

**Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC)
Board of Director's meeting
December 2, 2009**

Members Present:	
Ann Brown - OHCS	Karen Clearwater – OHCS
Kristin Chatfield – OSU Intern	Deb Price - OHCS
Matt Walker – VISTA member - LBHA	Bob More - ORCCA
Dan Rupe – VA Admin.	Sonja Hart – Eastern Oregon Alcoholism Foundation
Chris Evans - OHDC	Siniva Bennett – US Census Bureau
Justina Fyfe - UCAN	Jeff Hensley - CCN
Captain Ben Atchley –Albany Police Dept	Scott Rich - HUD
Martha Olmstead - CAT	Dawn Persels - DOC
Annick Benson - HOPWA	Corenne Stewart - MCCAC
Jessica Maclay – CAT - Clatsop	Marci McMurphy - CAPECO
Hundley Bergstad – Project Action	Kathy Redman - YCAP
Loni Debban – Malheur Council on Aging & Community Services	
Irisha Niles-Flamez – Community Outreach	

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bernadette Ray from the Trueman Recovery Center was not able to gain access to the meeting via telephone line. There is no V-Con system in Newport.

REVIEW of the TEN YEAR PLANNING TRAINING held on 11/19-20/09:

Loni Debban from the Malheur Council on Aging & Community Services was glad to hear from other people around the state who are working on this issue.

Kristin Chatfield talked about the importance of the Point in Time count and the housing data needing to work together.

Ben Atchley talked about how in the next 2 – 3 years, all the local continuums in the ROCC should be moving in the direction of having a 10 Year Plan in place and asked for comments on how the ROCC could encourage that to happen.

Discussion

Loni said she learned a lot of great ideas, but is struggling to figure out how to make it work.

Jessica MaClay said they were having similar issues. They are planning a Project Connect in Clatsop County.

Ann Brown clarified that the HUD Point in Time Count is different from the US Census Bureau Count. HUD requires the count be done the last 10 days of January, and the US Census Bureau is mandated to do the count the last 3 days of March – they cannot just take our counts and use the data.

Scott talked about the 2nd day of the training that was held in conjunction with the 10 Year Planning Training. He said he was glad to see so many from the Housing Development side.

STATEWIDE MEMORIAL for the HOMELESS:

Kristin talked about December 21st being the National Memorial for homeless individuals who have died while living on the streets. Ben advised that they are going to be doing a memorial in Albany and offered to send out the information to everyone about the event. Some discussion about asking churches to ring their bells. Folks were interested in bringing this issue back to the table next year, so that events could be planned for Dec. 21, 2010.

SHP GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW:

Ann talked about the sub committee's that were set up and the goals that were agreed to in the Continuum of Care SHP application that was just filed. Ann advised that James Hackett and Bob More had agreed to sit on the Permanent Housing Performance sub committee. Karen Clearwater and Deb Price both agreed to participate also. We will also ask Roberto Franco to talk about lessons learned with the state PH funds – Housing Plus. Ann advised that there are two pieces to this work:

- 1) developing more permanent housing for the homeless and 2) moving people to PH and keeping them there 6 months and longer.

Justina will work on getting together the training committee. Martha, Corenne and Marci all agreed to work on this sub committee. Discussion around training, it was suggested that a training calendar be developed. There could be training on the Point in Time Count, HMIS, Case Management, APR's, ESNAPS.

Ben asked that people take the lead and work in these subcommittee's and report back by February. Ann clarified that the HMIS and the Training sub committee could function as one group, but there is a desire to have a separate HMIS subcommittee to look at issues such as reports generated out of OPUS, data tracking and verification.

Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)

Ann reminded provider agencies to complete the data verification reports and return them to Jim Holman as quickly as possible. The deadline to participate in the AHAR is December 15, 2009.

REGION REPORTS:

Region 1 - Coos/Curry/Josephine/Douglas: Justina reported that in Douglas and Josephine County they are holding meetings for the Point in Time Count, Ten Year Planning Work is on-going and they are developing some manuals.

