

**Rural Oregon Continuum of Care
In Person – Board of Directors Meeting
June 23, 3010 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Bend, Oregon**

Members Present	
Ann Brown - OHCS	Hudley Bergstad - Formerly Homeless
Ben Atchley – Capt. Albany Police Dept.	Joann Zimmer – PSU
Bob Moore	Kelly Wessels - UCAN
Carolynn Garza - YCAP	Kenny Lowe –COI
Cindy Pratt – CSC	Kristina Hernandez – MCOA & CS
Coleen Trogdon - OHCS	Laura Moore – ORCAA
Corenne Stewart - MCCAC	Marci McMurphy – CAPECO
Cory Hoover – VA	Marisha Johnson – DHS
Dan Rupe – VA	Michele Grimaldo – CinA
Denise Sitler - DOC	Patty Gouveia – ORCCA
Erin Skaar – CARE	Rachael Marble – OHOP
Fidel Devera – YCAP	

Introductions and Announcements

Ben opened with nominations for the ROCC Board of Directors

Oregon Housing and Community Services positions- Ann – Spoke for OHCS regarding positions for Karen Clearwater and Deb Price currently hold, and to include Karen Chase. It was agreed upon to have three positions.

Oregon Food Bank position - Bob – Spoke of Food Bank jurisdictions. Marci – Suggested *Paula Chavez* as possible member for the Oregon Food Bank position.

CAPO position - Motioned by Marci to be open as a Vacant – Members at Large position. Motion was 2nd by Dan.

Housing Authorities position – Ann– Diana Otero in position at this time.

Education position –Gwen Haugh with the Harney Count School District was suggested as a possible member. Michelle to ask Gwen to fill this position.

Employment position – Dan and Bob to check with *Frank Carpenter*.

Member at Large positions – It was indicated that Julie Manning holding a Member at Large position is currently running for an office position in Corvallis. Several were nominated - Marisha inquired if an Oxford House was able to fill the position. Ed Smith, Supervisor of Oxford Houses was suggested as a member. Ben reiterated the need to fill the Member at Large opening. Ann suggested some members could change to other positions. Ben advised to review the change position guideline. Discussion regarding nominations and Member at Large positions. The Food Bank, and the CAPO positions were moved to Member at Large positions, so there would be 4 Member at Large positions open.

Region #3 – Ann Brown to contact *Jeff Hensley* to see if he is still interested in filling the position.

Region #6 – Cindy nominated Kenny Lowe.

Marci motioned for the nominations to be closed, Carolyn 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Dan motioned to accept the slate of members, Marci 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (see chart below for list of board members)

Chairman and Vice Chairman – Ben described the Chairman and Vice Chairman must consist of one person from the private and one person from the private sector. Bob motioned to keep Ben as Chairman and Hundley as Vice Chairman. Dan 2nd. Ben closed nominations. Motion passed unanimously. Marci motioned to accept the Chair and Vice-Chair nominations, Bob 2nd to. Motion passed unanimously.

		Current / Proposed
1.	Oregon Housing Opportunities in Partnership- DHS	Rachael Marble
2.	Corrections	Denise Sitler
3.	Oregon Housing and Community Services	Karen Clearwater Deb Price Karen Chase
4.	Oregon Food Bank/ Member at Large	Laura Moore
5.	Addictions & Mental Health – DHS	Marisha Johnson
6.	CAPO/ Position is now member at large	Joann Zimmer
7.	Housing Authorities	Diana Otero
8.	Veteran’s	Cory Hoover
9.	Education	Gwen Haugh
10.	Law Enforcement	Capt. Ben Atchley – Chair
11.	Employment	Frank Carpenter
12.	Fair Housing Council of Oregon	Vacant
13.	Homeless person or formerly Homeless person	Hundley Bergstad – Vice Chair
14.	Member at large	Corenne Stewart
15.	Member at large	Ed Smith
Region #1	Coos/Curry/Josephine/Douglas	Kelly Wessel
Region #2	Klamath/Lake/Harney/Malheur	Chris Evans
Region #3	Baker/Union/Wallowa/Grant	Jeff Hensley
Region #4	Hood River / Wasco / Sherman/ Gilliam / Wheeler/ Morrow / Umatilla	Marci McMurphy
Region #5	Columbia/Clatsop/Tillamook/Yamhill	Martha Olmstead
Region #6	Lincoln/Benton/Linn	Kenny Lowe

