







Continuum of Care Board Minutes

4/18/2024 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Attendance:

Board Members: Patrick Reynolds, Drew Grabham, Cammisha Manley, Christina McGovney, Brandi Tuck, Jessica Harper, Laura Golino de Lavato, Ian Slingerland, Katie Cox, Lizzie Cisneros, Stuart Zeltzer, Hannah Studer, Sherelle Jackson, Mark Morford, Xenia Gonzalez, Jamar Summerfield

[Absent - Skyler Brocker-Knapp, Elise Cordle Kennedy] JOHS & County Staff: Alyssa Plesser, Malka Geffen, Bill Boyd, Steve Richard

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Opening	 Land & Labor Acknowledgment Review Community Agreements Review Racial Equity Lens Tool Review Agenda Co-Chair Announcement Patrick Reynolds recognized the end of the co-chair term and announced he would not be renewing for another. Many words of appreciation for Patrick's service were shared. 	
Provider Presentation: Outside In	Janet Bardossi, Behavioral Health Director at Outside In, shared about the Old Town Collaborative Homeless Housing Project (OTC). • Uses Housing First model • Partner with CCC and NARA NW in Homeless Youth Continuum • Increasingly serving trans and nonbinary young folks • Serving large BIPOC population compared to Portland population (25-30%) • Eligibility is 18-25, with major mental health diagnosis via Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) • Half of staff were once served by Outside In/have lived experience • Medical Assistance Treatment access provided • Improvements: • quarterly meetings with partner organizations • slot utilization coordination • accuracy of applications • Barriers: • COVID-19, fentanyl (short halflife; cheap; high	

	overdose potential), social justice issues impacting BIPOC & LGBTQIA+ (legal movement against trans youth) • Q&A: • Can you say more about the harm reduction model and challenging implementation? • Needle exchange was one of the original hard reduction models. We don't have difficulty implementing harm reduction; the challenge is not stopping there. Medication Assistance Treatment is not just harm reduction.	
Updates on Co-Chair Election	While we had a couple of nominations, we do not have a co-chair candidate, and Laura will continue as chair; we'll be focusing on new member recruitment this summer and will recruit for co-chair again before the end of this term.	
CoC Interim Recruitment Process	CoC Board had some time to fill out the Membership renewal survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSfsFZ9rmj14d GT0DW6t8Pksfy7afctq_XsyNmsTmG5ilHycJA/viewform Folks can extend term for one or two years to stagger membership Ultimate goal to have ongoing, open recruitment for all community bodies See CoC Board Recruitment slide in presentation for details. Q&A What's the rationale for new members to be non-voting in July and August? Will be onboarding In response to current member feedback about readiness to make decisions Can new members just abstain if not ready, and have all members vote? Board buddy support will help inform new members Avoids quorum issues Will encourage board candidates to attend July meeting before becoming full voting board members in August The Board approved the updated recruitment process with a Fist to five: two 5s, five 4s, one 3	Board members can reach out to CoC Lead if interested in reviewing your original application re: representation areas. Attend virtual recruitment Q&A on April 25 here: https://multco-us.z oom.us/meeting/re gister/tJUld-yagz4 qGt2_Dc4YGeJtoS HDGuKj3PPj#/regist ration CoC Lead will send follow-up email with recruitment info to share with your networks; application also on website: https://johs.us/johs- community-advisor y-bodies

2023 HUD System Performance Overview

Angela M. and Steve R. from JOHS data team shared the 2023 System Performance Measures (SPMs). See slides 11-22 of the 4.18.24 CoC Board Meeting presentation for details. Q&A:

- What are we defining as transitional housing? Are the tiny homes/SRV's considered shelter or transitional?
 - HUD has a very specific definition of what they consider shelter. Safe Rest Villages with RVs or cars parked in a lot are not considered shelter; Urban Alchemy's project tents aren't considered transitional housing, but their pods are.
 - We're trying to have shared definitions as a community.
- Measure 4 is only for CoC-funded projects, while the rest of the measures are for the entire Multnomah County.
- Will HUD base their rankings of communities based on total change or absolute dollars?
 - They look at improvement over time
 - SPMs are one way HUD evaluates a community
- The slight decrease in first-time homeless... do you believe that to be significant and accurate?
 - Not significant or representative of the actual conditions.
 - First-time homeless is not exact because we don't know if it was experienced prior to the previous 24 months
 - We are increasing our data intake, which can reflect accuracy; however pairing this with Built for Zero data, which sees increase of inflow in chronic homelessness, might imply an increase in chronicity.
- Measure 7a is a 30% increase (exit from street outreach), which is significant; 7b is 97% retention, which is also good news.
- Success is exiting to permanent housing, which includes rapid rehousing.
- So we increased our Measure 7b1 and 7b2 capacity, but our percentage remains flat, it means more people are getting successfully exited?
 - These numbers tell us a little bit about the what but not about the why.
 - Increase in capacity at this point would not be reflected in these numbers.
- Far more street outreach in 2023, but fighting over the same entry points.
- Need far greater coordination of behavioral health and housing because chronicity is so high.
 - In JOHS budget to increase funding for services

	offered with PSH. Now with the Chair.	
Next Steps	Next meeting is May 16thShare recruitment (open 4/19) with your networks!	