

**Rural Oregon Continuum of Care
February 23, 2011**

Meeting Attendance	
Alyssa Cudmore, Fair Housing Council	George Sabol, CCA
Ann Brown, OHCS	Joann Zimmer, Jackson Street Youth Shelter
Anna Benson, Linn-Benton Housing Authority	Justina Fyfe, UCAN
Annette Klinefelter, Curry County	Laura Moore, ORCAA
Ben Atchley	Lee Pate, Trueman Center
Carrie Tribbe, Linn-Benton Housing Authority	Marci McMurphy, CAPECO
Cindy Pratt, CSC	Marisha Johnson, AMH
Corenne Stewart, MCACC	Rachael Marble, OHOP
Cory Hoover, VA	Sonja Hart, EOAF
Denise Sitler, DOC	Steve Sanden, Bay Area First Step
Erin Skaar, CARE	

Introductions and Announcements:

- A moment of silence was observed in honor and memory of Jessica McClay. Our thoughts are with her family and the staff at Clatsop Community Action.

Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR):

- Currently are only able to report on transitional housing for families, but need to be able to report on all categories.
- We are hurting by not getting the needed data
- Discussion on bringing new HMIS users on – it is a struggle to get programs that don't receive HUD funding to use HMIS
- The concerns expressed highlight the issues with the current HMIS system.

HMIS Sub Committee:

- Using the Portland Housing Bureau's HMIS system (Service Point) to enter Point in Time Count data – seems to be going fairly smooth – people report that Service Point is easy to navigate
- Ann spoke to Abt Associates who evaluated our current HMIS system per our request to HUD for technical assistance
 - the report should come tomorrow (02/24/2011)
 - they will be recommending that we look at vendors and will send a short list of vendors used by other states.

- HMIS subcommittee will begin meeting weekly
- A system demonstration of Service Point would be helpful
- EHAC is aware of the problems with HMIS
 - It was suggested that perhaps EHAC could request funding from the Legislature to purchase an HMIS system
- Ann stated that looking at Service Point further may be an option.

Committees:

SOAR Peer Training Committee

- Not established yet
- Ann requested that all SOAR trained staff contact her

Permanent Housing sub-committee:

- The map will be updated
 - Ben asked if it would be possible to layer the map with statewide information and not just ROCC
- Discussed need to develop and implement performance measures
 - Joann will look at the logic model that is completed each year to see if this would be helpful

Policies and Procedures sub-committee:

- Looking into developing internship opportunities with ROCC
 - Intern(s) would work on targeted projects
 - Joann is working toward having an intern from PSU spring term
 - OHCS will provide a cubicle and computer for intern's use
 - Joann is working on a position description – Ann will send it out when it is completed
- Discussed forming an Executive Committee
- Have been discussing the current regions – are they working? Should they be redistributed?
- Discussed the need for a greater voice on EHAC – will have a back-up in case Marci is unable to attend.

Report from EHAC:

- Marci reports that ROCC is given equal representation at EHAC
- EHAC and OHCS have contracted with The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) to provide technical assistance to the counties that do not have a 10-year plan. Heather Lyons will be providing the TA. The counties that will receive TA are:
 - Baker County
 - Clatsop County

- Columbia County
- Gilliam County
- Grant County
- Harney County
- Hood River County
- Klamath County
- Lake County
- Malheur County
- Morrow County
- Sherman County
- Tillamook County
- Umatilla County
- Union County
- Wallowa County
- Wasco County
- Wheeler County

- Marci will give Heather contact information for the ROCC representatives in the above counties so they are included in the 10-year plan process.
- Ann stated that the hope is that a ROCC intern would be able to assist Heather in the above process.
- Marci will be included in the Policy & Procedures Subcommittee

Region Reports:

Region 1: Coos/Curry/Josephine/Douglas

- Working on Point in Time info
- Working on SSVF grant

Region 2: Klamath/Lake/Harney/Malheur

- No report

Region 3: Baker/Union/Wallowa/Grant

- No report

Region 4: Hood River/Wasco/Sherman/Gilliam/Wheeler/Morrow/Umatilla

- Umatilla has an affordable housing shortage which makes it difficult to move folks from transitional housing to permanent housing
- Landlords are not willing to accept folks with addiction issues, felonies, and/or poor credit
- Ready to Rent programs are available through CAPCO, but do not seem to have much impact with local landlords
- Ann will send out information regarding the landlord guarantee program
- Ben requested that Alyssa provide ROCC with information regarding Multnomah County's success with the Rent Well program, sample contracts, etc.

Region 5: Columbia/Clatsop/Tillamook/Yamhill

- Project Homeless Connect took place January 27, 2011 in Seaside at the Seaside convention Center; About 300 people attended and it was a great success

Region 6: Lincoln/Benton/Linn

- Point in Time count data is almost done.
- The Adult Services Team had its first staffing
- Having problems accessing permanent housing for folks leaving transitional housing
- Lincoln City is having a Project Homeless Connect
- Trueman Center provides a Ready to Rent program

Miscellaneous:

- Discussion regarding using Go To Meeting for future meetings. A consensus was reached that ROCC would like to try that for the next meeting and see if it works better than VCON. Ann will send out the Go To Meeting invitation. **Please contact your VCON site to cancel for next month's meeting.**
- The 23rd Annual Oregon Coalition on Housing and Homelessness Conference is April 27-29, 2011 in Hood River. They have a great line-up this year and CEUs for Addiction Counselors and Social Workers will be available. Scholarship requests and award nominations are still being accepted. For more information go to www.ochh.org.
- Cory Hoover will send Ann information to disseminate to ROCC regarding at Source Sought notice for services to homeless vets issued by the VA.
- We will determine the location of the June in-person meeting at next month's meeting.

****Next Meeting will be a Go To Meeting – March 23, 2011 from 9:00 to 11:00****