

## Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness (CCEH)



### Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2011

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Present: Chris Anderson, Teresa Badel, Caren Baumgart, Stacy Borke, Pat Daley, Reverend Paul Davis, Ryan Deibert, Christina Dirks, Patty Doyle, Sally Erickson, Gabriella Gomez, Troy Hammond, Amanda Hurley, Marc Jolin, Ryan Kaufman, Megan Kidd, Beckie Lee, Lisa Lemcy, Marin McInnes, Rachel Payton, Rachel Post, Natasha Roe, Erika Silver, Shannon Singleton, Ian Slingerland, Michael Smith, Rick Stoller, Tom Wehrley, Bobby Weinstock, J Workman-Purvine

Agenda Topic	Discussion Points	Outcomes / Decisions / Next Steps
Candidates' Forum on Housing – Marc Jolin, JOIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Forum is co-sponsored by Oregon ON, 211info, Street Roots and JOIN.</li> <li>• Three mayoral candidates are confirmed and they will be addressing issues of housing and homelessness.</li> <li>• The Forum will be held December 6th from 11:30am-1:00pm at the First Unitarian Church Eliot Chapel (1011 SW 12th Ave.)</li> </ul>	
Donation Drives – Ryan Kaufman, 211info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of organizations that are in need of donations was distributed and will be posted on 211info's website.</li> <li>• To be included on the list contact Ryan Kaufman at RyanKn@211info.org</li> <li>• 211info is open until 7pm during the winter and will extend hours during severe weather.</li> </ul>	
Winter Shelter Updates – Erika Silver, Human Solutions & Sally Erickson, Portland Housing Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Winter Family Shelter has been open for 15 days and has seen a very high volume of families, especially for this early in the year. The goal is to never turn anyone away; however, this is becoming difficult. The shelter may need volunteers to help and has an urgent need for blankets.</li> <li>• The entire family shelter network has housed 26 families and 94 people since July 1st. There are about 700 beds available year-round with an additional 300 beds made available during the winter.</li> <li>• The Women's Winter Shelter, operated by TPI, has had a high volume of people for this early in the year. The morning would be a good time for outreach workers to engage with women about services. As of the November 2nd, SAFES has been full. Portland Rescue Mission added some additional mats for a total of 76. Ms. Erickson thanked all the organizations that helped with Occupy Portland.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To volunteer for the family Winter shelter, call the Daybreak Shelter at (503) 256-2280.</li> <li>• For information on the Women's Winter Shelter, operated by TPI, call (503) 280-4700 or (971) 283-WARM.</li> </ul>

