



Jackson County Continuum of Care
Homeless Task Force Meeting
November 19, 2024

Minutes by Devin Flores

- 1) **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Matt Rodgers at 10:30 am
- 2) **Introductions** Matt Rodgers sent an attendance sheet around the room. He requested that we update contact information as needed for group communications and to ensure that all members of the task force receive agendas and meeting invitations.
- 3) **Community Partner Updates**
 - a) Overview of the Deflection program from Vicky Armstrong.
 - i) The Deflection program is a pre-arrest program that offers treatment instead of arrest for certain drug offenses. It was implemented on October 8th of this year and is funded through June of 2025.
 - ii) The program requires 10 contacts in 30 days with 5 being treatment, and 5 being for supportive services.
 - iii) They are open Monday through Friday from around 8 am to 5 pm, and they will be expanding to all law enforcement agencies by January.
 - b) Home Share Oregon
 - i) This is a service that helps pair individuals to become roommates.
 - ii) They are currently looking for home/housing providers.
 - c) HRSN is now going through OHP!
 - i) HRSN (Health-Related Social Needs) program is being offered through Jackson Care Connect and Allcare in Jackson and Josephine counties.
 - ii) This is a rental and utility assistance program that is offered directly to members of the above OHP plans.
- 4) **Pit Count Updates**
 - a) The Point-In-Time (PIT) count is coming up. We are still in the planning process, with the PIT count committee meeting bi-weekly to determine methodology, budget, incentives, etc.
 - b) Volunteers will be needed for the PIT Count
 - i) Please contact Melissa at mmarkos@accesshelps.org if you would like to participate in PIT count planning and/or volunteering.
- 5) **Gaps Analysis:**
 - a) The Gaps analysis is nearly complete, with some major deficits identified in permanent supportive housing.
 - i) Another major gap is some inconsistency with data, and the data that isn't available.

- b) This is the first gaps analysis for the CoC, and they will be conducted annually.
- c) The gaps analysis gives the CoC information that is informing the strategic plan for the next three years.
 - i) The strategic plan will be shared on the CoC website once completed.

6) Homeless Service Types Presentation

- a) Noah presented an overview of the 9 housing service types that are funded by the CoC.
 - i) Outreach and assessment
 - ii) Emergency shelter
 - iii) Transitional housing
 - iv) Rapid rehousing
 - v) Homelessness prevention
 - vi) Permanent supportive housing
 - vii) Support services only
 - viii) Permanent housing
 - ix) Domestic violence housing.
- b) Along with these service types, Noah discussed the best practices, challenges and barriers, and the performance evaluation measures for each service type.

7) Medford Severe Weather Shelter Updates

- a) Regarding the upcoming storm.
 - i) Not currently open as temperature thresholds are not met yet.
 - ii) Will open if the projected temperature is below 32°F with precipitation or below 25°F.
- b) Donations and volunteers are needed when the shelter is open.
- c) To receive text alerts for when the shelter opens, text "MED4SHELTERS" to 888777.

8) Adjournment: adjourned the meeting at 12:03 pm

Next Meeting: December 17, 2024