



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

Noon, Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019
Room 310, Douglas County Courthouse

PRESENT: Rebecca Burkart, VA; Larry Clark, UCAN; Betsy Cunningham, *Housing First Umpqua*; Mike Fieldman, UCAN; Aric Fromdahl, *Juvenile Department*; Allen Hobson, *City of Winston*; Janeal Kohler, *Douglas County Housing Authority*; Misty McAbee, UCAN; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LPSCC Coordinator*; Vanessa Moser, *Adapt*; Karan Reed, *NeighborWorks Umpqua*; Jennifer Smith and Mari Hernandez, *DHS*; Libby Sparks, *Adapt*

ABSENT: Marie Dixon, *NAMI*; Wayne Ellsworth, *Adapt*; Jerry O’Sullivan, *Adapt*; Cheryl Carson, *DHS*;

UPDATES

- **Mobile Crisis** – Second QMHP is expected to be fully trained by the end of September, at which time the Mobile Crisis program will be fully operational at 12 hour a day, 7 days a week, in and around Roseburg. After that time, grant steering group will begin branding and outreach to stakeholders and the public to build awareness. Betsy Cunningham requested that the mobile crisis protocol be made available to the public.
- **Sobering Center** – Efforts are ongoing to open a sobering center and crisis respite center in a building on Diamond Lake Boulevard. Project manager Vanessa Moser, of Adapt, said a remodel is pending. Mike Fieldman inquired about using any extra beds as low-barrier shelter beds.
- **Connecting Point** – The Connecting Point is still occurring at the Dream Center on Monday mornings. Larry Clark reported that attendance has flagged, and the Dream Center was closed for a week due to an unspecified incident. Larry tries to be there from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Service providers interacted with 20-30 people on the most recent Monday.
- **Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment** – The Legislature has authorized \$10.6 million in new grant funding for initiatives that target frequent system users who cycle through the Jail and Emergency Room. Approximately 4 pilot communities will be selected for this effort. Douglas County is in contact with the Council of State Governments and the Criminal Justice Commission about this effort.
- **Transitional Housing Program** – Robert Wilson is working on making retroactive payments for individuals who would have qualified for the program between the time it was approved by LPSCC and when it launched.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FUNDING

The Legislature has approved approximately \$50 million in new funding for supportive housing projects statewide. The funding is under the umbrella of Oregon Housing and Community Services, and OHCS will be distributing the first \$20 million sometime next year. OHCS is asking that interested counties compile teams to participate in technical assistance training. At the completion of the training, those teams will be eligible to apply for the funding. **ACTIONS:** *Interested parties including NeighborWorks, Adapt/Compass, UCAN, the VA and the Housing Authority will meet to discuss this opportunity. Melissa will forward the full info to the group.*

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Rifle Range Road property** – Robert Wilson is inquiring about a former church on Rifle Range Road that could potentially be converted to supportive transitional housing. He said he planned to tour the property the following week. Karan Reed was familiar with the property and said it has some significant structural issues. The current price of the property is \$245,000.
- **Low-barrier housing** – Rebecca Burkart said there is a great need for low-barrier transitional housing where sobriety is not required. She would like to see housing that is connected to the Sobering Center and future crisis respite center. The group discussed needs related to both transitional and permanent housing.
- **Deer Creek Village** – Karan Reed said it took NeighborWorks three years to get to the Deer Creek Village groundbreaking, which is scheduled later in August. This will be 68 new units, some of which will be set aside for people with severe mental illness including those coming out of institutional settings.
- **Tiny Homes** – UCAN is piloting a Tiny Homes project on Cobb Street. Initially, there will be two homes. The goal is to have the homes lived in by the end of September.

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Noon, Wednesday, Sept. 11

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.”*

