

# Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness (CCEH) Meeting Minutes



January 20, 2010  
First United Methodist Church

Facilitated by: Jean DeMaster and Marc Jolin

Prepared by: Dove Hotz

Reviewed by: Steering Committee

Present: Jon Hawkes, Cindy Davis, Randy Curl, Charlie Raymond, Renee Sutherland, Steven Keenan, Mollie Mitchell, Nic Granum, Lynne Walker, Julie Osburn, Caitlin Campbell, Tiffany Kingery, Sonja Arigbon, Mike Davis, Eileen Devine, Pat Janik, LeRoy Patton, Anabeth Moseley, Cathie Boerboom, Larry Turner, Rachel Payton, Natasha Roe, Patty Doyle, Caren Baumgart, Melissa Crocker, EV Armitage, Jennifer Chang, Jean Tom Armstrong, Barbara Sack

## Action Items/Next Steps:

- Find information about the Portland Plan at [www.pdxplan.com](http://www.pdxplan.com).
- Contact Julie Osburn with questions on the shelter count, [julie.l.osburn@co.multnomah.or.us](mailto:julie.l.osburn@co.multnomah.or.us).
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 2010, 3-5 p.m., FUMC Room 202.

## ***Introductions / New agencies, Approval of December minutes***

Ms. DeMaster facilitated a round of introductions and recognition of new participants. The December minutes were approved without dissent.

## ***Presentation on the Portland Plan: (Tom Armstrong and Barbara Sack, City of Portland, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability)***

The Portland Plan will address how Portland will grow over the next 25 years and will be used as a policy development tool. Mr. Armstrong said Mayor Adams has expanded the effort to bring in more partners in the planning process. The Plan will be finalized in 2011. Mayor Potter's VisionPDX effort was *aspirational* – "What do we want to be?" The Portland Plan will focus on the *how* – priorities and planning. Mr. Armstrong presented data on the nine action areas of the plan, including affordable housing, education and economic opportunity, and the group participated in a real-time electronic survey. Individuals and group can provide input to the Plan through attending a public hearing or responding online ([www.pdxplan.com](http://www.pdxplan.com)) or calling (503) 823-2041.

## ***Break / Announcement of January 27<sup>th</sup> One Night Shelter Count (Julie Osburn, Multnomah County)***

Ms. Osburn announced that the annual County shelter count will be conducted on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Copies of the count form were distributed. There are only two additions to the form this year– the length of homelessness in months and foreclosure as a reason for becoming homeless. The report will go to the state by February 26, with results available most likely in May 2010. Mr. Hawkes offered himself as the contact for Dignity Village. DeMaster stressed the importance of this data for our community and encouraged agencies to participate.

**10-Year Plan – 2005 to 2009 (Jennifer Chang)**

Ms. Chang said the Steering Committee is in the process of reviewing the 10-Year Plan's highlights over the past five years, and she presented some preliminary accomplishments in each of the plan's nine action areas. The Steering Committee also has discussed whether there are parts of the plan language that may need to be revised. One proposed change is to add a fourth principle that focuses on ensuring equitable access and appropriate services to culturally-diverse and traditionally underserved groups. In the upcoming months, there will be several opportunities for community stakeholders to provide input and feedback on the 10-Year Plan through CCEH and other avenues.

**Updates and Announcements**

- **Census 2010.** Richard Lightfoot, representing the Census, announced the opportunity for hiring Census workers. Interested parties should contact him at (503) 205-8370 to apply and arrange to take the test. Due to the feedback from community agencies and individuals, the hours during which homeless individuals will be counted will be from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight (instead of 12 midnight to 6 a.m.). He encourages anyone who has further suggestions on improving the outreach efforts to contact him.
- **Camping lawsuit settlement.** Jennifer Chang provided an update on the camping lawsuit settlement. City Council is still working on settling the lawsuit, which resulted from the breakup of homeless camps. The current proposed settlement includes a set of guidelines under which camping would be allowed, such as if the camp is fewer than four people, far from another camp, and not set up after 9 p.m. Additionally, under the proposed settlement the City would begin investigating storage space for people on the streets. The items contained in the proposed settlement provide some good news for advocates. Mr. Jolin encouraged individuals to make their views and support known to City Hall. Ms. Chang said a copy of the proposed settlement can be found on the January 5 blog post on [www.bojacking.org](http://www.bojacking.org).
- **Gresham / East County update** (Lynne Walker). Ms. Walker mentioned that the former YWCA mental health clinic, which was in NE Portland, will close in mid-February. This will be a great loss for the clients as well as the staff. Also, she mentioned that her own project, at Mt. Hood Community College, is being cancelled due to lack of funding. She mentioned that the Gresham community should be included in the CCEH in order to facilitate greater coordination for homeless services and housing resources between the two cities.
- **JOIN moves into new center:** Mr. Jolin reported that there would be an open house for JOIN's new space, February 1, 3-7 p.m., 1435 NE 81<sup>st</sup> Ave. The building will open February 8.