

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Coordinating Board

Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2015

Facilitated by: Initiative Director and Co-chairs
Prepared by: Carrie Young; Reviewed by: Jurisdictional Staff Members

Members present: Josh Alpert (Mayor Hales rep.), Raihana Ansary, Alexandra Appleton, Jules Bailey, Kris Billhardt, Ed Blackburn, Stacy Borke, Michael Buonocore, Beth Burns, Shannon Callahan (Commissioner Saltzman rep.), Sam Chase, René Duboise, Maurice Evans, Brooke Gray (Ben Sand rep.), Shane Kinnison, Brad Malsin, Andrew McGough, Monique Menconi, Matt Morton, Art Rios, Sr., Shannon Singleton, Liz Smith Currie (Chair Kaoury rep.), Becky Straus, Martha Strawn Morris, Cheryl Thompson, Derald Walker, Joe Walsh (Councilor Echols rep.). **Staff:** Megan Beyer, Jerome Brooks, Mary Carroll, Jennifer Chang, Ryan Deibert, Sally Erickson, Debbie Fox, Christine Lewis, Mary Li, Anna Plumb, Bimal RahBhandary, Ian Slingerland, Wendy Smith. **Guests:** Erin Fisher, Jane Marie Ford, Alex Glover, Chelsea Hartmann, Mark Sturbois, Bobby Weinstock.

| Agenda Item | Discussion Points | Decision/Action |
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| Welcome, Introductions, Minutes, and Submission of Annual Homeless Assessment Report Submission (AHAR). - Matt Morton, Co-chair | Co-chair called meeting to order and commenced introductions. Minutes were approved by consent; no objections. Authority to authorize the submission of the AHAR data and report to HUD on behalf of the Board was delegated to the Data Outcomes and Evaluation Committee; no objections. | |
| Public Comment - Stacy Borke, Co-chair | Floor opened for public comments. No public comment to be heard. | |
| Initiative and Community Updates - Marc Join, Initiative Director | <p>Marc provided an update on the Housing State of Emergency including: the SFC Jerome F. Sears Army Reserve temporary women’s shelter opening on Thanksgiving day, and coordination efforts to provide short and long term solutions under the Housing State of Emergency.</p> <p>Josh Alpert, Office of Mayor Charlie Hales, reported that next Thursday the City of Portland is hosting the West Coast Mayors’ Summit (WCMS), a two-day convening of mayors from Portland, Seattle, Eugene, San Francisco and Los Angeles, to discuss homelessness, affordable housing and climate change. The goal of the summit is to exchange information and best practices, develop a joint federal agenda, and identify action items on mutual issues. Both HUD Secretary Castro and United States Interagency Council on Homelessness Director Matthew Doherty will be in Portland as part of the WCMS. A joint statement from the mayors will seek support from federal partners to increase funding for affordable housing development; increase funding for rent assistance and supportive services for homeless people; and increase the flexibility of federal regulations so that programs can better meet the unique needs of each city.</p> <p>Bobby Weinstock, Northwest Pilot Project (NWPP), provided attendees with a NWPP the affordable housing gap in Portland and Multnomah County handout.</p> | |

