

Homeless Leadership Coalition

Friday May 5, 2017

Meeting Minutes

8:00 - 9:30 am

Downtown Bend Library

Molly Taroli brought the meeting to order at 8am, welcomed everyone and invited people who were new to the HLC to introduce themselves.

HLC/CoC News & Updates

Molly Heiss, NeighborImpact, gave several updates related to HUD CoC requirements and grant timeline. The Collaborative Application Registration has been completed. NeighborImpact will serve as the Lead Agency and Collaborative Applicant for the Central Oregon CoC this year. The Grant Inventory Worksheets have been completed and will post June 9th. We might anticipate that the NOFA will come out soon after that, although we do not know. We will have 60 days to complete the NOFA after it is released. We are preparing now to be ready for the release and application process.

Also, the CoC's Systems Performance Measures - 7 measures (only implementing 6 this year) looking at how we function as a "system", rather than as individual programs - were discussed. Our SPMs will be submitted by the end of May. The Board will review the SPMs.

Molly also gave a quarterly report on Emergency Solutions Grant programs. More than 400 people served. Reports forthcoming.

Civic Equity Project -- HLC has been accepted into the Bend 2030 & Opportunity Knocks new 2 year capacity building program called the Civic Equity Project. The Advocacy Committee co-chairs, Colleen Thomas and Colleen Sinsky, will be the HLC representatives to the Civic Equity Project. Capacity building will focus both on organizational capacity and on engaging and articulating an advocacy agenda.

Committees:

- Coordinated Entry - May 25th, 11a.m.-noon Call-in option available. Contact Hope at hopeb@neighborimpact.org for details.
- Advocacy - May 16th, 8:30 - 9:30, Bend Church. Call-in option available (THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED) contact: advocacy.cohomeless@gmail.com for more information.
- HMIS Users - Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month from 10a.m.-11a.m. at Bend NI office. NO MEETING FOR MONTH OF MAY – to resume June 15th

PIT Results to HUD and Next Steps

The results for the HUD definition of Homelessness *only* - those that meet HUDs "Literally Homeless" definition and were reported to HUD - were released this week along with a press release. Both are attached. There was an increase in those who were "literally homeless", as well notably in the number of people who are unsheltered across the populations.

The full results of the PIT Count, including those who were at-risk of homelessness, will be presented later this month. HLC is planning, along with community partners, to hold Community Town Halls with a presentation, discussion, and developing local next steps. The schedule is in

the attached flyer. Town Halls will be held in Warm Springs, Madras, Sisters, Redmond, Prineville, Bend and La Pine.

Please help us get the word out to community partners and people who are interested in learning more and finding solutions together to homelessness. Please invite people who are not directly involved in working on homeless issues. The presentation information will be accessible and people will leave with some ideas about next steps.

OHSU Central Oregon Research Coalition

Erin Solomon, Community Health Educator/Community Liaison Central Oregon, with OHSU presented on their work in the Central Oregon community, their roles and vision for their work, and the work they are doing with HLC. Erin reviewed the work of the Research HUB and talked about the role of Community Research and the vision behind their work - connecting the researchers and their expertise/resources to benefit issues / organizations and their projects in the community. They aim to empower the community with research. They help with conceptualizing projects, working through Human Subjects research issues, and other barriers for organizations in conducting research. They are working with the HLC on our PIT analysis, on reviewing the process and survey for next year's PIT, and are exploring a variety of other research projects / resource needs of the HLC. Please see Powerpoint slides attached. If you're interested in learning more, or have a project you'd like to discuss, contact Erin Solomon at: solomone@ohsu.edu

HLC's Advocacy Committee

Colleen Sinsky, Advocacy Committee Co-chair and Cody Standiford, HLC Co-Chair discussed the work of the HLC Advocacy Committee. Advocacy Committee participation is open to anyone. You can contact advocacy.cohomeless@gmail.com to learn more or to sign up to receive advocacy emails. The committee will be taking a 2-pronged approach to its work = Policy Advocacy and Education/Story-telling. The committee will be choosing a particular topic/issue each month. Action is focused now on HB2004. A campaign link will be sent out for people to express their support for HB2004 - all are invited to do so.

