

**Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC)
Board of Director's meeting
March 24, 2010**

Members Present:	Kris Hernandez - MCOA
Ann Brown - OHCS	Laura Moore - ORCAA
Ben Atchley – Capt. Albany Police Dept.	Marci McMurphy – CAPECO
Carolynn Garza - YCAP	Matt Walker-LBHA
Chris Evans -OHDC	Megan Smith - MCOA
Cindy Pratt - CSC	Michele Grimaldo – Community in Action
Coleen Trogdon - OHCS	Rachael Marble - OHOP
Corenne Stuart - MCCAC	Scott Rich - HUD
Dan Rupe - VA	Vicki Massey - OHCS
Debbie Roberts – OHCS	
Denise Sitler - DOC	
Erin Skaar-CARE INC	
Jessica Maclay – Clatsop CAA	
Justina Fyfe - UCAN	

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

EHAC (Ending Homelessness Advisory Council) Representation

ROCC had asked OHCS for representation on EHAC. Marci McMurphy agreed to be the representative for ROCC. Justina Fyfe motioned, Dan Rupe second the motion. Voting members present: Ben Atchley, Dan Rupe, Corenne Stuart, Marci McMurphy and Cindy Pratt. Motion passed. Marci thanked everyone for giving her the opportunity to serve on EHAC.

Housing Inventory Chart and Summary of Projects

Ann Brown indicated some of the agencies are missing required information for May within the Housing Inventory Chart. These charts were to be updated the same time as PIT counts. Actual people are to be recorded in the PIT column of the chart. Submit information as soon as possible.

Ann Brown explained how to review and compare Summary of Project Charts with the Housing Inventory Chart. Both charts are on the OHCS ROCC website. Any discrepancies found please contact Debbie Roberts at 503-986-2101 with corrections. As 2010 is updated, the charts will be updated and placed on ROCC website.

Website ideas – here is the link to the ROCC website:

http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/CRD_Continuum_of_Care.shtml

Use website as interactive tool: Upcoming OCHH conference, Homeless Connect, Homeless Memorial, events, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, etc. Keep ROCC members connected.

Review of Chapter 2 of the Rural Continuums of Care HUD Guidebook

Ben Atchley opened with Chapter 2 Intro / Overview. The Guidebook can be found on the HUDHRE website at: <http://www.hudhre.info/documents/RuralCoCGuidebook.pdf>, or on the OHCS ROCC web site.

Discussion of utilizing the media and ways to tap in to get additional exposure of success stories within the communities that the agencies provide. The suggestion was made for participants to use RSVP for a list of resources. Justina Fyfe, Marci McMurphy, Cindy Pratt, Dan Rupe have experienced good responses and great success. Ben Atchley suggested to Google “Project Homeless Connect” to review the services that are provided by agencies (SS, Housing and DMV information and applications, food, glasses, haircuts). It was suggested by Ben to view other sites for ideas for your Homeless Connect upcoming event. Jessica Maclay indicated Lincoln County has a manual for this function. Jessica will get permission from Lincoln Co. to place on website. Rachael Marble recommended the following website for Oregon and later a Federal site <http://projectconnectco.org/> - is Central Oregon Project Connect.

<http://www.ich.gov/slocal/NationalProjectHomelessConnectPromo.html> - a Federal site that has tools.

Ben indicated that we need more success / recovery stories from previously homeless individuals / families tell the story of homelessness.

Public Awareness and Education – Ben indicated the success was to locate the “right person, Community Champs” to lobby for homelessness. Examples were Albany Mayor Sharon Konopa, and Lincoln County Commissioner, Bill Hall.

Ann Brown questioned the participants on “how to promote us better as a ROCC group?” and the “direction we as a group need to go in”. Ben suggested participants visit other community functions, look for ideas, information and interaction to develop a better program.

Ben – The next meeting, group to resume discussion continuing on page 9.

Subcommittee Reports – HMIS, Training, Permanent Housing

Ann Brown explained some of the changes coming from HUD with the HEARTH Act, or the McKinney-Vento reauthorization.

Michele Grimaldo asked who was involved with HMIS committee. Marci, Justina, Corene and Martha need additional help if anyone is interested.

Ben – Permanent Housing - Need to tap into resources with other communities who have PH to bring into other communities.

Ann and Ben – Permanent Housing Committee Members are or will be retiring. Bob More recently retired and James Hackett will retire this year. As this was a goal in our SHP grant, we need to figure out how to work on these issues.

Ann – OHCS is no longer going to be the grantee on the ROLS project. The grant is \$80,000 one third goes to UCAN and the rest to YCAP until decision can be made where additional monies can go. Ben would like this to be a topic on next month’s agenda.

Ann – We could consider putting the ROLS project out to bid as an option.

Ben - Hold an in person meeting in June (1/2 day) Plan on June 23rd. Suggested topics might be structure of ROCC, stay as we are, track funds and projects? Michele Grimaldo suggested meeting in Ontario, Ben suggested Bend as it is a central location and asked Ann to find a location in Bend to hold the June in-person meeting.

Scott mentioned that April – May the renewal SHP grant contracts will be ready. This may push out the start date this year to begin in August.

Reports from Regions

Region 1 – Justina Fyfe with UCAN indicated the Confidence Clinic for women of domestic violence to assist in becoming self sufficient is now offering classes to men: a very successful program. Justina Fyfe will email curriculum information.

Region 2 – Chris Evans with OHDC will begin enrolling families.

Region 4 – Marci McMurphy with CAPECO is working with medical clinics.

Region 6 - Linn Benton – Ben invited all to attend the Boys and Girls Club Connect on May 20th. Ben is leaving at the end of March for Africa. HEART has 12 agencies on board – Meet monthly – Encouraging people, doing good jobs. Collaborate with Social Security, Housing, Probation, DHS, local shelters, medical and Mental Health Staffing two times per month providing assistance to fill out four page form with demographics and to create action plan. Have advocates to train / lead in each specialized field. Meet with advocates one time per week. Get with Ann to place on website. Salvation Army is donating 2 million dollars and will provide a Detox facility in Linn Benton county. – Sponsor Homeless Memorial – TOTO fund gives service to get stranded individuals home, if it is gas for their car or a bus ticket across the USA.

OHCS – Vicki Massey gave information on the Rent Guarantee Program offered to agencies for the Tenant Readiness class. Additional funding is available. Currently have six agencies who are participating. Marci and Cindy have curriculums on Tenant Readiness classes.

Local Program updates:

Veteran's Administration programs (Grant & Per diem & VASH)

Oregon Housing Opportunities in Partnership (OHOP) Program

**Local Programs – Ben Atchley – Homeless Enrichment and Rehabilitation Team
(HEART)**

Continuing and Future Issues:

Continue discussion of the HUD Rural Continuum of Care Guidebook
June in-person meeting

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Next meeting: May 26, 2010 9 – 11 a.m.