 2 week notice if you are going to be using your local V-Con site. Please make sure you contact your V-Con site by the 15th of every month and then contact Coleen Trogdon at Coleen.Trogdon@hcs.state.or.us to let her if you will, or will not be using the site.

Next meeting: March 24, 2010 9 – 11 a.m.