The Committee is also organizing people to attend Housing Opportunity Day - May 18th - in Salem. This is organized by the Oregon Housing Alliance and they provide training, set up legislator meetings, and offer support to all people who want to make their voices heard on housing issues. If you are interested in attending, or know anyone who has experienced or is currently experiencing homelessness who would like to attend, please contact Colleen at advocacy.cohomeless@gmail.com

The group discussed the concerns that come up with nonprofits doing advocacy. Cody offered some clarification. The HLC can serve as the collective voice. It was advised that people check with their own agencies, as well as with the IRS guidance. Also, at the July HLC meeting, the Nonprofit Association of Oregon will be here and will discuss advocacy guidelines for nonprofits.

Community Updates and Announcements

Marshall High School - Family Fair is May 23rd - 2:30 - 5:30pm. Contact Carolyn at carolyn.carrymcdonald@bend.k12.or.us for more information.

United Way launching TRACEs initiative at an event on May 23rd - Building Resiliency in Central Oregon. See attached flyer for details.

Central Oregon Partnerships for Youth (COPY) - Available volunteers for kids whose parents are impacted by incarceration. Next COPY Program is in September. Contact Bob Moore for details: copy@deschutes.org

May 16th at 6:30 - "Know your Rights" meeting at the Unitarian Church. See attached flyers. Intended for people who are living in fear and also for citizen allies! We all need to know our rights. See attached flyers for details and contact information.

Madras Faith Based Network - Meets the 3rd Thurs of each month at the St. Charles Hospital in Madras. A diverse group of community members, faith-based leaders, nonprofits and government. They run 4 programs:

1. Our Community (services in the park) - First Saturday of August (serve 4000 people)
2. LINC program - all volunteer run - is the "coordinated entry" for Jefferson County - service and referral center
3. Community Food Network
4. Jobs for Life Program - overcoming barriers to getting and keeping jobs, also prison inreach

For more information contact: Tim Woods at : tim.woods@livinghopecc.com

Community Huddle - May 16th at 11:45 - Bend Elks

Bend Church - Bend Church and partners have secured funding for a year-round shelter, but they are still looking for a space for the shelter. They are also going to be getting a booth at the Saturday Market for artists from the Bend Church programs and community who are selling their artwork. If you're interested in helping or supporting this effort, please contact:

Shimiko.bendchurch@gmail.com

Mountain Star - Mountain Star now has a grant for a Pre-k program, and can now serve up to 5 years old. For kids with high needs/trauma. They are looking for more kids for their program. The program will go all summer! Contact Nydia at: nydia@mtstar.org

May is Mental health awareness month.

COVO Stand Down - Bend Elks - June 28th - Looking for Community Service and Resource Providers - Open to all community members with VIP section for Vets. Open to tri-county area. If interested in being a resource provider, please contact Tory Flory: tory.flory@covo-us.org

Meeting adjourned at 9:25. Thank you to everyone for your passion and energy and for helping to reset the room after our meetings. Special thanks to Alyssa and the Library for hosting us!

May 5th, 2017 - Meeting Attendee Organizations

Bend La-Pine School District
Cascade Youth and Family
Saving Grace
Jefferson County Faith Based Network
Deschutes County Behavioral Health, AOP
NAMI
PacificSource
Downtown Bend Business Association
Housing Works
COVO
COPY/SCSO
St. Charles Family Clinic
St. Charles Family Care (Madras)
Mt. Star Family Relief Nursery
First Pres - Peace/ Justice - Housing Advocacy
Bend Church
Shepherd's House
NeighborImpact
Legal Aid Services of Oregon
Bend Parks & Rec.
DCBH
Thrive Central Oregon
DHS - SSP
COIC/CET
Marshall High School
Deschutes County
Deschutes Public Library
OHSU