

MINUTES
ROCC Board Meeting
December 7, 2011

Introductions and Announcements

Ann called roll from the list of attendees on the webinar screen and guests introduced themselves. An attendance list is attached.

Committees and Committee assignments

After an hour-long discussion that included aspects of strategic planning, organizational structure, committee objectives, priorities, etc., it was agreed that this discussion was greater than the time allotted for meeting today. And so, by consensus, the committee discussion was tabled to the January meeting, at which time the executive committee will present a bit more detail about committees' purpose, objectives, etc.

A retreat/ or work session was discussed to work on the structure of the ROCC. Erin Skar requested this be a facilitated meeting and she volunteered to help lay down the structure for the meeting.

Brief discussion about the OCHH conference [May 2-4], and the ROCC spring meeting. Executive board will discuss.

HUD Self-Check Survey

Ann reminded that HUD previously asked for 20 people to fill out the survey; it's due January 15th. The survey is quite detailed [30 pages]; it might be something that could be used in local communities to assess capacity to serve the homeless. She believes that this survey might be the blueprint by which HUD will continue its revamping/reprogramming.

Anyone who'd like a copy of the survey – who wasn't contacted by HUD directly – should connect with Ann. Aggregate results of the survey could be ready for review as soon as the January meeting.

HMIS Letter

On behalf of the HMIS subcommittee, the ROCC executive Committee, and all ROCC members, Michele completed a letter to Pegge McGuire [OHCS CRD Administrator] regarding the importance of using Service Point as the HMIS and what additional things OHCS could do to support the ROCC [and statewide coalition] in the use of this system, including HMIS system start-up funds for all continuums, adequate training opportunities to facilitate best use of Service Point, and a dedicated staff person to serve as Service Point system administrator going forward. Michele will update when there is news.

Homeless Memorial – December 21st

Ben reminded everyone about the national Homeless Memorial event which is held annually on December 21st, the longest night of the year. He encouraged everyone to put up flyers and invitations in local communities to remind folks about the tragedies and realities of homelessness and that no one should pass on unnoticed and without kind words. There are a number of websites that have information about this event, including:
<http://www.nationalhomeless.org/projects/memorial/index.html> and
<http://www.nationalhomeless.org/projects/memorial/memorial09.pdf> (organizing manual).

Program Report – ESG program

Joann gave a brief overview of some of the new ESG changes by saying that both the interim ESG rule and the final homeless definition have been released for public review [published in the Federal Register]. January 4th is the day both documents officially go into effect and are only for use in the NEW ESG program. The first allocation of ESG funding AND the SHP programs currently operating will continue to use the old definition of homelessness [this was confirmed by Scott Rich, the ROCC's HUD representative]. There is still opportunity to comment on the interim ESG rule before it goes into effect.

Additional points include:

- Series of webinars being held on aspects of the new ESG program. Previous webinars and presentation materials can be found using this link: www.hudhre.info
- The new ESG is a permanent program and will not go away after 3 years like HPRP. First allocation of funding follows the old ESG rules and the 2nd allocation of funding will follow the new ESG rules.
- 40% of the funding must be spent in prevention activities; Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter expenditures cannot exceed 60% [aggregate totals].
- There are 6 allowable categories in the new program: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelters, Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-Housing, HMIS, and Admin.
- ESG and continuums of care must work together to coordinate services, intake, and entry in local communities.
- Admin has been bumped from 5% to 7.5% [total].
- Organizations receiving ESG funding must participate in HMIS; all other local homeless service providers are strongly encouraged to participate in HMIS data collection.
- New ESG builds on lessons learned from the HPRP program.

Next steps include:

- OHCS – will continue interpreting the new rule and communicate with the network as information is completed
- Network – should be thinking about updating budgets and work plans to reflect adjustments and new directors of new ESG program designs; how to implement the HPRP program pieces that were successful; determining who are the local players, programs, service gaps, and unmet needs.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Reminder about the HEARTH Clinic follow-up meeting [conference call] scheduled for immediately after the ROCC meeting. Call-in information is included at the bottom of this meeting's agenda.

Next Meeting

Next ROCC Board meeting is scheduled for January 25th via webinar.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

ROCC Meeting Attendees Dec 7, 2011

Mary Carroll – Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)
Carole Dicksa – Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)
Marisha Johnson – Addictions and Mental Health, Oregon Health Authority (AMH/ OHA)
Patty Sanden – Coos County School District
Rachael Marble – Oregon Housing Opportunities in Partnership (OHOP)
Michele Grimaldo – Community in Action (CAT)
Laura Moore – Oregon Coast Community Action Agency (ORCCA)
Joann Zimmer – Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)
Scott Rich – Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Erin Skar – Community Action Resource Enterprises, Inc. (C.A.R.E.)
Steve Sanden – Bay Area First Steps (BAFS)
Walt Davis – Klamath & Lake Community Action Services (KLCAS)
Marci McMurphy – Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO)
Ben Atchley – Consumer Advocate/ Chair of the ROCC
Martha Olmstead – Community Action Team (CAT)
Justina Fyfe – United Community Action Network (UCAN)
Barbara Wood – Community Action Team (CAT)
Danny Stoddard - Maslow Project
Allyson Pate – WINGS
Robin Pelton – Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MWVCAA)
Kenny Lowe – Community Outreach, Inc (COI)
Alyssa Cudmore – Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO)
Cindy Pratt – Community Services Consortium (CSC)
Karen Chase – Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)
Lindsay Combs – Yamhill Community Action Partnership (YCAP)