



Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC)  
**Housing Subcommittee meeting minutes**

**Noon, Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018**

*Third-floor conference room, Roseburg City Hall*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cheryl Carson, *DHS*; Lance Colley, *City of Roseburg*; Wayne Ellsworth, *Adapt*; Allen Hobson, *City of Winston*; *Housing Authority*; Janeal Kohler, *Douglas County Housing Authority*; Justin Mathison, *Cow Creek Tribe*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LPSCC Coordinator*;

**ON THE PHONE:** Marie Dixon, NAMI

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Coffelt, *DHS*; Mike Fieldman, *UCAN*; Aric Fromdahl, *Juvenile Department*; Karan Reed, *NeighborWorks Umpqua*; Arielle Reid, *Neighborworks Umpqua*;

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Saphara Harrell, *Roseburg News-Review*; Ashley Hicks, *Roseburg City Council*

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Housing Subcommittee Chair Allen Hobson opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** *Justin Mathison moved to approve the draft minutes from the June 13 meeting. Lance Colley seconded. Motion passed.*

**SECOND CHANCE TOUR UPDATE**

The Second Chance Tour will make a stop in Roseburg next month. The statewide tour, organized by Dave's Killer Bread and the Governor's Re-Entry Council, is aimed at getting more employers to hire individuals in re-entry who have criminal backgrounds. The free Roseburg event will be held at the **Douglas County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Sept. 19**. There will be a breakfast buffet at 8:30 a.m. The Tour is mainly geared toward employers, but LPSCC members and those with an interest in re-entry issues are encouraged to attend. Registration is required. Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oregon-second-chance-tour-roseburg-workshop-tickets-47278426045>

**DOUGLAS COUNTY RESOURCE CARD UPDATE**

**Distribution** - The Douglas County Resource Card developed by the LPSCC Behavioral Health Subcommittee has been distributed broadly. There have been a number of requests by various agencies to be added to the card. LPSCC Coordinator said the BH Subcommittee had opted to keep the card simple and include core agencies that would refer clients to other agencies for additional services. Requested adds include HIV Alliance, the Umpqua Valley Disabilities Network and direction on how to apply online for SNAP benefits.

**Website** – One possibility is to create a website that would contain a full list of county resources. The website link could be included on the resource card. A separate idea is to create a website for LPSCC.

**ACTION:** *LPSCC Coordinator will approach Commissioner Boice and County IT about these ideas.*

## JAIL IN-REACH UPDATE

Wayne Ellsworth and Dondi Duncan of the South River Community Health Center have begun doing jail in-reach on Fridays to help reconnect OHP for inmates who are about to be released. Each Thursday, the jail sends them a list of inmates set to be released the following week. Wayne and Dondi collect inmates' information, input it into the OHP reactivation online portal, and hit "submit" on the morning of each inmate's release. This allows inmates quicker access to treatment once out of custody.

Wayne shared that since the in-reach began on June 8, 181 inmates were released from jail, and of those 122 were eligible for OHP. Eighty-nine were able to meet with Wayne or Dondi to fill out the reactivation form. Most of the inmate are homeless, and none had an income source.

During the in-reach, efforts are also made to educate inmates on other available services. Inmates' most frequent questions include, "Are my SNAP benefits going to be available?" and "Is there any housing available?" Those inquiries are referred to DHS and UCAN, respectively. Those who have been in abusive relationships are referred to BPA. Other referrals are made to Greater Douglas Disabilities Network, HADCO, NeighborWorks Umpqua, the FISH Food Pantry, the Opioid Treatment Program, HIV Alliance, Umpqua Community Health Center and other resources. The Douglas County Resource Card is also handed out.

## NEIGHBORWORKS DEER CREEK VILLAGE PROJECT UPDATE

Karan Reed was unable to make it to the meeting, but Melissa McRobbie-Toll told the group on her behalf that NeighborWorks Umpqua was selected for funding on the Deer Creek Village housing development off of Douglas Street. This project will create 68 units of housing for lower-income residents, with a preference for veterans. Ten of the units will be set aside for people with severe mental illness and other long-term disabilities.

## PRIORITIES/ISSUES DISCUSSION

The group reviewed notes from previous meetings, revisited several ideas and discussed priority areas and other topics. The discussion included the following points:

- **Fowler House tour** – The Housing Subcommittee's tour of Fowler House in June inspired talk of looking into the creation of transitional housing that is set up as a group home. During the tour, funding differences between the adult and youth systems were discussed: in the adult system, startup funding is often available but finding operating funding is challenging; in the youth system, the opposite is true.
- **Wetlands** – Justin Mathison said the omnipresence of wetlands is a significant barrier.
- **Housing resource list** – Guest Ashley Hicks asked if there is a list of single-occupancy housing. Members said the Subcommittee has developed a list of available transitional housing for use by service providers and is developing an additional list for prospective tenants in re-entry.
- **Tribal transitional housing** – The Tribe has transitional housing but that housing is full. The Tribe offers rental assistance but there are often wait lists for apartments.
- **Second Chance Renters' Program** – UCAN offers a Second Chance Renters' Program to educate participants on how to be good tenants. Subcommittee could explore ways to further promote this program.

- **Buildable lands inventory** – Ashley Hicks asked if there is a buildable-lands list that a developer could view at to find locations for new housing construction. Lance Colley said Roseburg is starting the process of creating a buildable-lands inventory. The Ford Family Foundation will incorporate a component related to homeless housing needs and transitional housing needs.

#### **MEMBER UPDATES**

- **Justin Mathison, Cow Creek Tribe** – A new ADA house is about halfway complete. When finished, it will be accessible to hearing- and vision-impaired individuals.
- **Cheryl Carson** – The Self-Sufficiency program is now able to provide housing/utilities support services for families. This helps with family stability. The issue is the county's overall housing shortage.
- **Lance Colley** – The City has been working with NeighborWorks Umpqua and is excited to see the state funding secured for the Deer Creek Village project. Roseburg has a large population of veterans and this will help address their housing need.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Noon, Wednesday, Sept. 12

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***Mission statement:*** “The LPSCC Housing Subcommittee’s mission is to increase the availability and affordability of re-entry housing in Douglas County.”

***Vision statement:*** “A safe and healthy community where those in re-entry from incarceration have a place to live and there is sufficient affordable housing, including for veterans, those with mental illness, people in recovery and others.”