

**Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness (CCEH)
Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2013**

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Reviewed by: Steering Committee & CCEH

Present: Caren Baumgart, Leah Breen, Ryan Deibert, Sally Erickson, Marc Jolin, Bruce Jones, Christine Lau, Michael Mellick, Katherine Moore, Zoey Owens, Natasha Roe, Rene Sutherland, Carissa Williams, Bisi Carter, Malin Dawson, Catherine Caruso, Craig Ward, Regena Warren, Felicia Tripp Folson, Betty Dominguez

Agenda Topic	Discussion Points	Next Steps
Welcome / Review of Minutes	The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.	
Updates and Community Announcements	<p>Marc Jolin, JOIN: With the help of Home Forward and The United Way, who provided funding, all 305 VASH vouchers have been leased. To expedite the lease-up process, the City, County, Home Forward and United Way contributed to create a flexible pool of funds to support rapid placement of eligible Veterans into housing, by covering costs such as housing application fees and back landlord rent. There will be more vouchers in the future, but it is still to be determined on when they'll be received.</p> <p>The "We Are the Safety Net" campaign was formed to advocate for support of safety net services in our community. This year, the City is facing potential general fund cuts to homeless service and housing programs by \$1.1 million. To show your support, , groups have been posting pictures with signs saying "We are the Safety Net." As a community, we want to show that no cuts are acceptable.</p>	Go to: http://wearethesafetynet.org/
Recap and Debrief of CCEH Racial Equity Training / On-going opportunities	<p>On February 28, 2013, the Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR) facilitated a half day training for CCEH. The topic of racial equity has come up with community members. This training was to help show that the concept of equity is different than equality. Within the training, they had people breakout into small groups for discussion and scenario exercises.</p> <p>CCEH members felt the training was worthwhile. Members gained examples and tools to take back to their workplace. A drawback to the training was the size. It made it difficult to</p>	

	<p>get deeper into the subject, however, to see the large attendance was exciting (200 participants). Members feel that smaller training groups would be beneficial. The training started out as a white and black issue, but it could be expanded to other races as well. The momentum of the training could have used some help to achieve an end result.</p> <p>The discussion of the training amongst members shows the desire of the dialogue. Understanding that OEHR may not always be available, how can we (CCEH) empower ourselves with these tools and keep the discussion fresh?</p> <p>Ideas suggested by participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide opportunities (training?) to provide a safe space for agencies to understand and prevent unintended micro aggressions.• Provide a regular opportunity to dialogue about race and equity. A suggestion was made to incorporate time within each CCEH meeting. Multnomah County has a resource (Conversation Cards) we may be able to use.• Convene a program managers training and/or peer group• Research other trainer opportunities, as well as ask OEHR about their capacity to facilitate other trainings for our group.• As a group/community, arrive at a common definition of equity and how it applies to the housing and ending homelessness work we do. <p>These suggestions will be brought back to the CCEH Steering Committee to determine some next steps and opportunities.</p>	
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