<p>TANF Survey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The last report stated that well over 700 surveys were completed. CCEH would like to acknowledge 211info for taking time to fill out surveys for people over the phone. The results will be given when the survey closes. Depending on the budget forecast, cuts could look better or worse.</li> <li>• The TANF Alliance will be presenting a summary of the impacts of the cuts. The most vulnerable have seen cuts. For example, the Alliance is working on educating the Oregon legislature that cuts to child care will have significant impacts on other aspects of parents’ lives. DHS released a 10.5% budget reductions scenario that left very little for this program.</li> </ul>	
<p>III. Coalition for a Livable Future’s Regional Equity Atlas – Kris Smock</p>	<p>The Regional Equity Atlas Project is a groundbreaking analysis of the relationship between our region's approach to development and how the benefits and burdens of growth are distributed. The Atlas has partnered with Portland State University and other jurisdictions within the region. The project begins by selecting from a menu of indicators, gathering stakeholder input, mapping, outreach and engagement and finally doing an analysis of all the information that is gathered. The goal is create maps that let our region know where to direct investments. Indicators for demographics include: race/ethnicity, income, age, gender. Indicators for access could include: education, economic opportunity, affordable housing, transportation, parks, food, services and livability. Ms. Smock posed three questions to CCEH – how could the project support your work, what indicators are the biggest priorities and how would you like to be involved? A survey was distributed to CCEH. Questions/answers/comments are below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there any opportunities with HMIS? <i>It is worth exploring.</i></li> <li>• Will these mapping tools be available to the general public? <i>Yes, but we are trying to balance the tools that are available with not overwhelming those who aren’t too familiar with the mapping tools.</i></li> <li>• Does the Census include household composition? <i>Yes, and we’ll use the information. However, the Census did not use ask about income.</i></li> <li>• Can you use ACS for this information? <i>It is difficult because this information was mailed to homes and the sample size is small so there is a high margin of error.</i></li> <li>• Should we map homelessness? <i>It may be helpful to if homelessness is near service providers and it may help us know where people are coming from. We may be able to get addresses for those who are served through STRA with the information that is available through HMIS. It might be helpful to know where homeless quadrants are in the metro areas with an overlap of the where the services are.</i></li> <li>• Can we get primary language broken down by census tract? <i>No, ACS does not provide that level of detail.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Smock asked those in attendance to send in their surveys if they did not complete them during the meeting.</li> <li>• The updated maps for the Regional Equity Atlas Project will be available early next year.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>It might be helpful to have legalized camping areas mapped out or churches/public spaces that may allow camping.</i></li> <li>• <i>An economic piece could include the usage of free/reduced lunches by school district or neighborhood.</i></li> </ul>	
<p>IV. 10-Year Plan updates (Traci Manning, Portland Housing Bureau; Beckie Lee, Office of Commissioner Deborah Kafoury; Steve Rudman, Home Forward)</p>	<p>Leaders from the jurisdictions gave an update about discussions on re-calibrating the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. The purpose of a “re-set” is to take a fresh look at the 10-Year Plan and see where we are, as well as what we’ve done well and not well. The feedback from CCEH will let us know what we can do better. Over the past 6 years we’ve done great work, yet homelessness has increased due to circumstances beyond our control (loss of federal funds, the economy). It is important we bring stakeholders from all backgrounds in on the conversation to better align and reinvest in our approach to ending homelessness. The re-set committee asked for input from CCEH on how the 10YP should move forward. Comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are we really committed to <u>ending</u> homelessness in the 10-Year Plan or are we trying to <u>address</u> homelessness?</li> <li>• Can we get the faith community to the table? A very tangible thing for congregations to do would be to have them donate \$2,000 to place someone in housing for a year. How do congregations fit in with the Plan? The County Interfaith Coordinator could be helpful.</li> <li>• One part of the 10-Year Plan deals with services and the outcomes related to how effective those services are. The other strategy to end homelessness deals with the affordable housing supply stock. We need more accountability. The last number I saw we were short 14,000 units that serve the 0-30% MFI range. We need updated figures. What is our strategy over the next 20 to 30 years for these units – create, preserve? And how will we do this? Do we need new local resources?</li> <li>• We need to measure objectives for affordable housing. What are the “vital signs” we are tracking (housing, health care, living wage jobs)? How is the patient doing? We need to build a support system around these barriers to housing.</li> <li>• We need to get health care providers into the conversation and develop strategies. Would it be possible to contact hospital CEOs?</li> <li>• What is the role of transitional housing? It is not just a shelter and it should get people’s needs met, to prepare them for permanent housing.</li> <li>• Criminal histories are a barrier to housing even though people have paid their time. There aren’t enough felony friendly employers.</li> <li>• Resource development through local tax initiatives like the Miami-Dade County plan. A tax for bricks and sticks.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need to expand the investment/focus on homeless families because there are more of them.</li> <li>• <i>Action for Prosperity</i> as an example of improving income.</li> <li>• Re: Vitals – what are the barriers homeless people face? We should identify the barriers people face when homeless and then build a support system.</li> <li>• Housing affordability is the issue. Not pathologies. What are our retention services and are they effective?</li> <li>• Money management services.</li> <li>• What is the role of adult foster care and assisted living? People are in housing who can't take care of themselves. There is a lack of access to health care.</li> <li>• <b>Question to the group:</b> Should we continue to say we are going to end homelessness in 10 years, even though we know it is an unrealistic goal?</li> <li>• If the goal is to end homelessness and 10 years later it is cut by half that is good.</li> <li>• We need to create a mechanism to identify and address systemic issues of homelessness.</li> <li>• There is a new set of problems with predatory landlords. Landlords try to find those who are being assisted with housing and once their assistance is removed the landlords find ways to evict them. How does STRA create problems with landlords?</li> <li>• If we are to end homelessness we cannot do it alone. We need more proactive strategies at the state and federal level.</li> <li>• There is a stigma with homelessness and mental health so we need to create a more realistic understanding of these issues.</li> <li>• Who is our “cheerleader” for ending homelessness? We need a leader -- someone who can push us beyond what is possible. Business could play an important role.</li> <li>• What is the balance between supportive services and rent assistance? We need to find the right mix for different populations at a system level.</li> </ul>	
<p>Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On Thursday, December 15th, from 4-6pm there will be an Open House at Central City Concern's new Healthcare Building (33 NW Broadway). There will be guided and self-directed tours.</li> <li>• Right 2 Dream Too invites CCEH members to come check out their location at NW Fourth Ave. and West Burnside.</li> <li>• The Oregon Food Bank's General Assistance Program, which serves the disabled population, will be restarted on November 29th. Contact the Food Bank at (503) 282-0555 for more information.</li> </ul>	