COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO END HOMELESSNESS (CCEH) MEETING MINUTES



| Date: September 16, 2009 | Location: First United Methodist Church | Recorded by: Dove Hotz |
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| Time: 3 pm to 5 pm | Facilitated by: Marc Jolin and Jean DeMaster | Reviewed By: Steering Committee |

Present: Joe Acciaoli, Sonja Arigbon, E.V. Armitage, Hava Aviv, Caren Baumgart, Heather Brown, Caitlin Campbell, Jennifer Chang, Courtney Dahmen, Cindy Davis, Ryan Deibert, Patty Doyle, Fern Elledge, Sally Erickson, Dixie Hedge, Amanda Hurley, Liv Jenssen, Kristin Kane, Tiffany Kingery, David Knapp, Wendy Kohn, Beckie Lee, Ken Loyd, Micheal McCauslin, Mike McGee, Timothy Montague, Susan Montgomery, Anabeth Moseley, Heather Mosher, Ibrahim Mubarak, Jennifer Neary, Dale Noonkester, David Regan, Leo Rhodes, Shannon Singleton, Ian Slingerland, Heidi Stoner, Renie Sutherland, Sai'id Dustin Tony, Larry Turner, Linda Wenning

| Торіс | DISCUSSION |
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| Introductions | There were many new faces at today's meeting. |
| Approval - July minutes | Approved without dissent. |
| Updates | |
| NAEH Conference Debriefing | Mr. Deibert reported on his visit to the NAEH conference. Portland is ahead of the curve nationally. There was lots of talk about the stimulus money as well as homeless veterans. He found HUD Director Donovan very inspiring and supportive of PSH. HUD is willing to put money into affordable rental housing. |
| HPRP Timeline | Mr. Deibert said the Portland area was receiving about \$4.1 million to be spent over two years. It should hit the streets around September 30 and includes significant short-term rent assistance funds. STRA funds will be about double what they were last year. This will really help prevent homelessness. Ian Slingerland added that some HPRP funds could also be used for services. Training in the use of the funds is underway. |
| Family and Adult Winter Warming Centers | Ms. Kingery said that Human Solutions was selected for the whole family winter services system. They will subcontract any needed services. They have a new partner – the First Unitarian Church, for day services. The church volunteers have been very enthusiastic. The eastside warming center will be at JOIN's SE 82 nd Ave. location. Jean DeMaster said she hoped the warming center would be the first step for clients to access services. |
| | The warming centers will run November 1 through March 31. They are low-barrier services. The maximum capacity for family warming centers is 60. |
| | Ms. Chang said the City was contracting with TPI to provide the single adult warming centers. They were still looking for a site – your suggestions are welcome! It must be free or cheap, close to downtown and MAX, with a minimum of 2500 square feet. A separate warming center would accommodate children and pets. These were for severe weather. A permanent building was preferred over a tent, since tents ended up costing more due to the expense of providing temporary plumbing and heating. |
| | Mr. Regan asked what will be the approximate combined capacity of all centers during severe weather. Ms. Erickson said it would probably be about 1,000, the same as last year. |
| H1N1 Virus: CDC Interim Guidelines, Status of County Guidelines | Mr. Deibert said this flu virus, also known as swine flu, was last seen in this country about 1956. People born before that time may have partial immunity, but others will be vulnerable, especially in a shelter situation. Homeless people per se have not been identified as a high risk group. CDC has issued some federal-level guidance. The simple but effective message: "Wash your hands. Cover your cough." There should be a vaccine available beginning in October. Ms. Baumgart said the King County health |

| | department website was an excellent resource. Ms. Chang said half a dozen regional clinics would be offering free flu vaccine shots on November 14. Mr. Deibert said that some projections anticipated that 20-40% of the American population would contract the H1N1 virus. |
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| | Mr. Bayer inquired about how access to the vaccines would be prioritized, and whether and to what degree materials or other support on H1N1 preparation and response will be made available to community agencies He was concerned about the process being a chaotic "free-for-all". Ms. DeMaster asked if shelter workers and case managers would be considered "emergency staff." Mr. Deibert said he was working hard to be at the table to ask exactly those questions. |
| | King County Health site: http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health . |
| Alternatives Workgroup Recommendations / Community Feedback | The purpose of the exercise was to focus on ideas for people getting a safe good night's sleep. The recommendations will be presented to Commissioners Nick Fish, Deborah Kafoury, and Amanda Fritz. The group discussed the various proposals and then rated the proposals in priority order. The results were collated and summarized. (See attached summary table "Forced Ranking of Alternatives Recommendations"). Contact the "champion" listed on the proposal if you want to help or get involved. |
| 10-Year Plan—Setting Annual Goals for 2010 | Ms. Chang described the upcoming process to adjust and revise the goals for the next five years. The process will involve gathering smaller groups of stakeholders to discuss and formulate goals for 2010 in the nine main areas of the 10-Year Plan. |
| Announcements | Workforce Investment Act and Homelessness Sign-on: Ms. Post said the focus was on increasing homeless persons' access to workforce services. She encouraged other organizations to sign on. This program is through the Department of Labor. Ms. Jenssen moved that CCEH sign on; Mr. Turner seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Ms. Chang will sign up CCEH as one of the supporting entities of the Recommendations of the WIA Reauthorization. View recommendations at: http://nationalhomeless.org/advocacy/WIA_ReAuth-0709.pdf . To sign on, e-mail cbontrager@nationalhomeless.org . |
| Next CCEH meeting | The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 3-5 p.m., FUMC, Fireside Room. |