



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

Noon, Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019
Room 310, Douglas County Courthouse

PRESENT: Di Bradley, *UCAN*; Larry Clark, *UCAN*; Stuart Cowie, *City of Roseburg*; Wayne Ellsworth, *S. River Community Health Center*; Aric Fromdahl, *Juvenile Department*; Allen Hobson, *City of Winston*; Janeal Kohler, *Douglas County Housing Authority*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LPSCC Coordinator*; Nikki Messenger, *Roseburg City Manager*; Jerry O’Sullivan, *Adapt*; Catherine Paul, *Citizen*; Lonnie Rainville, *City of Myrtle Creek*; Karan Reed, *NeighborWorks Umpqua*; Libby Sparks, *Adapt*; Sarah Thompson, *Cow Creek Tribe*; Kevin Wagner, *VA*

ON THE PHONE: Marie Dixon, *NAMI*

GUEST SPEAKERS: Patty Steep, Angela Duenas and Rikki Killcy, *Oxford House*

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: Wayne Ellsworth moved to approve the draft minutes from the Sept. 11 meeting. Aric Fromdahl seconded. *Motion passed.*

UPDATES

- **Mobile Crisis** – Mobile Crisis program is fully operational, with two Compass counselors available to co-deploy alongside police from 1:30 p.m. to midnight, seven days a week. A stakeholder meeting will be held in December to educate criminal justice and behavioral health partners about the program.
- **Connecting Point** – The Connecting Point is happening from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday mornings. Vicky Brown at First Presbyterian Church agreed to let Connecting Point service providers use the church’s community room on Monday mornings. Because the new location is still a barrier, some providers continue to meet with individuals at the Dream Center next door. Participating providers include Adapt, Compass, DHS, UCAN, South River, Senior Services, HIV Alliance, Legal Aid, Roseburg schools, and others. **Action item:** *Coordinator will update Connecting Point flier and resend it to the Jail and Parole/Probation.*

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TEAM

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 a portion of the funding sometime next year. OHCS has asked interested counties to compile teams to participate in technical assistance training. Karan Reed, Janeal Kohler and Jerry O'Sullivan provided the following update:

Douglas County's team application was accepted and ranked fifth-strongest application in the state. The team includes NeighborWorks Umpqua, HADCO, UCAN and Adapt. The selected teams will participate in two-day trainings once a month for five months. The first training has happened. Jerry O'Sullivan participated, and reported there were 10 teams from across the state. The local team is seeking to add supportive housing units by June 2020 as part of this first phase.

GUEST PRESENTERS: Patty Steep, Angela Duenas and Ricky, Oxford House

Transitional housing provider Oxford House is opening two new transitional homes for women. One opened on Nov. 1, and another will open on Chadwick on Nov. 18. With the two new homes, Oxford house now has a total of five men's homes and three women's homes in Douglas County. Fundraising efforts are underway to cover the cost of the new homes and associated moving costs. Oxford is having a community meeting at 5 p.m. on Nov. 24 at Adapt's Madrone campus.

Speaker Patty Steep shared that she is a graduate of the RSAT program and that Oxford changed her life by allowing her to go straight from RSAT into a stable living environment. Any new residents of a home need to be approved by 80 percent of other residents.

MEMBERSHIP & MEETING SCHEDULE

Coordinator passed around a draft Subcommittee member list developed based on feedback from participating agencies. Agencies that have consistently attended meetings were asked to designate one person to act as voting member. Subcommittee favored adding an Oxford House representative to the member list. The list will be presented to the full LPSCC for approval at its Dec. 3 meeting.

Group decided to move regular Subcommittee meetings to the *third Wednesday of each month* to allow participation by Treatment Court Coordinator Robert Wilson, who is heavily involved in the JRI-funded Transitional Housing Program.

ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

- **Wayne Ellsworth, S. River Community Health Center** – Homeless Transitions Action Group (HTAG) meets the fourth Wednesday of each month but the schedule is switching up over the holidays. HTAG's focus areas include housing, sanitation and community education. Current projects include exploring the addition of mobile sanitation units that would include mobile showers and laundry. Wayne will be reaching out to elected officials throughout the county to arrange informal chats about housing, homelessness and behavioral health issues.

- **Karan Reed, NeighborWorks Umpqua** – Site preparation is continuing at the Deer Creek Village site. The 68-unit veterans' preference complex is expected to be completed sometime in 2021.
- **Aric Fromdahl, Juvenile Justice** – Recent negotiations with the state have allowed Juvenile Justice to continue its services at the current level. The County has opted not to proceed with the Pitchford project but there is a possibility that another entity could move it forward at a different location.
- **Marie Dixon, NAMI** – The Chadwick Clubhouse is now up to about 30 members. Members can drop by during the day. Activities include preparing food, gardening, photography and life-skills guidance on topics like managing money. The Clubhouse now has a website: www.chadwickclubhouse.com. Interested parties are encouraged to visit the Clubhouse to see it in action.
- **Libby Sparks, Adapt** – Adapt is building up its peer mentor program and is in the process of hiring additional mentors.
- **Stuart Cowie, City of Roseburg** – City is processing a 90-unit, market-rate apartment complex off of Pomona Street that will have a similar time frame as Deer Creek Village. Roseburg is involved in preapplication communications with Wishcamper Companies, a private affordable housing developer that recently purchased the Rose Villa Apartments. Wishcamper is looking to apply for a conditional use permit to construct about 140 units of affordable housing across from Sunshine Park on the east side of town. System-development-charge deferral options are available within the urban renewal area. City has also made changes to its derelict/dangerous building ordinance aimed at cleaning up properties. The City is likely to foreclose on some of the properties and is looking for agency partnerships that would allow those properties to be passed on at a reasonable price to create more housing. The properties are mostly single-family homes spread throughout the community, and most will need to be torn down. The foreclosures will likely happen in January. Agencies interested in possible partnerships should contact the City.
- **Janeal Kohler, HADCO** – HADCO is focusing on long-term housing projects, and also has a 4-unit rehab project projected to be completed sometime in 2020. Agency is also working on vouchers for foster youth, and has a new veteran navigator who will help veterans attain and retain housing.
- **Kevin Wagner, VA** – Kevin Wagner is the homeless programs supervisor at the VA. There has been staff turnover with Rebecca Burkart's departure.
- **Allen Hobson, City of Winston** – Allen shared an email about USDA financing that is available for shelters and specialty housing in rural areas. Coordinator will share email with the group.

NEXT MEETING: Noon, Wednesday, Dec. 18

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.”*