



In Attendance:
Ann Marie Alfrey, Angela Durant, Stacy Brubaker, Debra Crawford, Delcia Dillard, Amanda Doemland, Sam Engel, Mary Ferrell, Barbara Johnson, Tina Kessell, Debra Lee, Kelly Madding, Kim Overson, Linda Reid, Cass Sinclair, Kimberlee Whitney, and Breanna Watson.
Legislative Liaison:
Absent.
Staff:
Melanie Doshier, Melissa Markos, and Daphne Bramlett.
Guests:
Bob Kaplan, Alex Campbell, Matthew Havnear, and Echo Fields.
Absent:
Carrie Borgen, Jason Elzy, Leslie Ford, Matt Rogers, and Nate Sickler

- I. **Welcome & Call to Order** – Vice-Chair Whitney called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM.

- II. **Roll Call** – A quorum was reached with 16 of 21 members present.

- III. **Public Comments** – Bob Kaplan, Ashland City Council liaison requested access to the CoC’s Google Drive to access CoC files. ***Bob will complete an application to become a member of the CoC, after which he may receive access to Google Drive.***

- IV. **Consent Agenda** – The consent agenda including the July 10, 2024 minutes was approved as submitted. Additional comments:
 - Melissa Markos announced that HUD released the CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The CoC must establish priorities for the CoC application which were recommended, according to the Charter by the Regional Planning Workgroup (RPW). Recommended priorities: 1) Infrastructure – Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry System (CES); 2) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH); and 3) Rapid Rehousing (RHH).
 - Priorities must be identified in the competitive application due 10/25/24 and before the CoC is aware of bonus project funding.
 - PSH was defined (CFR HUD 578.378) as permanent housing with housing assistance (e.g., long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supportive services provided to assist households with at least one member (adult or child) with a disability in achieving housing stability.
 - The renewal amount is estimated at \$273K; bonus funding may be added.

- Maslow will not be applying; and Community Works does not have a PSH project but values the CoC funding as essential leverage.
- Average annual increase potential is estimated at 5%, but as the CoC becomes more creative, the region can increase funding through special NOFOs.
- The CoC Board approved the following priorities: 1) Infrastructure – HMIS and CES; 2) PSH; 3) Permanent Housing; and 4) RRH. **ACTION: motion approved.**
- Daphne Bramlett, Chair of the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Workgroup proposed ACCESS be the lead agency for the CES and ACCESS assign staff. **ACTION: motion approved.**
- The CES workgroup is responsible for identifying a lead agency per the Charter.
- HUD requires a lead agency by appointed and identified in the application.
- The CoC is now pulling people from CES and providing case management.

V. **Ashland Homeless Services Masterplan (AHSM)** - Linda Reid and Echo Fields presented highlights from the AHSM (see presentation slides for more details):

- The plan focuses on Ashland-specific issues and is intended to serve as a tool for Ashland City Council.
- The online survey was completed by 48 service providers, 282 community members, and homeless members.
- Identifies challenges including public safety, bathroom access, funding issues, aging volunteer population, and uneven distribution of resources across cities.
- Emphasizes a need for regional coordination, public engagement, data sharing, and strategic alliances.
- Melissa has given a presentation on the CoC to the Ashland subcommittee.
- The CoC Board was encouraged to define its role across the region.
- Limited street outreach in Ashland was discussed including clarification that Maslow offers outreach in Ashland beyond the School District.
- OHSU Street Nurses counted 181 homeless individuals; that number was doubled.
- ***PSH and RRH resources in Ashland were clarified and the AHSM will be updated with more accurate information.***
- Data shows Jackson County (JC) has a higher rate within the state of evictions; JC and Ashland are showing a rise in female homelessness; Ashland is higher than state per capita in homeless students and unaccompanied youth (any youth < 18 years old not in physical presence of parent/legal guardian).
- Ashland’s SWOT of the CoC highlights a lack of CES data and regional strategic plan.
- The Community Health Assessment (CHA) was not included in the research process.
- Plan has been forwarded to CoC’s Gaps Analysis consultant.
- Perceptions of homeless individuals migrating across cities to access services were discussed and a coordinated regional approach was encouraged.

VI. **Full Membership Annual Meeting Discussion** was tabled.

VII. **Lead Agency Director’s Report** was tabled in light of Carrie Borgen’s absence.

- VIII. **Agenda Building** – suggested items included additional conversation about the AHSM and Jackson County’s \$4.1M from the Behavioral Health Investment Fund received in joint collaboration with ColumbiaCare and Housing Authority of Jackson County.
- IX. **Good of the Order** – Melissa forwarded an inquiry from Paul Sheldon, Golden Rule Entry requesting information on available funding to help fill a short-term salaries cash flow gap of approximately \$30k; short-term loan/line of credit was recommended.
- X. **Adjourn** – meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 @ 2:00 – 3:00 PM.

Next Board Meeting: September 4, 2024 @ 2:00 – 3:30 PM.