Bob reported that in Coos/Curry they are also preparing for the Point in Time Count. Bob advised that the old hotel was just re-opened through the Umpqua CDC. ORCCA partnered with this project to provide move-in costs.

Region 2 - Klamath/Lake/Harney/Malheur: Chris Evans advised that they would be working with Loni at the Malheur Council on Aging to prepare for the Point in Time Count. Deb Price reported that she and Diana Otero and Donna Bowman spent some time with the Klamath County Commissioners. Klamath Housing Authority has been funded with some Dept. of Corrections funds and a Housing Plus project.

Region 3 - Baker/Union/Wallowa/Grant: Jeff Hensley advised they are using the stimulus funds – Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) funds. They are going through some HPRP training this month with Rainy Gauvain and Mary Carol from OHCS. They are also gearing up for the Point in Time Count. Ben asked Jeff if he would like to be the representative from region 3 and Jeff agreed to do so.

Region 4 - Hood River/Wasco/Sherman/Gilliam/ Wheeler/Morrow/Umatilla: Marci McMurphy talked about the success they had at their Project Connect. There was so much enthusiasm to do it again next year that they have already set the date for 2010. They are also gearing up for the Point in Time count. Marci said the Ten Year Planning Training in Corvallis was very helpful. She advised that they are also scheduled to receive the HPRP training later in the month.

Corenne reported that in Hood River/Wasco area they would also be receiving HPRP training and they are already spending the funds. She advised that her agency director, Jim Slusher has been

working on the Ten Year Plan and that The Dalles Mayor is very sensitive to poverty and homeless issues. They are also looking at other ways to do a more comprehensive Point in Time Count.

Region 5 - Columbia/Clatsop/Tillamook/Yamhill: Jessica MaClay filled in for Martha and talked about what they are doing in Clatsop County. She advised that they are going to be doing a Project Connect in conjunction with their Point in Time count. Kathy Redman said in Yamhill County they are gearing up for their Point in Time Count and will be doing a Project Connect in the Spring. She advised that they had just gone through the HPRP training.

Region 6 Lincoln/Benton/Linn: Irisha advised that her agency (Community Outreach) is working with Linn Benton Housing Authority to place homeless individuals and families into the PH that LBHA is providing. Ben advised that the cold weather coalition is working with an apartment complex that had a fire, they want to turn it into a Housing First complex for 15 people. Ben advised that there will be a SOAR training in January through Love INC: www.lovelinn.org.

Veterans:

Dan Rupe gave an update on the Veteran's programs. New focus to end Homelessness among Veterans in Five Years.

Oregon Housing Opportunities in Partnership/HOPWA:

Annick Bensen gave an overview of the Oregon Housing Opportunities in Partnership/HOPWA program. She advised they have 120 households in 31 counties, their 3 SHP households are full. She advised that yesterday (Dec. 1) was World Aids Day. She said that every 9 ½ seconds, someone is infected with HIV. Homelessness and unstable housing increases the risk of infection. She advised that if folks are able to participate in regular medical services it reduces the spread of HIV. She said they have a wait list of about 80, or so around the state for housing and they would like to partner with other programs around the state.

Homeless Enrichment And Rehabilitation Team (HEART):

Ben talked about how they have been working with the various agencies to get the Memo of Understandings signed in order to move forward with their multi-agency case management. They already have 4 clients identified. He talked about how people get stuck in the shelter system because they don't know how to access services. Ben says the HEART is hopeful that this multi-agency case management will help mentor people through the system to get them into housing.

Dept. of Corrections:

Dawn talked about the possible impact if Measures 66 & 67 fail. Failure will mean a 10% reduction, which translates into closure of 3 prisons, release of 1600 inmates, and staff would be let go. If Community Corrections also has to take a 10% reduction, there would be further impacts in the local communities.

Next meeting is January 27, 2010 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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