

**Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC)
Monthly Board of Director's meeting
August 26, 2009**

Members Present:	
Dawn Persels - Corrections	Marci McMurphy – CAPECO
Bob More - ORCCA	Cindy Pratt - CSC
Scott Rich – HUD	Victor Fox – DHS/Public Health/HOPWA
Ann Brown - OHCS	Martha Olmstead - CAT
Corenne Stuart – MCCAC	Jeff Hensley - CCN
Jeff Putterbaugh – DHS/ AMH	George Sabol- Clatsop CAA
Yachi Iisako – PSU Intern	Jessica Maclay- Clatsop CAA
Kristin Chatfield – OSU Intern	James Hackett - LBHA
Dustin Havens – HAVCORP Industries	Irisha Niles-Flamez – Community Outreach
Bailey Mayfield – HAVCORP Industries	Sonja Hart – Eastern Oregon Alcoholism Foundation
Jeramie Brooks – HAVCORP Industries	Diana Otero- Klamath Housing Authority
Matt Walker – VISTA member - LBHA	Justina Fyfe - UCAN
Hundley Bergstad	

Corrections to July minutes: Peggy Yarbor: not with Harney County Senior Center- Community in Action for Harney & Malheur Counties.

Introductions: Introductions were made.

There was an issue with the audio lines for some participants to call in. Bernadette Ray from the Trueman Recovery Center, Dan Rupe from Veterans, Chris Evans from OHDC, Karen Clearwater and Deb Price from OHCS were not able to participate. We are working on this issue.

Approval of July 22 minutes: A formal vote was taken, Dawn motioned to approve, Bob 2nd the motion, motion passed. Bob advised that we do not need to have a formal approval of the minutes. We just need to ask if there are any corrections to the minutes, etc. Justina asked about the minutes from the August 6th special meeting. It was agreed that these minutes will be sent out at the same time with these minutes.

Committee Structure: By-laws will be approved at the October in-person meeting. It was approved to add the suggested sentence to the Key Tasks.

PSU Intern Yachi Iisako gave a presentation about the work she has been doing around Discharge Planning. The presentation was sent out with the Agenda, but if you need a copy contact Ann. Yachi gave a good overview of “What is Discharge Planning,” she defined what the problems are when discharging people from facilities and institutions and how it can lead to or continue homelessness. Yachi talked about the importance of Discharge Planning. She also gave information about HUD resources and advised that HUD was just finishing a guidebook for Balance of State Continuum’s. Yachi talked about what needs to be done in order to begin looking at a statewide policy or guideline and gave information about what other states are doing. Yachi’s internship will be ending the first week of September. Ann talked about how much information Yachi has gathered and what a good job she has done putting it together. Ann wished they could keep her for another 4 – 6 weeks. Thank you Yachi.

2009 HUD Supportive Housing Program (SHP) Application: Ann gave an update on the SHP application. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) has not been published yet. We are waiting.

In the meantime please be sure to review the e-mail Ann sent on 08/17/2009 about making sure your agency is current with a DUNS # and the CCR. Scott advised that there shouldn't be too much difference this year in the application. Ann will send out last years application forms for folks to start looking at and doing the basic work to be ready to submit their application once the NOFA is published. Ann cautioned people to make sure they had their APR's completed in order to submit it with their application. Ann also asked for those who have not completed their Housing Inventory Chart to please make sure that gets done.

Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress: Ann is working on the HMIS issues that will allow us to participate in the AHAR. There are concerns that even if we are able to participate this year, HUD may not accept it in the 2009 competition, which means we may not score very high on the SHP application. Ann advised that she has registered the Continuum and is waiting for further instructions. We may not need to use the Shelter data this year as we may have enough transitional housing data.

Individual Member/Program Update: We heard from a number of the participants about their organizations and what they are currently doing.

