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Continuum of Care Board Meeting

October 17, 2024

Land & Labor Acknowledgement

Multnomah county rests on the stolen lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, and Clackamas Bands of Chinook Indian Nation; Tualatin Kalapuya; Molalla; and many others along the Columbia River. This country is built on stolen Indigenous land and built by stolen African people. This land was not stolen and people were not enslaved by ambiguous entities and actors. The land was stolen by, and African peoples were enslaved by White settlers who had government support.

We also want to honor the members of over 400 tribal communities who live in Multnomah County. Many of these People and their cultures still survive and resist despite the intentional and ongoing attempts to destroy them.

Let us please take a moment of silence to acknowledge the history of how we are here in this place and to honor the People.

Community Agreements

1. Account for power dynamics in the room and in the work.
2. Assume best intentions while honoring impact. Acknowledge that intent does not trump impact.
3. Be accountable. Commit to acknowledging and working through harm caused.
4. Be mindful of privilege, historical structures of oppression, and the shared goal to lead with a lens of equity, inclusion, diversity, and anti-racism.
5. Expect and accept non-closure.
6. Honor the diversity in the room and stay open to different perspectives. There may be several different roads that lead to a great outcome.
7. Language matters. Use intentional, direct, non-violent language. Speak your truth responsibly.
8. Make space, take space. Make space for those who are not speaking up as often, take space if you usually don't speak up.
9. Maintain confidentiality. share lessons learned while keeping names and identifiers confidential.
10. Meet folks where they are at. Do not assume knowledge on behalf of others. Be thorough, clear, and transparent in our dialogue.
11. Refrain from stigmatizing language and use people-first language.

Racial Equity Lens Tool

Questions from GARE and BHD to guide us when a quick decision is needed:

- What are the racial equity impacts of this particular decision?
- What intersectional identities will be impacted by the proposal?
- Who will benefit and who will be burdened by the decision?
- Are there strategies to mitigate these consequences? What targeted strategies do we add to meet the needs of people of color in order to reduce disparities?

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
5 min	Welcome and opening remarks	Co-Chairs
5 min	Board member requested topic	Steven Gilbert
40 min	Community Agreements Review	Co-Chairs
20 min	Regular CoC NOFO Update	Stuart
5 min	BREAK	
30 Min	CoC Builds Update	Alyssa & Co-Chairs
10 min	HMIS Vendor Request for Proposals Update - Cmte member recruitment	Daniel Cole

Community Agreements

2022-2024 CoC Board Community Agreements

These community agreements were created by and with consensus from the Continuum of Care Board on 10/20/2022. These agreements represented the collective vision for how the board wanted to be in relationship with one another and what every person in the group committed to, to feel safe(r), supported, open and trusting in order to take transformational action. These community agreements were enforced by the group itself.

As the CoC Board, comprised of many new members, moves into its second two-year term, it is essential to review and update the community agreements with input from the current board.

Prioritizing Specific Voices

Community agreements come from a consensus-driven process to identify what every person in the group needs from each other and commits to each other to feel safe, supported, open, productive and trusting so that we can do our best work, achieve our common vision, and serve our houseless neighbors.

When we talk about "safe" or "safer" spaces it is important to recognize that for people representing dominant cultures and/or identities almost all, if not all, spaces are safe/safer spaces for them.

To act on our value of centering voices that are overrepresented in our homeless community, the needs/desires of board members that represent these identities and communities will be prioritized in the creation of our community agreements (i.e. Black, Indigenous, Hawaiian and Alaskan Native, Pacific Islander, Latinx, LGBTQIA2S+, & disabled)

The entire CoC Board will be approving the community agreements through consensus.

CoC Board Community Agreements

What should the community agreements of the 2024-2026 CoC Board look like?

- Board members can offer edits to current language in community agreements

- Ask to strike certain agreements

- Ask to add certain agreements

- Make any changes needed to reach consensus and ensure the community agreements represent the needs & wishes of everyone

Regular CoC
NOFO Update

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Regular CoC NOFO Update

Where we are in the timeline:

- Ranked List was posted to the website and applicants were notified of their result on **September 27th**

- Final draft of the CoC application will be publicly posted and sent out to the JOHS listserv on **October 25th**

- Application will be submitted to HUD on **October 28th**

Regular CoC NOFO Update

Local Competition Results:

- 33 renewal projects accepted and ranked
  - 1 project decided to voluntarily reallocate their funds
- 5 new projects ranked
  - Home Forward Expansion – PSH
  - Sunstone Way – PSH
  - Salvation Army Expansion – PSH
  - Black and Beyond the Binary Collective – PSH
  - The Black Community of Portland – DV RRH

Collaborative Application Committee Reflections

CoCBuilds NOFO

CoCBuilds Overview

Goal of the NOFO is to Add new units of PSH to the community through new construction, acquisition, or rehab:

- +70% of award for new construction, acquisition, or rehab [one-time]
- Up to 20% for other CoC eligible expenses (i.e. supportive services, operating costs) [renewable]
- 10% admin [renewable]
- Maximum amount for a single project: $7,500,000

HUD is expected to make 25 awards; 3 set aside for PSH units on Tribal reservations or trust lands

DUE: 11/21/2024

CoCBuilds Project Selection

The local Letter of Interest & Pre-Application was due on 9/26. We had three applicants. All applicants passed the threshold requirements, but in alignment with In alignment with the [2024 CoCBuilds Local Competition Process & Policies](), the CoC prioritized the project with a formal partnership with a culturally specific provider.

