

**Rural Oregon Continuum of Care
October 25, 2011**

Attendance:

Alyssa Cudmore	Fair Housing Council of Oregon
Ann Brown	Oregon Housing & Community Services
Anna Benson	Linn-Benton Housing Authority
Barb Higinbotham	Community in Action
Barbara Wood	Community Action Team
Ben Atchley	Homeless Advocate
Carrie Tribble	Linn-Benton Housing Authority
Char Tong	Northwest Human Services
Cindy Pratt-DeMarzo	Community Services Consortium
Corenne Stewart	Mid-Columbia Community Action Council
Denise Sitler	Department of Corrections
Diane Merry	Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
Donna Bowman	Klamath & Lake Community Action Services
Emily Berndt	211 Info
Erin Skaar	Community Action Resource Enterprises, Inc
Hundley Bergstad	Formerly Homeless Consumer Representative
Jeff Hensley	Community Connection of Northeast Oregon
Joann Zimmer	Oregon Housing & Community Services
Justina Fife	United Community Action Network
Karolle Hughes	Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition
Kelly Wessels	United Community Action Network
Lindsay Combs	Yamhill Community Action Partnership
Marci McMurphy	Community Action Program of East Central Oregon
Marisha Johnson	Oregon Health Authority - Addictions & Mental Health Division
Mellani Calvin	Disability Benefits Training & Consultation, LLC
Michelle Grimaldo	Community in Action
Nancy Alvarado	Employment Department
Patricia Gouveia	Oregon Coast Community Action
Patty Sanden	Coos Bay School District
Rachael Marble	Oregon Housing Opportunities in Partnership
Robin Winkle	Shangri-la Corp
Steve Sanden	Bay Area First Step
Walt Davis	Klamath & Lake Community Action Services

Welcome and Introductions

10-Year Planning Charrette Overview

- HUD wants to know if each county in the ROCC has a 10-year plan and if it is currently being implemented.
- ROCC needs to have an oversight group to assist counties develop and implement their plans
- Ann gave an overview of process
- Participants stated that it allowed for meaningful collaboration in multi-county regions
- How do we help the counties move forward with their plans?
 - Give them tools i.e. the action plan sent out by Mary Carroll
 - Encourage them to look at other counties plans from Oregon and other states
 - Encourage them to use resources and tools provided by national organizations
 - United States Interagency on Homelessness (USICH) - www.usich.gov
 - National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) – www.endhomelessness.org
 - Be stewards – provide technical assistance to support counties
 - Keep the Governor’s Ending Homelessness Advisory Council (EHAC) involved
 - Encourage peer to peer assistance in developing plans
 - Set timelines and due dates
- ROCC will establish a 10-Year Plan Committee to assist counties in developing and implementing their 10-Year Plans.
 - Rachael Marble, Lindsay Combs, Joann Zimmer and Ben Atchley will be on the committee
 - Diane Merry will find a representative for Region 8
 - Need representation from each Region – please go back to your communities and help recruit
 - A meeting time and date will be set at next meeting
 - May disband the Permanent Housing committee – this will be decided at the next meeting

211 Presentation

- Emily Berndt gave a PowerPoint presentation on 211
- The website is: www.211info.org
- The implementation and ongoing cost is based on the population of the area to be served

- 211 Info provides assistance in accessing funding for programs looking to start 211 in their area

HEARTH Academy Debrief

- The HEARTH Academy is sponsored by OHCS and EHAC
- NAEH is doing the training for the two-day academy
- Every continuum is represented

Walt Davis – SOAR

- Will be meeting with the Duke Shepard, the Governor's Labor and Human Services Advisor
- The goal is to increase the number of benefits specialists statewide
 - Would like to have a benefits specialist in each community action agency
- EHAC has pledged their support
- Working to gain buy-in from multiple agencies
- Working to develop a Memorandum of Understanding from Disability Determination Services (DDS)
- Working to establish a statewide stakeholder group, plan to meet with the Social Security Administration and DDS to establish buy-in
- Looking at future funding avenues
- Discussion regarding which training model will be used SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR), the national technical assistance and training program, or Disability Benefits Training and Benefits, LLC, operated by Mellani Calvin who helped start Portland's BEST program.

HMIS Update

- ServicePoint continuing roll out

Continuum of Care Application Update

- The application has been submitted.
- ROCC will begin in working on exhibit 1 for next application in January.
- ROCC has asked Patty Sanden to help develop a committee of school district homeless liaisons. Patty can be contacted at:
 - 541-267-1326
 - pattys@coos-bay.k12.or.us
- Nancy Alvarado – from the Oregon State Employment Department will be working on homeless issues and employment.

Regional Reports

- Due to the large agenda this month, regional reports were tabled until the next meeting
- Remember to submit regional reports by the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Closing Announcements

- National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day is December 21st so start planning your area's activities now
- Only four events were held last year in Oregon
- Information and resources for planning a Homeless Persons' Memorial Day in your area can be found at
<http://www.nationalhomeless.org/projects/memorial/index.html>

**** The next meeting will be held December 7th from 9:00 – 11:00 am
via Go To Meeting ****