



Continuum of Care Board Meeting
 November 17, 2022
 11:00am-1:00pm

Attendance:

Alyssa Plessner, Bill Boyd, Brandi Tuck, Cammisha Manley, Christine McGovney, Drew Grabham, Elise Cordle Kennedy, Ian Slingerland, Jamar Summerfield, Jessica Chang, Katie Cox, Laura Golino de Lavato, Lizzie Cisneros, Mark Morford, Patrick Reynolds, Stuart Zeltzer, Xenia Gonzalez, Dan Cole (guest presenter), Steve Richards (guest presenter) [Absent – Hannah Studer, Jessica Harper, Sherelle Jackson]

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Welcome & Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome the fourth CoC Board meeting • Land & Labor Acknowledgment • Review Agenda • Review Community Agreements 	Story Share: Jessica's Story
Introduction of Co-Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Golino de Lavato and Patrick Reynolds have been elected as the CoC Board Co-Chairs. Laura is the Executive Director of Northwest Pilot Project and Patrick is a community member. • Co-Chairs generally have a term of 1-year, but the first set of Co-Chairs will have staggered terms meaning one of the Co-Chairs will serve a 2-year term. 	
HMIS Tri-County Implementation Presentation (Multnomah County IT- Dan Cole)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the new implementation of the Tri-County (Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington County) Homeless Management Information System led by the Multnomah County IT and County Assets Department. • For additional details, please review the slides posted here: https://multco-web7-psh-files-usw2.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/HMIS%20Presentation%20to%20CoC%20Board.pdf Questions from Board Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline - the HMIS implementation transfer is set to be completed by 3/1/23 • The presentation mentioned Wellsky and Service Point. What is the difference between the two and are providers going to have to switch to a new HMIS system? Answer: Wellsky is the HMIS technology vendor but that is not the name of the technology itself. Providers will not need to shift to any new platform and technology. There will be slight modifications on 	

	<p>the provider-facing technology but these are intended as improvements to the system that should not require any major training. Essentially this is a "lift and shift" project, where Multnomah County IT is lifting the entire HMIS product from the Portland Housing Bureau to the new Tri-County team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the reports the Board gets from HMIS and who is responsible for reporting? - The HMIS lead is responsible for reporting from HMIS to HUD. These reports include the Housing Inventory Count, the Point in Time Count, the Longitudinal System Analysis and the System Performance Measures. These reports impact our score for the annual CoC NOFO program competition and they will be shared with the board as they are available and will be used to support the Board's decision making and strategic direction. <p>Comments from Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although the plan is only to "lift and shift" the current HMIS system from PHB to JOHS largely without structural changes, the implementation team may want to consider the need to work with service providers to provide additional support in the time of implementation. Noted by IT implementation team • The new HMIS Lead Designation from Portland Housing Bureau to Joint Office of Homeless Services can only take effect after the HMIS system change has been implemented. Until that time, Portland Housing Bureau will continue to be the HMIS Lead. Noted by CoC Lead. • There will be more to come on this HMIS process and CoC Board decision points in the coming meetings in December 2022 and January 2023. 	
<p>Charter Revision Request Discussion and Voting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter amendment recommended by Board Member Mark Morford • Board member explains the reasoning behind the requested change – prior to the advent of virtual meetings it was necessary for an executive committee like the Jurisdictional Committee of the Board to make emergency decisions on behalf of the Board. However, with current technology we are able to quickly gather for emergency meetings virtually. Thus, the request to add Section N, which defines emergency decisions and outlines the protocol for when emergency decisions need to be made. Slight modifications to Section I of the Charter are also made to reflect the process outlined in Section N. • As agreed by the Board, this will be the final change to the CoC Charter until the annual charter review process which will begin approximately in February 2023. • Board carries out fist-to-five consensus process for Charter Revision Request 	<p>Decision: Approved</p> <p>Next steps: CoC Lead will make changes to the CoC Charter and upload the amended Charter to the CoC Website</p>

