



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

- I. **Welcome & Call to Order** – Vice-Chair Whitney called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** – A quorum was reached with 11 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 August 7, 2024 board minutes were approved as submitted.
- V. **Full Membership Annual Meeting** – Angela Durant updated the board on details related to the full membership meeting to be held on September 17, 2024:
 - In-person only
 - John Bowling will facilitate
 - Melissa Markos will provide a COC 101 Prestation
 - Gordon Elwood Foundation will sponsor lunch
 - Small group discussions are planned to help integrate board with general membership
- VI. **Gloria Center Tour** – Melanie Doshier and Alex Campbell shared highlights on [The Gloria Center](#) tour:
 - The Gloria Center is a multi-agency navigation center located in The Dalles (rural area).
 - Kenny LaPoint, ED of Mid-Colombia Community Action Council hosted the tour.
 - Community advocacy, bringing people together, and hiring a master planner were critical to project success.
 - Land was donated and no debt is held on the building.

- Funding for construction of the 10,000 square foot metal building came from Google, State Navigation Center funding, and other philanthropic organizations.
- All partners providing onsite services contribute monthly, which is key to sustainability.
- The Sheriff's office was a huge champion.
- Community concerns at the onset of the project have been addressed through the appearance and high standard operations (property is beautiful and clean).
- Project has significantly impacted homelessness by 20% (year over year).
- Appointments are set and security is maintained.
- Tenants are supported by community health workers, funded by the coordinated care organization, Qualified Health Plan, Oregon Human Development Center, and DHS.
- Solar technology fuels sustainable operations.
- No housing on site.
- Next step is to work toward is onsite permanent supportive housing.

VII. **Announcement on ACCESS/Jackson Care Connect Partnership** – Carrie Borgen informed the group that ACCESS will be taking the lead and working with Daniel Bunn, Rubicon Investments as master planner, and Jason Elzy and Alex Campbell to design/develop a multi-agency resource center in our community. Jackson Care Connect has agreed to provide funding in support of the planning work. Carrie also highlighted “Housing 360” state funding opportunity of approximately \$4M to support three projects. Discussion highlights:

- Rubicon will interview providers for commitment and shared vision, develop a master plan and serve as the developer.
- ACCESS invites the CoC's involvement and vision.
- The project planning team is looking for opportunities.
- The CoC will discuss involvement during the Gaps Analysis and Strategic
- Alison is setting up meetings with agencies that have voiced interest or have been identified (JCC/ACCESS)
- **Carrie will invite Kenny LaPoint to present to the CoC on the Gloria Center.**

VIII. **\$4.1 Oregon Housing Authority Funding to Jackson County Mental Health** – Stacy Brubaker will be sending out a Request for Application to develop/expand housing for individuals with behavioral health needs (funding estimated at \$4M).

IX. **Collaborative Application Competition** – Melissa Markos provided an update on the open Collaborative Application Competition and solicited input from the board on three application questions.

1) What is your CoC doing to promote SSI, SSDI outreach, access, and recovery for program staff throughout the CoC? *Comments:*

- ACCESS used to have a SOAR worker.
- The Center for Nonprofit Legal services provides education for people seeking SSI benefits (takes a year to go through the hearing process).

2) In relations to infectious disease policies, how is the CoC collaborating with state and local agencies with outbreaks among homeless?

- Connie Wilkerson worked with Rogue Retreat, through the Transition Policy Workgroup to develop a written policy.
- Kelly Madding was part of the Sheriff's Greenway group and worked with Steve Lambert to post red and green signs during COVID.

3) Provide examples of how the CoC effectively shared information with the public about health and homelessness in the last year.

- CoC should have written standards related to shared information.

Other comments:

- CoC-wide assessments need to be completed regularly, including racial disparity and equity standards.
- Does the CoC have a strategy/best practice on moving current CoC participants out of shelter, transitional, and supportive housing to permanent housing to free up beds?
- Melissa would like to get ahead of the application in the future and will be looking at operating procedures and action planning for the application process.

X. **Future Agenda Building** – Items included the Gaps Analysis, Kenny Lapoint to present on the Gloria Center, and the Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan.

XI. **Good of the Order** – none.

XII. **Adjourn** – meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 @ 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Next Board Meeting: October 2, 2024 @ 2:00 – 3:30 PM