

**Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC)
Monthly Board of Director's meeting
October 28, 2009**

Members Present:	Martha Olmstead - CAT
Donna Kinnaman - CAPECO	Cindy Pratt - CSC
Scott Rich – HUD	Corene Stewart - MCCAC
Ann Brown - OHCS	George Sabol – Clatsop CAA
Jeff Putterbaugh – DHS/ AMH	Jessica Maclay- Clatsop CAA
Kristin Chatfield – OSU Intern	Justina Fyfe - UCAN
Matt Walker – VISTA member - LBHA	June Forsyth-Kenagy – ChristWalk Hsg
Hundley Bergstad – Project Action	Stanley Brittain – ChristWalk Hsg
Ramona Mitchell - USDA	Bernadette Ray- Trueman Recovery Ctr
Dan Rupe – VA Admin.	Captain Ben Atchley –Albany Police Dept.
Rick Crager - OHCS	Barbara McNab - MCCAC
Lisa Joyce - OHCS	Ellen Harmon – Project Action
Doug Carlson – HUD	Erin Skar - CARE
James Hackett – LBHA	Mary Carrol - OHCS
Aneta Synan - OHCS	Roberto Franco - OHCS
Chris Evans - OHDC	Rainy Gauvain - OHCS

Introductions: Introductions were made around the room.

Rick Crager, Deputy Director Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) spoke about the states efforts in working towards reducing homelessness, the state depends on the local communities, and his job as a state official is to support the local communities. He recognizes that resources is a big part of this mission, and suggested that maybe changes can be made to the system that would be more efficient in working towards the goal of reducing homelessness. He talked about SB 200 that was passed in the 2009 legislative session, and talked about the Lottery backed programs such as Housing Plus. He advised that to date there have been 210 units created for the homeless with the Housing Plus funds and some of those are outside the Portland metro area. This supports the states mission to create permanent housing solutions, however there no new funds allotted to this effort in the 2009 legislative session. The legislature wants to see a comprehensive evaluation of these units, and has the state done a good job in measuring performance. Rick also talked about the Document Recording fees beginning on January 1, 2010. He talked about the various forums around the state OHCS has conducted and as a result we will be working with the Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO) to restructure the Emergency Housing Account (EHA) funds saying “We want to move in the direction of permanent housing – not just buying someone a night of shelter.” Rick advised that the state is pushing for a housing first model. In response to Bob More stating that it’s cheaper to prevent homelessness, Rick advised that prevention is a priority under SB200.

Rick also mentioned the Project Connects that he has attended around the state and made the point that these services are needed outside of the Portland area.

Rick mentioned the Ten Year Planning Training that will be held November 19th and 20th in Corvallis and invited people to participate.

Doug Carlson, Director of the Community Planning and Development HUD office in Portland said “thank you” to the partners for the work they do, saying it is “tremendous and valuable work.” He also thanked Scott Rich for his work with the Rural Oregon Continuum of Care. Doug advised that there will be regulatory changes next year. He talked about how the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) funds are critical, but are one time funds. He talked about the new commitment from HUD Secretary Donovan. Doug talked about the need to be more collaborative at the federal

level and more commitment to the Ten Year Planning and mentioned the new Secretary of the US Interagency Council on Homelessness. He said one of his goals was to help maximize the federal funds coming into the state and talked about how the process for applying for federal funds will be different next year. Doug went on to talk about the HEARTH Act, which is the reauthorization of the McKinney-Vento (MV) funds and HUD will likely take 18 months to develop the regulations, which will change the way MV will be funded in the future. He talked about the expansion of resources into prevention, and the importance of the HPRP funds. He talked about how the President will require that federal programs show productivity and if we can make the case that prevention is working, then it could increase funding. He talked about the Emergency Shelter grant changing to become the Emergency Solutions grant and it will be modeled after the HPRP process. The HEARTH Act will expand the definition of homelessness and chronic homelessness. There was some discussion about other elements of the HEARTH Act and Doug that advised that he has funds available for some Technical Assistance for capacity building, and asked that the partners let him know what they need.

A slide show by photographer Ken Light was shown depicting a comparison with Dorothea Lange's work during the depression in the 20's with the current economic situation. The link to that slide show is: <http://www.newsweek.com/id/209793>

Dan Rupe, U.S. Veterans Administration gave a good overview and some history of the Veteran's administration's work over the years. He advised they have vouchers available, but have not filled the social worker positions. Dan talked about the new CARE Study being done on all the VA facilities nationwide. He said Health Care for homeless vet's has become much better and that the VA now has a 5 year plan to end homelessness. Dan gave information about a new program with Sponsor's Inc. in Lane County that is working with vet's coming out of prison.

There were some questions about the number of Vet's we see on the annual Point In Time counts. Dan talked about the brochure he created, which gives information about who to contact in every county in Oregon. (this will be sent with these minutes.)