Rural Oregon Continuum of Care By-Laws

Ben – By-Laws were reviewed eight months ago. Discussion re: by-laws and voting rights of the general membership. Bob motioned Article V Section 3 to say By-Laws can be amended by vote of majority of the general membership present at the annual meeting. Dan 2nd the motion. Michelle suggested including an emergency clause. Bob amended his motion: in the event of an emergency, the by-laws can be amended by polling the general membership electronically. Discussion about amending Article III Section 3 to change section 4 to 5 and put this in Section 4: for emergency clause in by-laws. Discussion. Ben suggested language: “If emergency exist the General Members will be notified in timely manner and the Board of Directors...” Discussion closed, all members said “aye”. Article III Section 1 – Marci requested to change the In-Person meeting to meet two times per year. Discussion. The Board of Director meetings are open to the General Membership though General Members cannot vote. Bob – One In-Person annual meeting held in the month of June. Marci 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion where annual meetings will be held. Be fair by holding the annual meetings throughout the state. Ann – Encourage local continuums to join meetings, when we are in their area.

Discussion re: Article IV Section 1. Bob motioned the following and was 2nd by Corenne:

The Board of Directors will collaborate with EHAC and other state, federal and local entities to accomplish the ROCC mission and guiding principals. Motion passed unanimously.

Ann suggested adding a key task to Article IV, Section 3 – Ensure the use of HMIS in compliance with federal guidelines. It was also suggested that the key tasks include language about ensuring the expansion of the network of supportive services and development of economic opportunities. Discussion.

Marci motioned to accept the language of the proposed key tasks. Carolyn 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ann suggested that the by-laws be worked on during the year, and suggested that Michelle and Marisha serve on a by-laws committee. Marisha also inquired about an official secretary to take the minutes. Discussion. Ann motioned to have Marisha become the official secretary and to have a bi-laws sub-committee set up. Carolyn 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Deschutes County Commissioner –Tammy Baney was the guest speaker and talked about how to build political will within local communities. Tammy offered to provide assistance and gave her contact information:
tammyb@deschutes.org (541) 388-6567

Ann Brown – Continuum of Care Map – list of current SHP projects, funding amounts and beds. Discussion

Ben Atchley – Strategic plans – More permanent housing – Look at map, increase from transitional housing to permanent house by so many percent, look at permanent housing for one year at so many percent.

Ben Atchley – Change from chronic homeless definition now families with children are included.

Corenne Stewart – Have to be disabled.

Ben Atchley – Look at map – how do we maintain? Scenario: Transitional housing to Section 8 and graduate to permanent housing. Section 8 has been looked at as permanent housing; HUD will look more as Section 8 not as permanent housing.

Dan Rupe – VA currently looking at disabled veterans to get permanent housing; Placing people in Section 8 right off the street sometimes works.

Corenne Stewart – Federal trend shifting to permanent housing. ROCC needs to collaborate on new grants for just permanent housing for all counties.

Ben Atchley – Long term management. How do we leverage our community to help keep people in permanent housing?

Ben Atchley – Invited to Miami Homeless Access Center – they have a hub of services – Social Security next to VA, which is next to Senior Services. “One Stop” Services a person can get a bed, access social services, get a housing application– always keeping in mind to move forward.

EHAC

Marci McMurphy – EHAC has quarterly meetings. Do more to de-stigmatize homelessness. Same message sent throughout Oregon. Standardized Homeless counts are good for legislative purposes. Contact Marci McMurphy with EHAC issues at mcmurphy@CAPECO-WORKS.ORG.

VA

Dan Rupe – VA has a 5 year plan to end homelessness. National Call Center for Homeless / Suicide. Va.gov Homeless veterans website, with a chat line. Current main focus is housing, healthcare, dental and working on vision.

Ann Brown – Local communities need to be collaborating with VA. HUD and VA are working together at the federal level.

Cory Hoover – Eight to sixteen housing vouchers in Linn County.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Next meeting July 28 9 – 11 a.m. via VCON. Contact your VCON coordinators.