



Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC)
Housing Subcommittee & HTAG Joint Meeting Draft Minutes

Noon, Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020

Greater Douglas United Way, 702 SE Jackson St., Roseburg

PRESENT: Chris Boice, *Commissioner*; Di Bradley, *UCAN*; Cap Caplan, *HTAG*; Larry Clark, *UCAN*; Joanna Cooper, *HIV Alliance*; Stuart Cowie, *City of Roseburg*; Betsy Cunningham, *Housing First Umpqua*; Tim and Sarah Edmondson, *Roseburg Dream Center*; Wayne Ellsworth, *S. River Community Health Center*; Aric Fromdahl, *Juvenile Department*; Shelly Hendrickson, *Battered Persons' Advocacy*; Allen Hobson, *City of Winston*; Mary, *Housing First Umpqua*; Rob McAdam, *Umpqua Health Alliance*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LPSCC Coordinator*; Catherine Paul, *Citizen*; Lonnie Rainville, *City of Myrtle Creek*; Karan Reed, *NeighborWorks Umpqua*; Claire Sidlow, *HIV Alliance*; Kimetha Stallings, *Citizen*; Dane Zahner, *HIV Alliance*; Andrea Zielinski, *Roseburg City Council*

- *Note: There were several people present whose names are not captured in the list above*

ON THE PHONE: Marie Dixon, *NAMI*; Jerry O'Sullivan, *Adapt*

GUEST SPEAKERS: Connor McDonnell, *Oregon Housing & Community Services*; Bridget Budbill, *Criminal Justice Commission*

MINUTES APPROVAL

ACTION: Wayne moved to approve the minutes from the LPSCC Housing Subcommittee's November meeting. Aric Fromdahl seconded. ***Motion passed.***

INTRO

Wayne Ellsworth gave an overview of HTAG, which was created five years ago with the idea of offering a hand up rather than a handout. Allen Hobson gave a snapshot of the LPSCC Housing Subcommittee, created in 2017 with a focus on increasing transitional housing opportunities for justice-involved individuals.

UPDATES

- **Mobile shower/laundry facility** - Wayne Ellsworth shared that an application has been submitted to Umpqua Health Alliance seeking funding for a mobile shower and laundry facility. Individuals using the facility would be connected to health care and other services.
- **Point-in-Time Count** – Teams are gearing up for the annual Point-in-Time homeless count taking place on Jan. 29. The roaming teams will focus on various areas of the County.
- **Supportive Housing Team** – Brian Shelton-Kelly of NeighborWorks Umpqua shared that a team consisting of UCAN, the Housing Authority, Adapt and NeighborWorks is participating in a five-month training sponsored by Oregon Housing & Community Services to develop local supportive

housing projects. The initial goal of this effort is to develop 25 permanent supportive housing units in Douglas County by mid-2021. Supportive services would be included in the housing; behavioral health services, for example, would be provided by Adapt. The training will culminate in a funding application to OHCS this spring.

GUEST PRESENTER: Connor McDonnell, Oregon Housing & Community Services (OHCS)

Connor McDonnell is a housing integrator with OHCS. He shared some updates with the group, including the following:

- **Permanent Supportive Housing** -The Legislature allocated \$54.5 million for permanent supportive housing (PSH) - \$4.5 million for rental-assistance and supports, and \$50 million for housing creation. The Douglas County PSH team is pursuing this funding. OHCS is looking into how Medicaid could cover more PSH-related services.
- **Shelter funding** - Legislature also allocated \$5 million for emergency shelter. OHCS already distributed \$1.7 million of that funding for winter warming shelter resources. Some of that funding was funneled toward the Roseburg Dream Center via UCAN. Another \$3.5 million in shelter funding will become available this spring. That funding can be used for training and technical assistance (for instance, if a community needs help with planning or forming strategies to combat homelessness); creation of new shelter units; or leasing of existing facilities to add shelter beds. Applicants can include municipalities or other (exact parameters TBD).

GUEST PRESENTER: Bridget Budbill, Criminal Justice Commission (CJC)

IMPACTS program: Bridget Budbill is the Criminal Justice Commission's IMPACTS grant manager. IMPACTS stands for Improving People's Access to Community-based Treatment, Supports and Services. Through this program, \$10 million will be made available to about four communities statewide to develop programs to assist frequent system utilizers with mental illness who cycle in and out of the Jail, the Emergency Department and the State Hospital.

There is a 19-member grant review committee that includes three members from Douglas County: Erik Swallow of Umpqua Valley Public Defender; Sharon Stanphill from the Cow Creek Tribe; and Greg Brigham of Adapt.

Most CJC grants have restrictions on housing expenditures; however, the IMPACTS program allows the funds to be used for permanent supportive housing, emergency shelter or crisis centers.

The grant solicitation is expected to be released sometime in the spring. Applications must be submitted by the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC).

GROUP DISCUSSION

Discussion points included the following:

- **Highlight collaboration** - Demonstrating local collaboration and cooperation will be key for both the IMPACTS grant and the OHCS grants.
- **Existing efforts** - Existing local efforts to assist folks in the OHCS and IMPACTS grants' target populations include the Connecting Point, a local resource fair that operates out of the Dream Center on Mondays, and weekly jail in-reach that includes OHP enrollment and service connections.
- **Dream Center** - The Dream Center serves these target populations and represents a daily opportunity to provide service connections. Sarah Edmondson of the Dream Center said recently incarcerated people come into the Dream Center seeking phone chargers and various assistance.
- **Overdose spike** – Dane Zahner of HIV Alliance shared there has been a spike in local overdoses recently – at least nine, including one death. HIV Alliance provides naloxone trainings to agencies at no cost.

NEXT MEETING: Noon, Wednesday, Feb. 19

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.”