

Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness (CCEH) Meeting Minutes – May 16th, 2012

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Present: E.V. Armitage, Caren Baumgart, Kimberly Black, Stacy Borke, Michael Boyer, Caitlin Campbell, Jennifer Chang, Paul Davis, Rachael Duke, Lisa Fay, Tina Fitzgerald, Amie Harris, Dallas Jenkins, Liv Jenssen, Kristen Kane, Beckie Lee, Molli Mitchell, Michael Mellick, Ibrahim Mubarak, Andrew Noethe, Rachel Payton, Alycia Reinhart, Heather Salek, Erika Silver, Shannon Singleton, Cathy Spofford, Renee Sutherland, Travis Van Staaveren, Lynne Walker, Monika Weitzel

Agenda Topic	Discussion Points	Outcomes / Decisions / Next Steps
Updates	• Mary Li reported that Multnomah County programs fared pretty well but still are facing reductions in federal and state funding. More information can be found on Multnomah County's website. There is a public hearing at the Multnomah County building from 6-9 p.m. tonight and another one at IRCO located at 102nd and Glisan on Wednesday, May 23rd from 6-9 p.m. • Sally Erickson gave an update on the PHB budget. Almost all programs associated with ending homelessness are experiencing cuts, with some being eliminated. There will be a City budget hearing at David Douglas School at 6:30 tonight. • Beckie Lee and Dr. Paul Lewis gave an update on the "Domicile Unknown" study which used medical examiner statistics to review deaths among people experiencing homelessness in Multnomah County in 2011. The study was done in partnership with Street Roots and the County. The report showed 47 deaths in 2011, and is most likely an undercount of overall deaths which occurred. A task force will be convened to look at future efforts to collect this information and how to engage community stakeholders more broadly around policy and advocacy opportunities. A copy of the report can be found at: http://web.multco.us/news/groundbreaking-report-details-multnomah-county-homeless-deaths-2011-0 • The 10-Year Plan Reset Committee has been meeting monthly and recently completed a survey and focus groups with consumers and providers. A total of 134 people responded and identified priority issues. The information is being summarized and will be presented to the reset committee. • The CCEH Annual Awards will be held in July to honor outstanding contributors on the front lines and behind the scenes. Jennifer will send out a nomination form. Everyone is encouraged to nominate individuals or groups for recognition of their efforts.	• Beckie will send a link to the full report to Jennifer to circulate to the CCEH. • If interested in participating on Domicile Unknown Task Force contact Beckie Lee at: beckie.lee@multco.us • Contact CCEH Co-Chairs (Shannon Singleton or Marc Jolin) regarding questions on the 10-Year Plan Reset Committee or survey results.

Action for Prosperity	Mary Li gave an update on the Action for Prosperity program which assists low income families with getting stable housing. This is the third year of the program and it was set up with the idea that there are three elements to ensuring successful housing: stability, relationships with people who will encourage your success and access to education and ability to navigate systems to obtain training and job opportunities. The program's ability to connect all of the elements has resulted in a high success rate among participants.	For more information on AFP, contact Mary Li: mary.li@multco.us
Oregon TANF Alliance	Jessica Chanay from Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon gave an update on the TANF (temporary assistance to needy families) program. In order to qualify you must have a child and be at less than 40% MFI. There are 90,000 people on TANF statewide, 60,000 of which are children. This program is vital and needs to be protected. A bill was introduced in Congress a few years ago that reduced some aspects of the program and then the recession hit. The cuts to this program need to be aggressively fought with advocacy and testimony to lawmakers. Jobs money needs to be re-infused into this program. The TANF Alliance invites other agencies to join in its efforts, including identifying people who use the program and are willing to testify about its importance.	If you would like to participate with the TANF Alliance contact Jessica Chanay at: jessica@oregonhunger.org, or http://www.cffo.org/tanf/OregonTANFAlliance
Announcements	• Old Town Recovery Center is taking job applications. Check Central City Concern's website for more information. • Every 3rd Sunday there will be a candlelight vigil in Pioneer Square to honor animals. • Sanctity of Hope is selling tokens to be given to homeless people to purchase services at local businesses. Some services include: laundry, food, haircuts or clothing • PAW holds a vet clinic the first Sunday of every month. • Right to Dream Too is holding a fundraiser at the Grand Café this Friday. • PSU is holding a People's Movement Assembly Anti-Poverty Movement meeting this upcoming Saturday.	