

**Rural Oregon Continuum of Care  
January 26, 2011**

<b>Meeting Attendance</b>	
Ann Brown, OHCS	Justina Fyfe, UCAN
Ben Atchley, Homeless Advocate	Pattie Sanden, Coos Hmls Schl Liasion
Lee Pate, Trueman Center	Marci McMurphy, CAPECO
Cindy Pratt, CSC	Patty Gouveia, ORCCA
Hundley Bergstad, Homeless Advocate	Joann Zimmer, Homeless advocate
George Sabol, CCA	Coleen Trogdon, OHCS
Peggy Yarbor, CinA	Jeff Hensley - CCNO
Gwen Haigh, Harney Hmls Schl Liasion	Annette Klienfleter, Curry County
Lynn Adams, OHCS	Mary Carroll, OHCS
Bob More, Homeless Advocate	Bill Marick, Oregon Trail Youth Project
Fern Johnson, Next Door Inc, Oregon Trail Youth Project	Allison Pate, Director, Wings Project
Cory Hoover, VA	Kristina Hernandez, MCOAS
Anna Benson, LBHA	Kenny Lowe, Community Outreach
Corenne Stewart, MCCAC	

**Introductions and Announcements:**

Salem meetings are being held in room 137D now at the main DHS office at 500 Summer Street.

**Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR):**

Ann gave an update about the submission to the AHAR. The AHAR highlights how much work we need to do to get data into the HMIS system. Federal funding is becoming dependent on the quality of our data. The funding is becoming focused on a systems wide approach, not individual projects. Discussion about the importance of HMIS. Rural areas have problems with having staff to do data input. 211 was discussed as being important to the discussion of integrating programs and what opportunities there might be for using 211 for initial intakes. Are their other partners that would be important to this process, such as RSVP groups. Local community leaders will be important to making these changes. Suggestion to use TANEF clients through DHS as they are required to work 32 hours a week. It was decided that this type of discussion will need to happen in the HMIS sub-committee meetings.

Discussion about system changes – how do we begin those discussions, should they be held in a committee? Discussion about VA coming into HMIS.

**HMIS Sub Committee:**

There has not been an HMIS sub committee meeting because we are waiting to hear about the Tech. Assistance. Ann advised that Louise Rothschild from Abt Associates had contacted quite a few people around the state in regards to OPUS. Louise is getting ready to submit a report.

Ann advised that the Point in Time Count was being completed around the state, as we spoke. The ServicePoint training will begin next week to enter the Point in Time Count data.

**Committees:**

ROCC Training sub committee: Nothing to report.

SOAR Peer training committee report: Lynn Adams with the CSBG program asked for some sort of a proposal from the ROCC to ask for CSBG funds to fund the SOAR Peer Group. Mary Carroll said she would help the ROCC write that proposal.

Mary also advised that there is someone from each continuum to participate in the statewide SOAR meeting. Ann asked for the 3 agencies that have SOAR trained people to contact her to get the meeting going. Those 3 agencies are UCAN, KLCAS and ORCCA.

Permanent Housing sub-committee:

Ben reported that the group is working on the statewide map to show how many beds are available within the ROCC. This will be used to determine the need during the next CoC application funding cycle.

Policies and Procedures sub-committee:

Ben reported that they are working on updating the by-laws so we can submit them at the June in-person meeting.

**Report from EHAC:**

Marci McMurphy was not able to attend the last EHAC meeting, so Mary Carroll gave an update. Heather Lyons has been hired by EHAC to work with those communities who do not already have a Ten Year Plan in place. Mary also reported that EHAC is going to be co-sponsoring the Oregon Housing and Community Services Poverty Conference for 2011. In 2012,

EHAC will be sponsoring a smaller conference and then in 2013 they will co-sponsor a joint conference with Washington State. The 2013 conference will take place in Portland.

### **Reports:**

#### Region 1: Coos/Curry/Josephine/Douglas

- ORCCA – Point in Time Count will be tomorrow.
- UCAN - Held their Point in Time Count yesterday. There seems to be some variances this year on where the homeless are.
- Short discussion about giving out Point in Time Count #'s to the media. Ann advised that we want to wait until we have all agreed statewide what the #'s are before we release them to the media in order to have a consistent message. Marci suggested that communities could give a preliminary message to the local press and advise that the official message will be out statewide soon.

#### Region 2: Klamath/Lake/Harney/Malheur

- Kris Hernandez, MCOAS - said they were working on their Point in Time Count.

#### Region 3: Baker/Union/Wallowa/Grant

- Jeff Hensley, CCNO - reported they have many deadlines right now with the state and federal work plans, the Point in Time Count, etc.

#### Region 4: Hood River/Wasco/Sherman/Gilliam/

Wheeler/Morrow/Umatilla

- Marci McMurphy, CAPECO – Recipient of the Hardest Hit funds for mortgage assistance. 157 applications, 66 households did not qualify. They are working on their Point in Time Count.
- Corenne Stewart, MCCAC – Working on their Point in Time Count. They have great participation this year from community partners. Interested in the new Veterans grant and partnering with local veterans.

#### Region 5: Columbia/Clatsop/Tillamook/Yamhill

- George Sabol, CCA – “Jess Mclay was speaking, as of now,” on the radio about their Project Homeless Connect which is January 27, 2011 in Seaside at the Seaside Convention Center. They also have front page coverage. They have more community partners this year. They are also interested in the Veterans grant. They are working on their Point in Time Count in conjunction with their Project Homeless Connect.

#### Region 6: Lincoln/Benton/Linn

- Cindy Pratt, CSC – They are working on “Partners Place,” which will have 8 units for the Chronically Homeless. They expect it to be completed in June using the Housing First model. Over 1 million was collected in funding for the project. They are preparing for their 6<sup>th</sup> Homeless Project Connect in Linn and Benton counties. They also have their Adult Services Team set up in Benton County and working well. United Way is paying to have the 211 system in Linn/Benton and Lincoln Counties.
- Ben Atchley, ROCC Chair – just finished working on a \$250,000.00 grant with Mental Health and the Justice system in Linn County. 94% of homeless people who have committed a crime are mentally ill. This grant is to have a Crisis Resolution Team for those folks who end up in the Justice system.
- Lee Pate, Ken Trueman Recovery Center, Lincoln County – They are working on the Point in Time Count. They also have 211 in Lincoln County now.

Discussion about Mental Health and the importance of their participation in the ROCC. Annette Klienfelter said she is also working on a Mental Health Court process in Curry County.

More discussion about the Point in Time Count.

Discussion about the local communities working with their local school liaisons. Umatilla, Clatsop, Douglas, Linn Lincoln, Harney County, Coos County are all working with their local school liaisons. The CoC projects are now required to have this partnership and report on it in their grant applications. The statewide Point in Time Count committee will also be addressing the partnerships with the School Districts for future Point in Time Counts.

Mary Carroll, OHCS - talked about the Veterans Supportive Services for Families (SSVF). She advised that there are 50 million in grant funds available nationwide and the deadline is March 11<sup>th</sup>. VA contracted with the Corporation for Supportive Housing to provide training on this grant application, which she attended. Mary advised that this grant is a good transition for Veterans for those agencies that had HPRP programs. She will be putting together a Webinar for those interested in applying.

Please remember to RSVP for your VCON site prior to the meeting in order for Coleen to have it set up.

\*\*Next meeting February 23, 2011 from 9:00 – 11:00 am\*\*