

**Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness (CCEH)
Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2013**

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Present: Tervina Aguilar, Caren Baumgart, Liora Berry, Stacy Borke, Bill Boyd, Caitlin Campbell, Jennifer Chang, Pat Daley, Mike Dee, Amanda Hurley, Megan Kidd, Karen Kopulos, Peggy Kuhn, Beckie Lee, Michael Mellick, Molli Mitchell, Katherine Moore, Hope O’Connor, Rachel Payton, Liza Pierce, Kim McCarty, Courtney Robertstad, Natasha Roe, Erika Silver, Shannon Singleton, Rene Sutherland, Lynne Walker, Tom Wehrley, Carissa Williams, Shasta Leming, Art Rios Sr., Marilyn Miller, Kurt Briggs-Ungerer, Mary Babcock, Catherine Caruso, Emmy Ritter, Brian Martin

Agenda Topic	Discussion Points	Next Steps
Introductions / Review of Minutes	The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved. New attendees were introduced.	
Updates	<p>Brian Martin, City of Gresham: The City of Gresham is working on a temporary use permit process for projects such as sites being used as emergency shelters. The process will provide a shorter timeframe for approval, and is estimated to be effective May 2, 2013.</p> <p>Kim McCarty, Portland Housing Bureau: At the next CCEH meeting on April 17th, we will have the Consolidated Plan hearing, which is a follow up to the Needs Hearing held back in November 2012. CCEH participants are invited to provide for community feedback on the priorities. The hearing will be at JOIN, 1435 NE 81st Ave, Suite 100.</p> <p>Mary Li, Multnomah County: The County is in the beginning of their budget process. Every year they do a cut exercise with 1, 2 and 4% cuts. At the department level there are program cuts to programs serving families experiencing homelessness, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$40,000 reduction to Bridges To Housing (B2H) 2. \$240,000 general fund match to 3 nonprofits which are transitional projects 3. New initiatives from what they learned <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Expansion to coordinated entry b. Action for prosperity program 	

	<p>Community members are encouraged to provide feedback in the budget process, through upcoming budget hearings and information on the website. The County will continue to work with other jurisdictions and elected officials to support ending homelessness.</p> <p>Questions: Is there any funding for mental health in East County? Too early to tell if there will be any reduction to these programs.</p> <p>When will you begin working on a plan with outside areas? It will be another month or two until we know more.</p> <p>Rachael Duke, Home Forward Home Forward was notified on March 7th they will be facing cuts due to sequestration, an estimated shortfall of \$6.3 million. Home Forward has engaged their Board of Commissioners, community partners, resident leaders, employees and their bargaining representatives to discuss options. They all agree that no one will be terminated from programs if at all possible. In addition to administrative cost reductions, Home Forward intends to ask public housing residents and Housing Choice Voucher participants to contribute more towards their rent to help make up the funding gap. To do this, they are increasing percentages of gross income used to determine tenant rents, which will require change(s) to programs. Home Forward will continue to keep community partners updated.</p> <p>Who do you contact to see where funding goes? http://www.homeforward.org/home-forward/sequestration-and-home-forward</p> <p>Jennifer Chang, Portland Housing Bureau: Update on Racial Equity Training. The training explored several issues, including: the definition of racial equity, the connection of power to equity, and barriers to achieving equity. CCEH will provide opportunities for debriefing at future meetings.</p>	
<p>Housing First and Rapid Re-housing in Our Community: Continuing the Conversation</p>	<p>Mobile Housing is a pilot program that has placed 48 families since November. This pilot is scheduled until the end of June. It is funded with HSP money. They are currently working with 30 families. They travel to the families so that the families don't have to go to a shelter and focus on early prevention. Affordable daycare is needed for people who want to go to</p>	

	<p>school. Families have complex needs and situations which include domestic violence, drugs & alcohol. Without any money for support and retention, families may cycle through the same problems. Neighborhood familiarity is an example of prevention.</p> <p>Village Support (pilot) is working with faith-based programs. They help acquire funding for youth activities such as soccer practices and youth outings.</p> <p>Northwest Pilot Project helps people who are 55 years and older. They work extensively to get people housed rapidly, however, don't consider themselves as a Housing First program. They state that Northwest Housing Alternatives has a great program for Rapid Re-housing.</p> <p>Cascadia has multiple supportive housing programs. Challenges are home reduction, reunification with family and lack of insurance. Cascadia has received no money from the state for mental health services. One challenge is situations where people who do not want to continue with the programs but can't afford any other housing. Some people want independent housing but don't need the programs. Cascadia is Housing First with parameters.</p> <p>There is an understanding that these resources are there but there's a concern with the people who are missed. What kind of housing will work for these people?</p> <p>The word "housing-ready" is not used by JOIN when describing who should be in housing. Their relationship-focused approach starts with the individuals' goals, and provides support to them in achieving their goals.</p> <p>A big question to ask is: who determines when a person has access to, or is "ready" for housing? Our responses will help us better understand the different types of programs and approaches that are working in our community.</p>	
<p>Community Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Net campaign is April 11th • Lobby Day is April 4th • Tri-Met hearing is April 29th • City of Gresham is giving \$90 to people due to rent hike 	