

Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative

Subcommittees Update

October 17, 2016

Affordable Housing/Financial Combined Subcommittees

At the October 3, 2016 combined Affordable Housing and Financial Subcommittee meeting, representatives from Marion County and City of Salem provided information regarding current zoning items including Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Information regarding Keizer's newly adopted ADU allowances was provided as well. The City of Salem invited members to upcoming discussion groups about the implementation of ADUs into the City's zoning ordinances. Other items discussed during the meeting included Inclusionary Zoning, SDC waivers, and possible policy revision opportunities as the local level regarding preparation of grant applications.

Next meeting: 2:00 PM November 3, 2016, 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Courthouse Square.

Transitional Housing/Shelters Subcommittee

The Transitional and Shelter Housing Subcommittee continues to meet. Given the size of the region's homeless population, it is clear there will be some un-met need for emergency housing into the foreseeable future, even when accounting for several projects already in various stages of development. The most effective form of emergency housing is housing coordinated with services to help residents maximize their potential for self-sufficiency. The region therefore should seek to expand its service-coordinated emergency housing resources. The subcommittee will consider specific recommendations related to funding and planning for such future expansions.

Next meeting: October 20, 2016, noon-1:00 p.m. at Courthouse Square.

Support Services/Education Subcommittee

In the process of developing recommendations. Resource guides and service coordination are topics for upcoming meeting, with presentations from Dan Herman and Emily Berndt from 211, and Walter Reed from Community Data Link.

Next meeting: October 19, 2016, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Courthouse Square

Public Safety Subcommittee

Working on a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grant, with either Community Action Agency or Jackson Street Youth Shelter as the lead agency. Grant application deadline is November 30, 2016. Reviewing panhandling issues.

Health and Housing Subcommittee

The Mid-Willamette Valley Housing Workgroup is interested in moving forward with the recommendations approved by the Task Force in September. Members of the group are actively monitoring work on the Medicaid 1115 waiver and researching potential landlord assessment tools.

Next meeting: November 14, 2016, noon-1:00 p.m. at 2965 Ryan Drive, Salem.