

Conference on Ending Homelessness

Spokane, WA 5/11/16-5/13/16

Balance of State Continuum of Care Meeting

Tuesday, 5/10/16

5:30-8:00 PM

Buffet set at 6:15

5:30 Arrival

5:45 Introductions

- Phoebe Nelson, CoC Co-Chair

5:55 Community Updates

Housing First Committee Kitsap County

Veterans Committee Kitsap end veterans by November 2016

Outside Homeless Committee

Sandra Van Osten Chelan Douglas

Chelan Douglas launched Coordinated Entry and Housing First over the 2015 summer.

Walla Walla has been focusing on a promising Rapid Rehousing program.

Cassie Lentz Grays Harbor

Grays Harbor recently has been updating their 10 Year Plan, including a Housing Stakeholder Coalition Meeting and the implementation of Coordinated Entry in January 2016.

Nora Lang Coastal Community Action Programs

CCAP has helped with Coordinated Entry for Grays Harbor and with Pacific's efforts to run an overnight shelter. They have recently taken over the Housing Fund in Pacific.

Walla Walla

Walla Walla has updated their 10 year Plan in part by writing a 5 year plan to end homelessness. They are coordinating housing voucher efforts, mental health providers and are focusing on ending family homelessness. They are on the third iteration of coordinated entry and have enjoyed some success with diversion strategies.

Kirsten Jewell Kitsap

Kitsap is hosting a Provider Homelessness Summit in June. They have started their second iteration of coordinated entry and have new projects surrounding funding for a crisis response team and creation of respite beds.

Whatcom

Whatcom has been focusing on new strategies for Landlord outreach and recently conducted a survey of case managers to determine training needs. Responses centered on housing first and low barrier housing.

Melissa Couture Skagit

Skagit has a strong Veterans team, presently has 3 VASH Vouchers, but applied for 8 more. They are working out the kinks in their coordinated entry.

Housing affordability leadership group

Housing production issue

PSH

Tenant Based Rental assistance Coordinated Entry efforts

Chris Lowell HA in Thurston

Housing Authority in Thurston has 52 VASH vouchers and has Project based 50 single veteran vouchers. They have been working to restructure governance over housing programs because they no longer have Housing Consortium. They have recently updated 10 Year plan and are implementing their second iteration of coordinated entry. Thurston is participating in the 100 Day Challenge to End Family Homelessness, have been working to improve landlord engagement and to pass a housing levy in Olympia.

Kathy Morgan Jefferson

Jefferson has 0 vacancy rate and as a result are focusing on more affordable housing and the creation of an overnight shelter. They have partnered with the Sheriff's department who may be donating land. They are considering pushing for a levy.

Lori Call Klickitat Ska

They have been focusing on changing TH into RRH.

Sam Rubin Cowlitz

Cowlitz is revamping their 10 year plan, with a special emphasis on a performance based systems approach. They have an active Housing First Coalition and are participating in the 100 Day Challenge.

Kathryn Reid Clallam

Clallam has implemented a coordinated entry system.

They are seeking partners in addition to the Low Income Housing Institute to assist with new programs like Tenant Based rental assistance and the possibility of a Faith Based Emergency shelter implementation.

6:15 Break to gather food

6:30 Edge of the Cliff: Sun-setting of current document recording fee legislation

- Tedd Kelleher, Commerce Housing Assistance Unit Managing Director
- Sunset/Cliff of Document Recording Fee
- Expires in 2019, legislative effort to start working to pass renewal, and elimination of sunset clause
- Homelessness Housing Assistance Act is being revisited by Commerce.
- Document Funding is flat as compared to housing inflation, hopefully it will this session will tie funding to housing inflation.
- 2015 Legislature called for looking at other funding source

- Local tailoring of the fee, bipartisan support
- Need to reframe so that homeless response system is last resort and that we need to count people that are housed
- Local officials know how crucial document recording fees
- Lots of county control over doc recording fees

6:45 Update of HUD's NOFA application process and scoring

- John Epler, BoS CoC Consultant, Nick Mondau, Housing Assistance Unit
- Update on NOFA
 - o Competition moved up/sooner time frame
 - o Tiers 1 & 2 are still present
 - o HUD requires ranking process disclosure
- 2015 NOFA
 - o HUD Scoring system preferred PSH, housing first/low barrier projects, SSO in danger of losing funding
 - o CoC controls ranking but nothing else when it comes to competition
 - o Moved 4 SSO projects into Tier 1, did not have impact on defunding of TH projects
- How to treat programs in danger of losing funding?
- If placed in Tier 2, likely they will be lost
- If placed in Tier 1, should receive funding
- What should we do with low scoring SSO & TH projects? Where should we rank them?
 - o Encourage changing to more competitive project type?
 - o Protect them by moving them up in the rankings?
 - o Let them fall where they will?
 - o Have them remove themselves from the application?
- Thurston SSO
 - o Has a focus on Families with Children
 - o Converting 54K to RRH serves fewer families

7:00 Allocation of HUD Grants; Project and Continuum Performance Data

- John Epler, BoS CoC Consultant, Nick Mondau, Housing Assistance Unit

7:15 Group Discussion of Subcommittees

- Phoebe Nelson, CoC Co-Chair
- Subcommittees meeting the next day.
- Encourage participation in the subcommittees.

7:45 PIT/HIC Data Overview and Discussion

- Nick Mondau and Ian Kinder-Pyle, Housing Assistance Unit
- Overall increase

- 5,311 total in BoS
- PIT 2017 HUD push for Youth Count
- Whether or not PIT went up, down, stayed the same is important for application.

8:00 Adjourn