

# Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness (CCEH) Meeting Minutes



**November 17, 2010**  
**First United Methodist Church**

Facilitated by: Marc Jolin  
Prepared by: Mary Welch  
Reviewed by: Steering Committee

Present: E.V. Armitage, Caren Baumgart, Bill Boyd, Kari Brenk, Heather Brown, Mellani Calvin, Ryan Deibert, Jean DeMaster, Caitlin Donald, Patty Doyle, Theresa Guerrero, Art Hendricks, Amanda Hurley, Marc Jolin, Marylee King, Tiffany Kingery, Laura Langslet, Rev. Kate Lore, Michael Mellick, Molli Mitchel, Rachel Phariss, Joseph Rea, Daniel Roby, Natasha Roe, Molly Rogers, Ericka Silver, Kris Smock, Renie Sutherland, Brandi Tuck, Lynne Walker, Tony Williamson

## **Updates**

- Winter Warming Center for Women – Sally Erickson, PHB  
Ms. Erickson reported that the Women's Warming Center opened today at the YMCA and those who wish to get in should call 503-823-4930.
- Minutes were approved from last month without changes

## **I. Introductions – Marc Jolin**

New members at today's meeting represented the First Unitarian Church Day Shelter, Disability Training Consultants and Project Assist.

## **II. 2011 One Night Street and Shelter Counts – Kristina Smock Consulting and Tiffany Kingery, Multnomah County**

The 2011 Street Count and One Night Shelter Count (ONSC) will occur on the night of January 26, 2011. The Street Count will include those sleeping on the street, in cars and in abandoned buildings. The count will be coordinated by 211info, with funding from the Portland Housing Bureau and in coordination with agencies that conduct street outreach, service providers and many others. The count is coordinated with Multnomah County's ONSC, which will count people in emergency shelters, vouchered into motels, and receiving transitional housing or rent assistance, as well as those turned away from these services. Information from both counts will help local government and non-profits better assess and meet the needs of people who are experiencing homelessness in our community. The group was asked to give suggestions of questions that could possibly be used on the long form survey, which included:

- How many people can't access shelters because of their companion animal?
- Can the question about domestic violence be expanded to include those who have been homeless for over one year?
- Do you have a medical vulnerability?
- What is your insurance status?
- Foster care involvement, have they used the system either for themselves or their children?
- Education levels?
- Are they receiving SSI or other benefits?
- What type of housing were they in prior to becoming homeless? Subsidized?
- Are they coming out of jail or other institutions?
- What are your barriers to housing?

- Have you experienced violence on the streets?
- Is your homelessness due in any part to the economic recession?
- Have you received unemployment or been foreclosed on in the last twelve months?
- Have you accessed the ER in the last 90 days?
- Can you remove the “other” section in the race category
- Broaden the domestic violence category to also include issues of sexual abuse, sex trafficking, prostitution and other related areas
- How long should the survey be?

Sites/Organizations to Contact for Giving the Survey:

- McKinney Homeless Liaison
- Calvary Christian Church – Pastor Woods

**III. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing: Update and Discussion** (Art Hendricks, PHB)

HUD defines impediments to fair housing choice in terms of their applicability to local, state and federal law. In Multnomah County, barriers would include actions, omissions or decisions taken because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, mental or physical disability, source of income, marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identity (protected classes), which restrict or limit housing choices or the availability of housing choice. PHB has contracted with Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) to conduct fair housing testing within Multnomah County. A final report is expected in May 2011. PHB is seeking community members for an Analysis of Impediments (AI) committee to facilitate active public input and review process with stakeholders, public forums to collect input from citizens, distribution of draft reports for citizen review and formal presentations of findings.

Some issue raised by CCEH members related to housing impediments included not being able to specifically provide mental health housing, and other practices used in the industry which discriminate on household type, such as placing rules where children are allowed to be on the property.

**IV. Evaluation of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)** (Molly Rogers, Housing Development Center)

The Housing Development Center will update us on an evaluation of PSH they are conducting on behalf of the Portland Housing Bureau. They are surveying both housing and service providers to learn more about PSH qualified tenants, operations of PSH units over time, and the relationship between the projects’ owners, managers and the service providers. The study aims to find out the financial and physical risks for PSH units built since 2005 (450 units) and answer the questions: Who are we serving? Are we creating access?

V. Announcements

- Affordable Rental Housing NOFA – Sally Erickson: An email will be sent out when PHB knows more details on the release of the NOFA
- HUD McKinney Application – Sally Erickson: The application has been completed and submitted.
- Day of Homelessness Awareness, November 2010 – Marc Jolin: This event was a success and helped to raise funds for Eastminster Church, site of the family warming center.

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 3-5 p.m., FUMC Room 202.  
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