

**Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC)
Board of Director's meeting
April 28, 2010**

Members Present	
Ann Brown - OHCS	Jeff Puterbaugh - DHS
Ben Atchley – Capt. Albany Police Dept.	Jessica Maclay- Clatsop CCA
Bernadette Ray- Ken Trueman Recovery Center	Justina Fyfe – UCAN
Carla - MCHA	Kathleen Redman – YCAP
Carolynn Garza - YCAP	Kenny Lowe – Community Outreach
Chris Evans -OHDC	Kristina Hernandez - MCOA
Coleen Trogdon - OHCS	Laura Moore – ORCAA
Corene Stewart - MCCAC	Marci McMurphy – CAPECO
Debbie Roberts – OHCS	Matt Walker-L-BHA
Dona Laternman –OHCS	Michele Grimaldo – CinA
Erin Skaar-CAREINC	Patty Gouveia – ORCCA
Harold Hagglund – YCAP	Peggy Yarbor - CinA Burns
Hundley Bergstad – Project Action	Rachael Marble – OHOP
Jeff Hensley - CCNO	Sonja Hart - EOAF
Megan Smith - MCOA	Karen Chase - OHCS
Gwen Haigh – Harney County School Dist.	

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Housing Inventory Chart and Summary of Projects

Seek Information on the CoC website

http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/CRD_Continuum_of_Care.shtml

Website ideas – here is the link to the ROCC website:

Project Connect Events – Send to OHCS to have placed on website

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Review of Chapter 2 of the Rural Continuums of Care HUD document

Beginning with page 9

What we can do to be more in line with the suggestions in the document.

Point In Time count is a piece that helps give the overall story.

HMIS is a large information system.

Ann – Discussion on P.I.T. debrief that was held at OHCS on April 27, 2010.

Marci - Better numbers from various sources. Translates how funds are allocated - based upon P.I.T. counts. This information needs to get to newspapers, legislators and communities.

Corene – Consistency came up. Weak link between school numbers and agency's number. Need better communication and non duplicate numbers from school. Top down communication.

Training with school liaisons or superintendants. Kids are counted and sometimes not the adults.

Youth shelters and others are battling for dollars, shows impact with good numbers.

Messaging: Need faces and real stories to help show how agencies have helped individuals and families. Stories need to be shared with communities.

Networking – 1) New Partners a great sign 2) Political Influence – County Commissioners, Town Councils. Look for candidates prior to election on the 10 year plan. Either they know about it, or educate them.

Marci – Training on how to address political figures.

Ben – Put on agenda for person to person meeting in June.

Rachael – As ROCC we need to release press releases.

Patty – Not seeing active participation from influential people except when it comes to photos.

Harold – CAP Directors should make and develop relations with political influences.

June in-person meeting – Decided to hold June 23rd (4th Wednesday) from 9:00am – 2:00pm

Hold in-person meeting in Bend. Rachael Marble with OHOP will assist and set-up a conference room (possibly at DHS) to accommodate enough for up to 30 participants; seek 2-3 hotels with government rates and send links to Ann Brown.

OCHH Annual Homelessness conference debrief

Marci McMurphy – Better partner with schools to enrich service to homeless.

Patti Gouveia – ORCCA received a wealth of new information – who should be at the table. Bring the police chief into the group and discuss homeless issues with them as they will get arrested as soon as they setup tents they're given, etc.

Rachael Marble – Learning what else is out there. She is summarizing the conference and sending out to co-workers. Individual Development Accounts (IDA's) even without immigration papers, clients can set up an IDA. CASA of Oregon website provides information.

Chris Evans – Success story: Client worked with CASA and is now working towards becoming a truck driver to get out of poverty and has set up an IDA account.

Corenne Stewart – the networking was great – really nice to connect with other people who are focused on homelessness. Veterans session was really helpful. Their county VA office is not staffed.

Chris Evans said the session on the HEARTH Act was really good and informative and advised that comments can be made right now on the proposed new definition of homelessness.

Ann Brown – HEARTH Act comments due June 21, 2010. ROCC agreed to submit a written comment. Ann, Gwen, Michele, Chris and Rachael to have a phone meeting.

Ben Atchley – email Ann Brown by next week if you want to participate. Draft will be looked at during the May meeting. Anyone is welcome to submit comment.

Marci McMurphy – Messaging should be consistent from the ROCC.

Subcommittee Reports – HMIS, Training, Permanent Housing

HMIS

Sub Committee meeting with Corenne Stewart, Chris Evans, Marci McMurphy, Justina Fyfe.

