

Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness (CCEH) Meeting Minutes



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First United Methodist Church

Facilitated by: Marc Jolin
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Present: EV Armitage, Caren Baumgart, Stacy Borke, Bill Boyd, Heather Brown, Mellani Calvin, Caitlin Campbell, Jennifer Chang, Gary Davis, Rev. Paul Davis, Ryan Deibert, Jean DeMaster, Patty Doyle, Bob Durston, John Hawkes, Jim Hlava, Amanda Hurley, Liv Janssen, Steven Keenan, Marylee King, Tiffany Kingery, Wayne Kline, Beckie Lee, Scott Layman, Molli Mitchell, Michael Mellick, Gina Montenegro, Susan Montgomery, Rachel Payton, Rachel Phariss, Kelly Riechers, Arianne Roy, Erika Silver, Shannon Singleton, Kerry Smith Slingerland, Ian Slingerland, Edward Smith, Larry Turner, Wade Varner, Lynne Walker, Tom Wehrley

I. Introductions – Marc Jolin

II. Updates

Debrief from Street and Shelter Counts – January 26th, 2011 (Ryan Deibert, PHB; Tiffany Kingery, Multnomah County)

The Street Count went well. The Shelter Count pulled data out of ServicePoint HMIS to make it a lot easier. The data is projected to be available in late April/early May.

Oxford Houses (Seth Lyons, Multnomah County)

The County Housing team created a list of emergency housing options for Commissioner Kafoury in an effort to house 30 families in 30 days last year and we will do it again this year. This year, funding was secured for another pilot project to provide eligible homeless families with domestic violence access to long-term housing options through four Oxford-style houses. In the current Oxford Houses in Portland, 76% of residents are domestic violence survivors and 12% came directly from the street. Residents take responsibility for their own houses. Referrals are being accepted through this program, contact Seth for more information.

III. The Bud Clark Commons: Overview of Services and Housing (Tony Bernal and Stacy Borke, Transition Projects; Rachael Duke, Housing Authority of Portland)

The Bud Clare Commons, formerly known as the Resource Access Center, will be opening in June 2011. The 90-bed men's shelter will be on the bottom floor, the day center on the 2nd floor, and 130 units of permanent supportive housing on the upper floors.

The day center will be 13,000 square feet and will be open seven days a week. The access center will focus on connecting individuals to housing and resources through three centers: a connections center, wellness center and learning center. Dozens of partner agencies will offer a range of housing and supportive services, including: DHS, SSI resources, onsite animal resources, substance abuse and mental health counseling, TB clinic, social and income development resources, GED resources, basic computer training, financial management and nutrition information. The site will also have the following basic

services available: classrooms, bike park, courtyard, showers, clothing supplies, laundry center, phones, library, computers, outdoor kennels, art studio, bed bug treatment, lockers, and a barbershop.

Total financing for the project was \$46.9 million. The building is LEED platinum certified and includes features such as an eco roof, heat recovery, CO2 sensors, high efficiency boiler, wall insulation, improved glazing, reduced infiltration, solar panels, gray water collection, and other sustainable developments. Services will be funded through the City and other leveraged funds.

A total of 130 permanent supportive units will be available at the Commons. Studios will be 310 square feet and completely furnished. The beds will be bed bug proof. The units will be available for medically vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness. Prospective tenants will be scored based on vulnerability index tool by community clinics, including Outside In, Central City Concern, Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc.. Based on the current timeline, 350 people will be assessed by March and applications will be accepted then. A certificate of occupancy will be issued in May. The Commons will use the Housing First model so this won't be a drug and alcohol free building and the barriers to housing will be reduced as much as possible.

Q: Is there anything being planned to house those who don't get into one of the PSH units?

A: Some conversations are already underway about available housing options for men and women, and couples, and we are interested in staying a part of those dialogues.

Q: Will you send notices saying who didn't get in?

A: Yes, and it will include the reason(s) why.

Q: Is any outreach being done with Pearl residents?

A: A good neighborhood agreement and outreach process has begun, and we are openly addressing the concerns brought up by neighbors. We have also attended several neighborhood meetings.

Q: Is there a process for exit and re-entry?

A: We'll work with them to figure out a strategy for housing stability, and try to prevent evictions whenever possible.

IV. Other Announcements

Operation Nightwatch's new location is at the St. Stephen's Parrish (1432 SW 13th, Portland OR, 97201).

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 3-5 p.m., FUMC Room 202.
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