



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

**Noon, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019**

*Room 310, Douglas County Courthouse*

**PRESENT:** Larry Clark, *UCAN*; Marie Dixon, *NAMI*; Wayne Ellsworth, *Adapt*; Mike Fieldman, *UCAN*; Aric Fromdahl, *Juvenile Department*; Allen Hobson, *City of Winston*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LPSCC Coordinator*; Vanessa Moser, *Adapt*; Jerry O'Sullivan, *Adapt*; Lonnie Rainville, *City of Myrtle Creek*; Jennifer Smith and Mari Hernandez, *DHS*; Libby Sparks, *Adapt*

**ABSENT:** Rebecca Burkart, *VA*; Janeal Kohler, *Douglas County Housing Authority*; Karan Reed, *NeighborWorks Umpqua*;

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**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:** Marie Dixon moved to approve the draft minutes from the Aug. 14 meeting. Wayne Ellsworth seconded. *Motion passed.*

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**UPDATES**

- **Mobile Crisis** – Second QMHP is expected to be fully trained by the end of this month, 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.
- **Sobering Center** – Efforts are ongoing to open a sobering center in a newly purchased building on Diamond Lake Boulevard. Jerry O'Sullivan said the project is in the design phase and Adapt is working with an architect on plans. While the hope is still to have the building also house a crisis respite or resolution center in some form, Adapt is focusing first on getting the sobering center up and running. Marie Dixon stressed the need for a crisis respite facility in Douglas County, saying she often talks to family members of individuals who are unstable but have nowhere to go beyond the Jail or the ED. **ACTION:** *Melissa will check in on the timeline of the new state funding for sobering centers.*
- **Connecting Point** – The Connecting Point continues to take place at the Dream Center on Monday mornings. This past Monday there were five service providers: DHS, UCAN, HIV Alliance, HADCO and a school representative. About 40 people were at the Dream Center that day. Jennifer and Mari assisted one man who was having difficulty accessing medical services, and helped another individual set up cellphone service. A new location is being sought for the cold-winter months, and Mike Fieldman reached out to Vicky

Brown of the Presbyterian Church next door to the Dream Center. Vicky is open to the idea of hosting the Connecting Point. **ACTION:** *Melissa will meet with Vicky to discuss this possibility.*

- **Transitional Housing Program** – Treatment Court Coordinator 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. With the Subcommittee’s recommendations now approved by LPSCC, program should be on track to operate smoothly.

### **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 has asked 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. Mike Fieldman updated the group that a Douglas County team that includes UCAN, NeighborWorks, HADCO, Adapt and others has submitted an application to participate in the training. The program’s goal is to create 500 units of new housing statewide by June 2021.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- **New apartments** – Allen Hobson shared a News Review article about new apartments going up on Diamond Lake Boulevard. The article also mentioned the recent groundbreaking for Deer Creek Village, a 68-unit complex being developed by NeighborWorks Umpqua that will give preference to veterans but also offer housing for individuals with mental illness and others.
- **Transitional housing list** – Marie suggested that the Subcommittee update its transitional housing list. **ACTION:** *Melissa will update the list before the November meeting.*
- **Membership** – Subcommittee membership is not clearly defined. **ACTION:** *Melissa will follow up with participating agencies to confirm which representative should be considered a Subcommittee member. She will bring a member list to the next meeting.*
- **Warming centers** – Group briefly discussed the need for warming centers for the upcoming cold season. Wayne Ellsworth will bring back information to the group on how Medford secured funding for a warming center. UCAN has emergency shelter funds that are available to the Dream Center for its warming center.
- **Myrtle Creek update** – Lonnie Rainville shared that the City of Myrtle Creek will be applying for a housing needs analysis grant through the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). He requested letters of support for this proposal from Subcommittee members.

- **No meeting in October** – LPSCC Coordinator will be out for the month of October. Subcommittee will meet next in November.
- **Subcommittee Mission** – Following up on the discussion at last month’s meeting, Chair Hobson reminded the Subcommittee that its mission is to increase housing for individuals coming out of incarceration. Subcommittee will work to identify its next project at the November meeting.

*Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.*

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**NEXT MEETING:** Noon, Wednesday, Nov. 13

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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.”