

## Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness (CCEH) Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2012

Facilitated by: Marc Jolin & Shannon Singleton

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Present: Nancy Agard, EV Armitage, Teresa Badel, Heather Baeckel, Caren Baumgart, Stacy Borke, Kari Brenk, Caitlin Campbell, Catherine Caruso, Jennifer Chang, Ariana Clark, Paul Davis, Ryan Deibert, Christina Dirks, Patty Doyle, Chelsea Edwards, Sally Erickson, Nic Granum, Marya Hazilla, Pam Hester, Jim Hlava, Milan Homola, Cheryl Johnson, Bruce Jones, Kristin Juul, Marc Jolin, Ryan Kaufman, Puanani Lalakea, Jes Larson, Beckie Lee, Molli Mitchell, Michael Mellick, Susan Montgomery, Andrew Noethe, Eric Ozenne, Laurie Palmer, Rachel Payton, Rachel Post, Ryan Robinson, Daniel Roby, Karina Rutova, Rob Schultz, Erika Silver, Shannon Singleton, Michael Smith, Barry Joe Stull, Lynne Walker, Tom Wehrley, Monika Weitzel, Lisa Wills,

Agenda Topic	Discussion Points	Outcomes / Decisions / Next Steps
<p><b>Introductions and Updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January’s CCEH meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.</li> <li>• HPRP &amp; ESG Update: Last year Portland used \$2.4 million in ARRA money for homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing (HPRP). Although this program will not be funded again, Congress has taken the best practices of this program and applied them to the Emergency Solutions Grant (formerly the Emergency Shelter Grant). New ESG funds will focus on supporting HPRP-like activities (homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing), with an estimated increase of \$280,000 in 2012.</li> <li>• Consolidated Plan Update: The Consolidated Plan is a report submitted every five years outlining priorities, action plans and activities for how the community will use various sources of federal funds, including CDBG, HOME, HOPWA and ESG. The Federal Funding Oversight Committee (FFOC) is responsible for drafting the report and consists of representation from local jurisdictions (Portland, Gresham, Multnomah County) and the community. PHB will keep the public informed of upcoming progress and opportunities to provide public comment.</li> <li>• 10YPRreset Committee Update: The Steering Committee continues to invite CCEH participants to provide feedback to the Reset process through an online survey: <a href="http://kwiksurveys.com?s=OLMNIN_716a14a3">http://kwiksurveys.com?s=OLMNIN_716a14a3</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Panel Discussion: Building Better Connections for Victims of Domestic Violence</b></p>	<p>Panel featured: Annie Neal, Caren Baumgart (Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordination Office), Molli Mitchell (Bradley Angle), Heather Baeckel (Insight Teen Parent Services), Karina Rutova (Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services), Monika Weitzel (Portland Women’s Crisis Line) and Nancy Agard (Volunteers of America Home Free). The group spoke about systems level coordination between the DV system and other systems of care, and the challenges faced in serving individuals who access services in both the DV and</p>	<p>Stacy Borke volunteered to coordinate a subcommittee to work on solutions to the issues discussed in the session. She will send out information via the CCEH network for anyone interested in participating.</p>

	<p>homeless service system. Highlights from the discussion include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providers in both DV and homeless service systems can benefit from increased awareness about each other’s services and program eligibility requirements.</li> <li>• A “warm hand-off” between providers in DV and homeless services will be very beneficial, as well as additional efforts to assist clients in navigating the numerous and often complex systems &amp; services available.</li> <li>• There is a great need (and gap) for services for single women fleeing from DV and seeking housing and services. Additionally, greater connections to the mental health system are needed.</li> <li>• DV system and services are designed to ensure safety of the client as the number one concern. As a result, many DV agencies find that they “screen-in” clients who are homeless, but not necessarily fleeing from or experiencing DV.</li> <li>• Clients in the DV system may not be able to access services at shelters or other homeless services due to safety concerns (their abusers may be accessing same services).</li> <li>• DV system works well at addressing the immediate safety and emergency needs of women fleeing DV; however, the system is less well equipped to provide longer term and/or permanent housing support.</li> <li>• It’s difficult to find subsidies and shelter access for young mothers under the age of 18, having to retell the story over and over again can also be very traumatizing and can deter clients from seeking services.</li> <li>• Sometimes victims or survivors of the DV system don’t want to identify with DV and so don’t get access to the resources they really need.</li> <li>• It’s difficult to just cut people off after the maximum 60 days of service and people end up circulating the two systems for several years.</li> <li>• Better centralized access is needed and reasonable accommodations for companion and service animals should be made.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PAW Team is holding a clinic on March 5<sup>th</sup> and will have hours at JOIN Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 p.m.</li> <li>• Human Solutions is a part of the new Community Works consortium, which replaces the former consortium which oversaw TANF recipients east of 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave.. There will be several opportunities, including referrals for jobs plus. More info to come.</li> <li>• A Salvation Army employee needs to complete some LCSW hours. If your agency can benefit from some free counseling hours, contact Michael Smith from Salvation Army at (503) 794-3274.</li> </ul>	