

# COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO END HOMELESSNESS (CCEH)

## MEETING MINUTES



Date: October 15, 2008	Location: First United Methodist Church	Recorded by: Emily Schelling
Time: 3 pm to 5 pm	Facilitated by: Jean DeMaster	Reviewed By: Steering Committee

Present: Caren Baumgart, Sally Erickson, Rachel Post, EV Armitage, Carmen Rubio, Rachel Paden, Gloria Willis, Sarah Silver, Tiffany Kingery, Jen Matheson, Jean DeMaster, Marc Jolin, Nic Granum, Del Newcaster, Patty Doyle, Kari Brenk, Lynne Walker, Liv Jenssen, Renata Wilson, Melanie Calvin, Ryan Carens, Natasha Roe, Bobby Weinstock

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/ DECISION	FOLLOW- UP/PLAN
Introductions			
Approval of September minutes	Goal 6.1a discussion amended to include the Luis Palau Association in the groups establishing the Home Again Mentoring Program.	Approved with correction	
10-year plan 2008 goals progress: #8 & #9	<p><b>Goal 8. Increase economic opportunity for homeless people.</b></p> <p><u>Goal 8.1a. Expedite process for entitlement benefits.</u> CCC has secured 3 grants for the BEST program. They started taking referrals in March and have received 222 referrals from 3 agencies – CCC, JOIN and TPI. 82 people have been enrolled, 38 in process, 44 have been filed. Of those filed, 27 have been awarded, 4 denied and 13 in appeals. BEST has an 87% success rate. BEST is also submitting claims for reimbursable medical costs. Model may be used for TANF clients. BEST is trying to document the savings to medical providers and agencies to demonstrate success of the program.</p> <p><u>Goal 8.2a. Help individuals obtain benefits to secure/maintain housing and healthcare.</u> Buys time from disability advocate.</p> <p><u>Goal 8.3a. Fund employment program that coordinates services.</u> CCC covered report for BHCD. New program using a supportive job model started July 1. 100+ people enrolled; 75% employed. Of those placed in permanent housing, 78% remain housed and 63% remain employed.</p> <p><u>Goal 8.4a. Assess employment-related resources and develop a strategy for a continuum of services.</u> Survey Monkey on agency resources yielded 33 responses from 22 agencies. Results illustrate that supported employment is an important piece of ending chronic homelessness. Final report will be delivered at next meeting. Please submit Survey Monkey.</p> <p><u>Goal 8.5a. Evaluate ID access and develop strategy to expand ID access.</u> In progress.</p> <p><u>Goal 8.6a. Open day labor site.</u> In fourth month of site operation; 30-40 laborers use site per day. Contract will move to Randy Leonard’s office (contact is Kyle Chisek).</p> <p><u>Goal 8.7a. Schedule training on FASD and/or TBI.</u> The training took place.</p> <p><u>Goal 8.8a. Assess capacity to provide cognitive assessments.</u> There is evidence that there is</p>		

	<p>local capacity for neuropsychological assessments, but cost is a barrier. Looking for flexible pool of money to buy services. BEST team has negotiated reduced rate for cognitive assessments.</p> <p><b>Goal 9. Implement new data collection technology throughout homeless system.</b>  <b>Goal 9.1a. Coordinate and implement HMIS for Shelter+Care programs.</b> Have surpassed goal; now at 78% of beds included in HMIS.</p>		
Winter Shelter & Severe Weather plans	<p>The CCEH Steering Committee has been evaluating the possibility of establishing warming centers to address the lack of capacity in shelters; the insufficient funds for motel vouchers; and the inefficiency of the current calling-in system for severe weather advisories. The Committee has proposed opening 2 warming centers (one downtown and one in mid- to east county) and has requested \$200,000 from the City and \$200,000 from the County. Goal is to accommodate 200-225 people, pets and storage in each warming center. Centers would staff two workers at all times.</p>		
Vulnerability Index	<p>A street survey of most medically vulnerable homeless individuals will take place the week of Oct 20. Training and analysis of surveys by Common Ground, a New York-based nonprofit. Purpose of surveys is to gather information on those sleeping outside. Some winter shelter space will be set aside for those who are most vulnerable. If interested in volunteering on Vulnerability Index surveying, contact Emily Schelling at BHCD (<a href="mailto:emily.schelling@ci.portland.or.us">emily.schelling@ci.portland.or.us</a> or 503-823-2377).</p>		
2009 10-year plan goals	<p>Members were asked to think broadly about the 10YP goals for 2009. Members were asked to write down answers to the following two questions: Do you think there will be fewer homeless people in 2015 than there would have been without the 10YP? and What are three things we should focus more on in our 2009 goals? Responses were collected.</p>		
Other items, next meeting	<p>The Rose City Resource Guide has been released. Please double-check that agency information is correct, and contact Street Roots with any updates.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 19, 2008</b></p>		