



# Continuum of Care Board Meeting Minutes

2/16/2023

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Attendance:**

Board Members: Laura Golino de Lavato, Justin Barrieault, Hannah Studer, Drew Grabham, Jennifer Chang, Mark Morford, Stuart Zeltzer, Jamar Summerfield, Patrick Reynolds, Cammisha Manley, Katie Cox, Jessica Harper, Christina McGovney, Xenia Gonzalez [Absent – Amanda Esquivel, Sherelle Jackson, Brandi Tuck, Ian Slingerland, Elise Cordle Kennedy]

JOHS & County Staff: Caitlin Campbell, Alyssa Plessner, Bill Boyd, Malka Geffen

Special Guests: Matt Olsson, Patrick Wigmore (Homebase), Bryn Council (Janus Youth)

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Land &amp; Labor Acknowledgment</li> <li>● Review Community Agreements</li> <li>● Review Agenda</li> </ul>	
Announcements: CoC Special NOFO Award and 2023 PIT Count	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Announcement Special NoFO Award; \$8.3 million over 3 years to NARA NW to provide culturally specific PSH and healthcare services to unsheltered households in Multnomah County</li> </ul> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How will we hear more about this? HUD gives the award breakdown months after the award is announced. CoC lead will bring this to the Board.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The 2023 PIT count has concluded. CoC lead will bring outcomes to the Board this spring.. Full report will come out later in the year.</li> </ul> <p>Comments from those who participated in the PIT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PIT Count went smoothly; outreach teams had several debriefs. Excited that all three counties collected similarly.</li> <li>- Felt we were missing a lot of people at our site.</li> <li>- Any statistical adjustments made for missing contacts? We pair interview info with the Coordinated Access list.</li> </ul>	
Presentation: CoC-Funded Youth Horizons Grant	<p>Horizons - Caitlin Campbell (JOHS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grant tries to prevent homeless youth from becoming homeless adults; 3 agencies provide the housing and support services for up to 24 months: Janus Youth Programs, Outside In,</li> </ul>	

	<p>and New Avenues for Youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grant is a Rapid Rehousing grant that provides youth with scattered site housing options with supportive services and serves youth ages 18 - 25th birthday</li> <li>● 149 households served overall (for the consolidated grant), 95 children served; 59% were youth of color</li> </ul> <p>Home Safe - Bryn Council (Janus Youth, Insights Program)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rapid rehousing; 24 or younger houseless (pregnant parenting 22 and younger); stay up to 24 months</li> <li>● Use home visiting model and provide pregnant/parenting education and support and connection to an array of supportive services</li> <li>● 61 young parents households served in 2022; POC 69%</li> <li>● Focus on how to be safe and keep their kids safe.</li> <li>● Two success stories shared</li> </ul> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How do youth find out about this grant? When youth come in through coordinated access (Horizons). Word of mouth (Home Safe).</li> <li>- How do we connect people to the program? Call the Homeless Youth Continuum's Access Center (503) 432-3986 or the Insights number.</li> <li>- How do you celebrate successes? Depends on the person, everything from a trip to the zoo or a new vacuum, gift cards, recreational outings.</li> </ul>	
<p>BREAK - Switch to Breakout Rooms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Moved from webinar to Zoom meeting</li> <li>● 10 minute break</li> </ul>	
<p>Homebase "Action Plan" Brainstorming Session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Last week's presentation: basic role of a CoC Board and how different communities around the country are structured. Four models: 2 decide all issues in the community on issues of homelessness; 2 include multiple decision makers or separate decision making entities.</li> <li>● Action Planning Goal: Identify as many structural issues CoC Board have ability and resources to tackle. Then prioritize down to 5-7 issues.</li> </ul> <p>Three questions for breakout groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the key strategies, objectives, or outcomes this action plan could make advances in one year?</li> <li>2. How do we leverage our new CoC structure in a way that maximizes cooperation, efficiency, and communication among our committees, agencies, staff and those we are serving? How do we ensure broader participation to develop staff expertise and leadership?</li> <li>3. How can we proactively ensure that diversity, equity, and</li> </ol>	

	<p>inclusion guide all operations of the CoC, including CoC membership, decision-making processes, and representation among CoC-funded agencies and their leadership structures?</p> <p>Next steps for Action Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Matt Olson will merge jamboards into buckets of action</li><li>- Will work on prioritization among themes in future session</li></ul>	
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