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| <p>FY 16-17 Outcome-based Budget Process - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p> | <p>Marc updated the board with the progress of the outcome-based budgeting process for the \$30 million that will be identified by the City and County to go toward funding strategies for reducing street and shelter homelessness. A majority of the non-Executive Committee board members completed an individual ranking exercise based on recommendations from the action plan workgroups, and staff processed the individual rankings in the handout provided for the board to complete its large group ranking exercise today. The final prioritized recommendations and overall messaging from the board will go to the Executive Committee to inform the purchasing decisions.</p> <p>Marc provided an overview of the group ranking process to finalize a package of recommendations for the Executive Committee. The proposed investment priorities (PIP) were ranked under each goal, safety off the streets, placement and retention, and prevention. They were sorted into green (the highest combination of high/medium ranks), yellow (a mix of high, medium, and low, but weighted to the middle), and red (the highest combination of low/medium ranks).</p> <p>Board members can propose moving a yellow PIP into the green based upon an assessment that it better achieves the numeric objectives and goals than a PIP that is currently in the green. Members may recommend replacing a green PIP altogether or suggest moving a yellow PIP with a smaller numerical impact, or recommend that a larger green PIP be proportionately reduced. Each board member will vote on each proposed change to the current ranking. Executive Committee members or their proxies can vote and make proposals (27 in total attended), by either yes, no, or abstain to the proposal. Representatives attending for members cannot vote or suggest proposals.</p> | |
| <p>FY16-17 Outcome-based Budgeting Group Ranking - Stacy Borke, TPI/Co-chair</p> | <p>Stacy led the group ranking and discussion. Proposals and voting grouped by safety off the streets, placement and retention, and prevention.</p> <p><u>Safety off the Streets (SoS):</u> <i>SoS Proposal #1</i> – Vote: Yes – 5, No – 11, Abstain – 11 (only 3 counted/raised) Move Reception Center - Invitation Only Shelter to green, move Overnight Car Camping Program to yellow. Reason proposed was Reception Center - Invitation Only Shelter addresses the goal of serving individuals disabled by mental illness, will allow pets/other accommodations, gains access to populations not currently being reached, has the ability to reach chronically homeless/high acuity. <i>SoS Proposal #2</i> – Vote: Yes – 19, No – 0, Abstain – 8 (1 counted/raised) Move Reception Center - Invitation Only Shelter to green, and expand green (no yellow) <i>SoS Proposal #3</i> – Vote: Yes – 0, No – 9, Abstain – 18 (0 counted/raised) Move Reception Center - Invitation Only Shelter to green, and Hotel Master Lease to yellow. Reason proposed was master leasing number doesn't move enough toward numeric objectives. <i>SoS Proposal #4</i> – Vote: Yes – 13, No – 6, Abstain – 9 (5 counted/raised) Amend proposal #2: If there are budget asks connected with Overnight Car Camping Program that aligns incorporating Facility Based Emergency Shelter.</p> | <p>Board members to send thoughts on ranking and/or general feedback on the prevention section to staff.</p> |

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| | <p><u>Placement and Retention (P&R):</u> <i>P&R Proposal #1</i> – Move Housing and Workforce Alignment for TANF Families, Bring Workforce to Housing and Housing to Workforce for Youth, and Bring Housing to Workforce to green. <i>P&R Proposal #2</i> – Move Low Barrier Immediate Income Program to green. Make it a part of Permanent Supportive Housing. Reason proposed was it is opportunity for people to enter into workforce and build income. <i>P&R Proposal #3</i> – Embed Housing and Workforce Alignment for TANF Families in Placement and Retention Services for Women and Families to incorporate a workforce strategy/focus. <i>P&R Proposal #4</i> – Move PSH units connected to Unity to incorporate in Permanent Supportive Housing, move Flexible Retention and Prevention Funds for Veterans in Contingency Assistance Pool, move Low Barrier Immediate Income Program into green, and move Equitable Access to Employment Project into Contingency Assistance Pool. <i>P&R Proposal #5</i> – Move Housing and Workforce Alignment for TANF Families and Bring Workforce to Housing to green and embed into Placement and Retention Services for Women and Families. <i>P&R Proposal #6</i> – Move Bring Workforce to Housing, Bring Housing to Workforce, and Equitable Access to Employment Project to green. <i>P&R Proposal #7</i> – Move Tenant Protection Team to red and elevate Flexible Retention and Prevention Funds for Veterans.</p> <p><u>Discussion and Concerns heard:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to include/identify an alternative strategy for “travelers”. • Concerns were raised that the recommendations from the Workforce & Economic Opportunity and Veterans workgroups were ranked lower. • If placing people with one-time funds/or subsidies that are not permanent, will need [workforce] opportunities to retain housing. Especially with fewer units, what has worked in the past may not work. With fewer units will need eviction prevention [tenant protection team] to retain units. • Support for low barrier employment opportunities for seniors, people with health (mental, addiction and physical) barriers, youth, criminal histories, etc. • Training/employment is empowering, helps recovery (where applicable), builds employment history and builds tenant/rental history [CCC / Luke-Dorf programs] • Support for system change to integrate housing and employment and health; possible missed opportunity with federal and state changes if not integrating • Concerns raised that homeless youth was not prioritized, and there should be further prevention strategies identified for the youth population. • Outline leverage opportunities and asks that can be made to the private sector to be advocated. | |
| <p>Next Meeting - Marc Jolin, Initiative Director</p> | <p>The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 6, 2015, from 3:00-5:00 pm. Meeting is adjourned.</p> | |