Hundley Bergstad talked about his experiences with homelessness. He has been in housing for 1 month now. He talked about the brushes with local police and meeting local officials who did not know he was homeless. He answered some questions from the group about what he experienced in accessing services, food, etc.

Donna Kinnaman, Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO) gave an overview of the Project Connect that Marci McMruphy spearheaded in their region on Sat. Oct. 24, 2009. She said they served 200 homeless people and gave some moving accounts of people she talked with about their experiences with homelessness.

Aneta Synan, OHCS gave an update on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). She talked about the different aspects of the program, and gave brief overviews of the intent and direction of the Program and target areas for funding.

Roberto Franco gave more information about the Oregon Forum on Ending Homelessness that will be held at the LaSells Stewart Center in Corvallis on November 19th and 20th. If you wish to attend, please fill out and send in the attached registration. For more information here is the link to the OHCS website: <http://www.ehac.oregon.gov/>

Rainy Gauvain gave a brief overview of the HPRP, ESG and EHA programs.

Ben Atchley, Captain at the Albany Police Dept. and, also a member of the Homeless Enrichment And Rehabilitation Team (HEART) gave a presentation on the program they are setting up to assist

homeless individuals and families. They are approaching it as a team of providers in the area. Each client will meet with the team for assessments and determinations will be made as to what services and/or housing are needed. This information will be available on the Continuum of Care web site soon.

After the lunch break, a video from the New York Times about Homeless Youth in Medford, Oregon. The link to that video is: <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/26/us/26runaway.html>

Adoption of By-Laws: The ROCC membership is formally asking to have a board member the EHAC.

Discussion ensued about what connection the statewide committee has with the local continua. Kristin and Scott suggested that everyone read the Rural Continuum of Care Guidebook.

<http://www.hudhre.info/documents/RuralCoCGuidebook.pdf>

We would like to have folks read through this and come prepared for a discussion at the December 2, 2009 meeting.

The membership went through the by-laws and did some editing. James Hackett motioned to adopt the by-laws as amended.

Dan Rupe seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously with amendments.

Election of Board Members: Bob clarified that this would be the seating of new board members and opened the floor for nominations of any vacant or at large positions.

James Hackett nominated Julie Manning as a member at large for Health Care.

Donna Kinnaman nominated Corenne Stewart as a member at large.

Region 1 – Justina Fyfe nominated

Region 2 – Chris Evans nominated

Region 3 – no one represented

Region 4 - Marci McMurphy nominated

Region 5 – Martha Olmstead nominated

Region 6 – Cindy Pratt nominated

OHOP – Victor Fox

Corrections – Dawn Persels

OHCS – Deb Price/ Karen Clearwater

Oregon Food Bank -

Addictions and Mental Health – Jeff Putterbaugh

CAPO – Rocky Johnson

Housing Authorities – Diana Otero

VA – Dan Rupe

Education –

Employment –

Law Enforcement – Capt. Ben Atchley

Fair Housing Council –

Homeless/Formerly Homeless – Hundley Bergstad

Ben Atchley moved to adopt the roster as nominated

Donna Kinnaman seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

Officer Elections: Ann Brown nominated Capt. Ben Atchley as Chair.
James Hackett seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair: Cindy Pratt nominated Dan Rupe.
Corenne Stewart seconded.
Donna Kinnaman corrected that the by-laws state we must have one from the non-profit sector and one from public sector.

Dan Rupe withdrew his nomination by claim.
Justina Fyfe motioned to accept his with drawl.
Cindy Pratt seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Pratt nominated Hundley Bergstad.
Dan Rupe seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

2009 HUD Supportive Housing Program (SHP) Application: Ann gave an update on the SHP application. The deadline has been extended to November 25, 2009. Ann showed some areas of Exhibit 1 that needed to be addressed by the membership. The following committees were developed:

HMIS Committee –

This committee will look at data collection issues and work to improve participation in HMIS.

Martha Olmstead
Corenne Stewart
Marci McMurphy
Justina Fyfe

Permanent Housing Performance Committee

This committee will work to find ways to increase performance in moving homeless individuals into PH.

James Hackett
Bob More

Training Committee:

This committee will focus on what the training needs in the rural areas are, such as HMIS training, case management training. They will identify and publicize available training and work with local agencies in the local continua to make sure people are getting trained.

Justina Fyfe

Ann advised that the SHP renewal projects have been scored by the evaluation sub-committee, but the new projects need some clarification before the reviews can be completed.

Ben Atchley made a motion to accept the evaluation sub-committee's recommendations on the renewal projects.

Dan Rupe seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

2010 Strategic Planning for the SHP grant application: Ann showed the membership a section of Exhibit 1, where we need to do some strategic planning and set some goals. She will develop some language and send out to the membership.

Continuing and Future Issues:

Kristin Chatfield – Statewide Memorial for the Homeless in December
McKinney-Vento reauthorization.

Next meeting: December 2, 2009 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We will try to schedule the V-Con system.