<p>HMIS Lead Designation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Co-Chairs put forward an MOU to the Board re-affirming the Portland Housing Bureau as the 2022 HMIS Lead with all roles and responsibilities continuing to be the same since the original 2018 MOU was signed ● New MOU presented to the board to reflect changes in Board Structure and JOHS leadership ● Requested changes to the MOU by the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Change "Continuum of Care Advisory Board" to "Continuum of Care Board" throughout the document. Approved by the CoC Lead. ○ Remove "is entered into by A Home for Everyone Coordinating Board (previous Continuum of Care Board)." Approved by the CoC Lead. ● Question from Board members around who could be an HMIS Lead and if there is some equity framework for how the work is or could be performed? Jennifer Chang from PHB agreed to look into this and report back to the Board. ● Board carries out fist-to-five consensus process for HMIS Lead Designation 	<p>Decision: Approved</p> <p>Next Steps: CoC Lead will make the requested changes and send the MOU to the Board as well as post it on the CoC Website.</p>
<p>CoC Board Scope Clarification and Next Steps (Alyssa Plesser)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As requested by the Board, the CoC-lead, Alyssa, presents on CoC Scope and responsibilities framed around CoC providers, projects, and CoC funding. Framing: How to use the funding and programming that the CoC Board has control over to support the larger strategic vision of ending homelessness in Multnomah County; leveraging COC resources to fill critical gaps. <p>Comments from the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Question raised about Mayor Ted Wheeler's ban on camping as well as sanctioned encampments and what can be done by the Board about this issue. She suggests presenting commentary at City Council and/or raising the collective voice of the CoC Board against the ban and the sanctioned encampments. ● Conversation around strategic direction of the board. Board desire to have a high level strategy to address regional homelessness that includes an understanding of the Board's technical requirements and strategic possibilities. ● Homebase (TA Firm) will attend the January Board Meeting to do a strategic planning session, wherein the Board can create an overarching strategic vision. ● For additional details, please review the slides posted here: https://multco-web7-psh-files-usw2.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/11_17_2022%20CoC%20Board%20Meeting%20%282%29.pdf 	<p>Strategic planning session upcoming in January with HUD TA firm Homebase</p>
<p>Overview of Northwest Pilot Project Pathways Rent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This is the first presentation in a series for the Board to gather more information on and ask questions about CoC-Funded projects. Each month a different CoC-provider will come to present their project(s) to the board. 	

<p>Assistance Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first presentation is from Laura Golino de Lavato who will be presenting on Northwest Pilot Projects Pathways Rent Assistance Project, which is a permanent housing- rapid re-housing project. For additional details, please review the slides posted here: https://multco-web7-psh-files-usw2.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/NWPP%20Pathways%20presentation%2011-17-22.pdf <p>Questions from the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How much does it cost to house each individual? – The average is about \$5,000 per participant per year but it can vary depending on how long the participant is in need of rental assistance which could be anywhere between 1 month and 24 months. 	
<p>"Top of Mind" Thoughts and Ideas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Top of Mind" is an opportunity for Board Members to share thoughts, ideas, concerns, or provide information on things happening within the community as well as to discuss things that were not present on the agenda. How to increase the presence and voice of the CoC board within the community? Further, how can we leverage the positionality of the Board as a project funder to further a collectively defined strategic approach to reducing and ending homelessness in the region? Concern about paying front line workers a living wage. Brandi Tuck explained that there needs to be better payment for front line workers to avoid needing to use the services that their organizations provide, which sometimes is the case. In addition to basic needs, workers' well-being also needs to be looked after. For example, Path Forward offers once a month second-hand trauma counseling for front line workers. Ian Slingerland – As the Public Housing Authority for the CoC, Home Forward often requires CoC Board's commitment to collaboration or endorsement for various voucher applications. These commitments and endorsements often need to occur within a short turnaround time. Home Forward would like to know what information the Board would need or like to see to make these decisions, so they can be prepared to quickly provide the information. Board members expressed desire for strategic planning sessions in order for the Board to be both technical and strategic. Strategic planning sessions to begin with the Board in January. 	
<p>Closing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December Board Meeting will consist of a presentation from the Finance Team at JOHS to discuss the Budget Process and community feedback as well as a presentation from the Data and Evaluation Team to review the 2022 Point-In-Time Count Report and the upcoming 2023 Tri-County PIT Count 	<p>Next Steps: CoC Lead send follow up materials to the Board and post all relevant</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post-Meeting Survey	documents & meeting minutes to CoC website.
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