Marci advised that they will meet with Lise Stuart – Lane County Human Services Commission, who is very knowledgeable about the OPUS system and teaches a regular OPUS class in her continuum. They will also meet with Robert Hunt – OHCS, to discuss the work he is doing on data quality reports for Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Shelter Plus Care (S+C). He is already doing data quality reports for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP).

Chris Evans – it was beneficial to hear more about what is going on with OPUS – seems that we're getting closer to getting more of what we want, or need.

Justina Fyfe – says there is a wealth of knowledge about HMIS that we need to get involved with.

Training – No comments

Permanent Housing – Ben, Ann and Karen Chase and anyone else who is interested, will hold a telephone conference. As we are coming up to the funding cycle again, we need to have more of an idea about where the need is. Send Ann an email if you are interested in participating.

Reports from Regions

Region 1 – Coos/Curry/Josephine/Douglas -Justina Fyfe with UCAN - too busy after the conference, etc.

Region 2 – Klamath/Lake/Harney/Malheur - Chris Evans with OHDC PIT count debrief was good, working on dispersing information about the Homeless conference.

Region 3 Baker/Union/Wallowa/Grant – nothing reported

Region 4 – Hood River/Wasco/Sherman/Gilliam/ Wheeler/Morrow/Umatilla - Marci McMurphy with CAPECO – same as Justina

Region 5 Columbia/Clatsop/Tillamook/Yamhill – Jessica with Community Action Team - same as Chris and interested in the HEARTH Act. Kathy Redman – Yamhill County just did their Community Connect – their AmeriCorps member coordinated it. Served over 400 people – gave free bus service.

Region 6 - Linn Benton – Albany – May 20th Project Connect, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Boys and Girls Club. The TOTO fund has been replenished with “Change to Change” drive.

June 4, 2010 there will be volunteers on the street corners to legally pan handle.

Volunteering bank will count the change and hopefully match funds.

Matt Walker- LBHA advised they currently have 9 participants in their SHP project.

Hundley Bergstad advised that Project Action has become an office for the HUD VASH program. He also talked about how a burned out building has been refurbished for PH.

Individual Member/Program Update

Homeless programs updates

Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP)

Housing Plus (HPLUS) – Karen spoke of Housing Plus

Neighborhood Stabilization (NSP I & NSP II) –

Karen Chase gave an overview of what is happening now with the NSP programs.

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)

Emergency Housing Account (EHA)

State Housing Assistance Program (SHAP)

Housing Stabilization Program (HSP)

Veteran’s Administration programs (Grant & Per diem & VASH)

Oregon Housing Opportunities in Partnership (OHOP) Program

Local Programs – Ben Atchley gave an update on the Adult Services Team

Continuing and Future Issues:

ROLS Project (OHCS) – Should money be split with YCAP, UCAN or RICC to bid out? Ben suggested to get in contact with Scott (HUD) prior to May meeting to see how grant can be used.

Next meeting is May 26, 2010 - Please remember to contact your V-Con coordinator site to confirm you will be attending.

ROCC Board of Directors as of 10/28/2009

1.	Oregon Housing Opportunities in Partnership- DHS	Victor Fox
2.	Corrections	Denise Sitler
3.	Oregon Housing and Community Services	Karen Clearwater Deb Price
4.	Oregon Food Bank	Vacant
5.	Addictions & Mental Health – DHS	Jeff Puterbaugh
6.	CAPO	Rocky Johnson
7.	Housing Authorities	Diana Otero
8.	Veteran's	Dan Rupe
9.	Education	Vacant
10.	Law Enforcement	Capt. Ben Atchley – Chair
11.	Employment	Vacant
12.	Fair Housing Council of Oregon	Vacant
13.	Homeless person or formerly Homeless person	Hundley Bergstad – Vice Chair
14.	Member at large	Corene Stewart
15.	Member at large	Julie Manning
Region #1	Coos/Curry/Josephine/Douglas	Justina Fyfe
Region #2	Klamath/Lake/Harney/Malheur	Chris Evans
Region #3	Baker/Union/Wallowa/Grant	Vacant
Region #4	Hood River/Wasco/Sherman/Gilliam/ Wheeler/Morrow/Umatilla	- Marci McMurphy
Region #5	Columbia/Clatsop/Tillamook/Yamhill	Martha Olmstead
Region #6	Lincoln/Benton/Linn	Cindy Pratt