Because there was only one proposed project has a formal partnership with a culturally specific provider, there is no need for a further evaluation panel and this is the project that will move forward to that national competition.

CoCBuilds Project Selection

The selected project is Jamii Court, previously called the Portland Value Inn

The Portland Value Inn (PVI) project will consist of **(25) studio, (24) 1-bedroom, (29) 2-bedroom, (9) 3-bedroom, and (9) 4-bedroom units**, providing much needed family-sized apartments. Note: not all units will be PSH.
- The target population includes the community that currently lives in the SW Corridor, with an emphasis on BIPOC community members who are at risk of displacement because of gentrification. This will also include folks who were previously displaced from the SW Corridor.

Development Team: Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) has developed eight affordable housing projects
Service Providers: Urban League of Portland and HAKI Community Services

CoCBuilds Project Selection

Location: Less than a mile away is a major transit center; a high frequency bus line is 1 block away. A short distance away are several grocery stores. Located next to an elementary school and a short walk to Capitol Hill Library. There are several parks a short distance away. The property is also close to Oregon Health and Sciences University Hospital.

Services: A full-time on-site case manager will be provided by the Urban League of Portland to offer culturally specific permanent supportive services. For mental health treatment, the Urban League has a partnership with Mind Solutions, who offers mental health services, peer services, and substance use disorder treatment. There will also be an on-site resident services coordinator with HAKI to support residents. Services will include eviction prevention, job training, community building, and both after school and summer youth programs. Haki means "Rights" in Kiswahili, and the organization assists its clients, who are mostly East African refugees and immigrants, with their individual right to food, clothing, and shelter.

CoCBuilds Project Selection

Low-barrier screening criteria: not requiring proof of citizenship or government issued ID, reduced legal, rental, or financial history criteria, no minimum credit score, no requirement for sobriety to access or maintain housing. Diverse applicants will be actively encouraged to apply by translating application materials into different languages and marketing in publications printed in diverse languages. Income requirements will be the lowest allowable by regulation.

Community Engagement: Engagement with the local community through listening sessions conducted by jurisdictions and culturally specific providers gave direction to the proposal e.g. *We repeatedly heard similar feedback: There is not enough housing for families, especially three -and four -bedroom units. We heard the need for ample laundry facilities within those larger units. Another repeated need was outdoor and community space, or as some participants phrased it, "An outdoor space we can have a children's birthday party."* CE will be ongoing as well!

CoCBuilds Project Selection

Other highlights:

- HUD favors projects that are motel/hotel renovations (mentioned twice throughout the NOFO)

- HUD favors projects that are not 100% PSH because they do want "Non-segregation of families experiencing homelessness" (additional points on the NOFO)

- Project will meet requirements for 2 bonus points for "environmental justice"

CoCBuilds CoC Board Role

Letter signed by Co-Chairs in support of the project

- Required attachment to accompany the application

- Because this letter is an extension of the CoC Board, the Board will vote to approve the co-chairs in signing a letter

HMIS Vendor Request for Proposals

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Goals of HMIS Solicitiation

Open and Competitive Process → Selection of a best of breed HMIS software that meets the Tri-Counties' needs for a modern homelessness response system

Broad Range of Stakeholder Input → The solicitation process is designed to ensure that a broad range of critical voices and perspectives are involved in the vendor evaluation and selection process

- The stakeholder engagement roles and participation is designed to actively solicit input from:
- Providers
- Staff
- Leadership
- External Stakeholders
- Community Members with lived experience

CoC Role

Need <u>2 CoC Board Members</u> to participate on the Tri-County Community Subject Matter Expertise (SME) Panel

The Tri-County SME Panel:

- Consists of representatives from the CoCs, local, regional, state organizations, and community members with Lived Experience
- Will provide expertise and input to Scoring Team

The Panel will participate in Stage 2: Scripted Demo and Community Review portion of the solicitation process

- In this stage, vendors will demonstrate their solution/software based on the requests of the solicitation

CoC Role

Timeframe: Mid-December to February

Expected hours: ~8-25*
*please note: these are rough estimates and volunteers should be able to be a bit flexible

Who: the panel is seeking volunteers who have either used an HMIS platform before (i.e. required to collect data for/in HMIS) and/or have had their personal information entered into HMIS before

Questions?

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