Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness (CCEH)
Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2010
First United Methodist Church

Facilitated by: Jean DeMaster
Prepared by: Zane Potter
Reviewed by: Steering Committee

Present: Lio Alaalatoa, Sonja Arigbon, E.V. Armitage, John Atten, Edith Ayon, Andrew Barney, Caren Baumgart, Maggie Bennington-Davis, Heather Brown, Caitlin Campbell, Jennifer Chang, Gary Cobb, Melissa Crocker, Gary Davis, Ryan Deibert, James Delaney, Jean DeMaster, Chris Dickey, , Sally Erickson, Sarah Ferguson, Nick Fish, Jacob Fox, David Groff, Theresa Guerrero, Tina Hadley, Miriam Hinojosa, Sonia Hudson, Liv Jenssen, Deborah Kafoury, Jennifer Kalez, Steven Keenan, Steve Kimes, Marylee King, Marietta Louden, Molli Mitchell, Susan Montgomery, Luke Morley, Clover Mow, Erin Nortrup, Rachel Payton, Dave Roberts, Natasha Roe, Erika Silver, Shannon Singleton, Martin Soloway, Rick Stoller, Renee Sutherland, Tiffany Tucker, Larry Turner, Bobby Weinstock, Mary Welch, Zoë Zachariades

Action Items/Next Steps:

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 3-5 p.m., FUMC Room 202.
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Updates

- $1 Million Emergency Housing Fund – Sally Erickson, Portland Housing Bureau
  Ms. Erickson stated that Commissioner Fish has convened a group of stakeholders including business leaders and community members to find ways to best spend the $1 million one-time-only funds. City staff has and will continue to present cost-effective methods of spending the funds. Some ideas include increasing short-term rent assistance and finding ways to move people from rent assistance to market housing. Two more meetings will be held to discuss the proposals in the coming weeks. There is no timeline when the funding decisions will be finalized but there is an emphasis on getting these funds out as quickly as possible.

- National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Conference – Sally Erickson
  Ms. Erickson provided an update from the NAEH Conference in Washington D.C.. NAEH President Barbara Nan highlighted current priorities of the Alliance, including: housing the most vulnerable, focusing on health care, emphasizing that no one should be homeless for more than 20 days, and finding more effective and accurate strategies to count youth. For more information on the NAEH visit http://www.endhomelessness.org/ Ms. Erickson also stated that the new executive director of U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, Barbara Poppe, unveiled the first comprehensive federal plan to end homelessness. For more information visit http://www.usich.gov/PDF/OpeningDoors_2010_FSPPreventEndHomeless.pdf Finally, Ms. Erickson noted that the new secretary of HUD, Shaun Donovan, announced that HUD has recently released its 2010-2015 Strategic Plan, available at: http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/cfo/stratplan

- Continuum of Care (CoC) – Ryan Deibert, Portland Housing Bureau
  Mr. Deibert announced that HUD finally announced the awardees for the 2009 CoC grants. Central City Concern (CCC) received $400,000 which will provide operating subsidies to Madrona Studios. In addition, New Avenues for Youth's received $140,000 for 15 scattered site units. Mr. Deibert noted that organizations should begin thinking about the 2010 application process which begins when HUD releases the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which will be *no earlier* than July 1, 2010. The renewing process will be fairly similar to last year and will only require minor changes. Proposals are now open to serving individuals other than the chronically homeless. The only other change is that proposals will be ranked on their integration with school districts in accordance with the HUD McKinney-Vento Act. The amount of funds available will be about the same as 2009. Mr. Deibert expects HUD will only allow 6 weeks for the entire process to be completed once the NOFA is released.

- Year-round Family Shelter – Jean DeMaster, Human Solutions Inc.
  Ms. DeMaster and Erika Silver, from Human Solutions, announced that $280,000 in additional funding has been secured from Multnomah County to operate year-round family shelters this year. The funding will go towards the maintenance and operations of the Goose Hollow Family Shelter and 13 Salmon Family Center. Both of these facilities are currently closed for repair/renovation, but will re-open September 15, 2010 and will remain open year-round.

- Summer Travelers Influx – Caitlin Campbell, Multnomah County
  Ms. Campbell gave details on some of the priorities to address the summer travelers influx that were identified after a March meeting between business leaders and community members. One of the priorities is working with business leaders to determine what resources and/or training is needed to facilitate positive interactions with homeless youth. Also, the Police Bureau has designated officers to serve as "youth liaisons" to help with communication and mediating situations. Lastly, informational tent cards will be used as an outreach tool for local businesses.

Other Updates and Announcements

- Bobby Weinstock, NWPP, provided Street Roots Resource Guides and asked those in attendance to take them back to their organizations.
- Central City Concern announced the renewals of the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Grant which serves males and a new grant that will serve females. Veterans in need of assistance can be referred to CCC's Employment Access Center at 2 NW 2nd Ave. Phone: 503-226-7387.
- Jean DeMaster announced that the 2010 One Night Shelter Count data is now available online. As expected, the report indicates an increase in homelessness. The report can be found at http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/CSS_One_Night_Shelter_Counts_Oregon.shtml

2010 CCEH Achievement Awards Ceremony

City Housing Commissioner Nick Fish, Multnomah County Commissioner Deborah Kafoury and Lio Alaalatoa from JOIN presented the 2010 CCEH Achievement Awards. Awardees were: John Atten (Central City Concern), Edith Ayon (Human Solutions Inc.), Pastor Steve Kimes (Anawim Christian Community), Rick Lesniak (Home Builders Foundation), Reverend Kate Lore (First Unitarian Church of Portland), and Tiffany Tucker (Insight Teen Parent Program). Two programs were also recognized: Project Respond's Intensive Homeless Outreach Program (IHOP), Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare and the Salvation Army Female Emergency Shelter (SAFES) Resident Assistant Team.