Victor Fox is the manager of the HIV Care and Treatment section of the DHS Public Health Division. Victor talked about the Oregon Housing Opportunities in Partnership (OHOP) program and the Federally funded HOPWA program. The program serves folks who are identified with HIV/AIDS, providing care and treatment and assisting with housing. They currently have 100 people on their waiting list for housing. They provide case management statewide and have housing counselors in Bend, Lane, Medford, and Albany.

They currently have two SHP contracts: 1 is through the Lane County Continuum and the other is through the ROCC. They served 120 people and their families last year.

Clarification was made that any SHP project sponsor who has a client who identifies themselves as a person living with HIV/AIDS can partner with the OHOP program, providing housing while OHOP provides the care and treatment.

Marci McMurphy gave an overview of Community Action Program East Central Oregon's (CAPECO). Marci talked about their efforts to start work on their local 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Scott Rich advised that Paul Carlson at the Federal Interagency Council on Homelessness <http://www.ich.gov/slocal/index.html> should be able to assist them.

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Ann suggested that we should invite Paul to come and speak at one of our ROCC meetings.

Bob also gave his agencies web site: <http://www.orcca.us/> as a resource to see what they have done for their 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Sonja Hart, Executive Director of the Eastern Oregon Alcoholism Foundation talked about their SHP project "Rusty's House." This is housing for females who are homeless, they come into the program and are in treatment for 30 days, then they enter Rusty's House, which is partially funded through an SHP grant. Some of the women are attempting to regain custody of their children. Rusty's house has been funded since 2001.

Dustin Havens from HAVCORP Industries spoke about their agency in Pendleton and the housing they are developing for the homeless. Bailey Mayfield and Jeramie Brooks were with Dustin, also representing HAVCORP Industries. www.havcorp.org

Dustin spoke about the difficulties they are having gaining support and the proper authorization from the City and County in their attempts to build the housing.

Scott Rich suggested that a subcommittee be set up to gather more information about these issues and put it into written documentation. Ann added that yes, these are the kinds of issues “barriers to building housing for the homeless” is something this group could work on gathering information and making recommendations to EHAC. Ann welcomed Diana Otero, Director of the Klamath Housing Authority as a member of the Steering Committee. Diana talked briefly about losing SHP funding, but also spoke about the difficulties she is facing in the community using the state funded Housing Plus funds to build housing for the mentally ill homeless individuals and families. Diana agreed to be on a subcommittee with the folks from HAVCORP to address “barriers to building housing for the homeless.”

Ann welcomed James Hackett from Linn-Benton Housing Authority as a new project sponsor. Ann and James talked briefly about the issue of the ROCC making a formal decision to change their project from Permanent Housing to Transitional Housing. Ann advised that hopefully those kinds of snafu’s will be caught during the application process this year. James advised that those applying for new projects might want to read the SHP Desk Guide before submitting the project.

It was agreed that we would continue hearing from other programs at the next meeting.

Homeless Programs Updates: Ann had sent out an up-date from Rainy Gauvain on the homeless programs she manages. Roberto Franco and Dona Lanterman were not able to make the meeting to give updates about Housing Plus and the Neighborhood Stabilization program.

Other issues: Bob asked for clarification from Scott about the start date for current SHP grants. Scott advised that the date Doug Carlson, Director of the Region X Community Planning and Development Division signs the grant document is the date the grant starts.

OPUS: OPUS is the statewide data collection system that is administrated by Oregon Housing and Community Services. HUD requires that all Continuum of Care programs be tracked in a Homelessness Management Information System. OPUS is Oregon’s Balance of State HMIS. Ann advised that she is putting together a presentation to give to the OPUS Admin/Program coordinators to give an update on the preparations for the new Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing program (HPRP). Ann will be contacting folks individually to get this set up in the next week or so.

Continuing and Future Issues:

OSU Intern – Kristin Chatfield - McKinney-Vento reauthorization

Advertising for nominations for Oct. board meeting.

Next meeting: September 23, 2009 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please remember to contact your V-Con site so you can participate in the meeting. This needs to be done every month.