

Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative
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07/20/16 Tina Hansen

Broadway Apartments is a great affordable housing model because it's close to transportation, has good security, is well maintained and has a mix of people.

08/13/16 Jason Adams, College Career Finders – Homeless Campaign Coordinator

Created career-related awareness campaign designed to assist and connect the homeless with tools that will empower them in the job market. Suggested an easy to use resume builder, compatible with mobile devices. <https://www.velvetjobs.com/resume-builder>

8/17/16 Tina Hansen

Concerned about homeless people in the heat. Expressed a need for cooling shelters.

8/25/16 Sarah Owens

Shared, with the Support Services Subcommittee, survey results from Salem Homeless Coalition, CANDO and Nextdoor, and Homeless Empowerment Coalition on 2-1-1 website and phone/text services, which indicate the need for improved communication between providers and 2-1-1, and an overview of the Support Services Subcommittee meeting with her input for the subcommittee to review.

8/26/16 Ann Watters

Ann sent the link to KATU 2 news article: Salem Manufactured Home Residents Face Cal-Am eviction Threats, by Bob Heye, KATU News, Wednesday, August 24th 2016.

<http://katu.com/news/local/salem-manufactured-home-residents-face-cal-am-eviction-threats>

8/30/16 Sarah Owens

Follow-up response on information presented at the Affordable Housing/Financial Subcommittees meeting, with links to the Salem HNA work plan, PDX's AH bond measure (26-179), Farmworker Housing Development Corp's latest project, and Community Assistance and Shelter Assistance.

8/31/16 Sarah Owens

According to [U.S. Census figures](#) for July 2015, 12.7% of Oregonians are Hispanic/Latino. Ten percent of [homeless Oregonians counted in January 2015](#) identified as Hispanic/Latino, and 85% identified as non-Hispanic/Latino. Five percent did not identify one way or the other.

In Marion and Polk Counties' January 2016 PIT Count:

- 40 of 146 (27%) individuals in households with at least 1 adult & 1 child identified as Hispanic/Latino.
- 73 of 709 (10%) individuals in households with no children identified as Hispanic/Latino.

9/2/16 Brianne

In order to get a better idea of what homeless people experience, she "camped" in Marion Square Park for 3 nights, engaging with the homeless. She sells self-defense products and is now using her commission to purchase the products for homeless women, and has also set up a co-op with Value Village for clothing donations.

9/2/16 Sarah Owens

If the committee does decide to take a closer look at Polk County's Resource Guide/Map (even though it "can't" work for Marion County), the committee might also want to look at their [SIT Newsletter](#). EHN,

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which stands for Emergency Housing Network, was originally a subcommittee of the Marion and Polk Counties Continuum of Care, which "merged" with the Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC) in 2012. It is facilitated by Salem Housing Authority staff and meets once a month for a meal and presentation at UGM.

9/6/16 Tina Hansen

Wonders why there are so many minorities in public housing? Minorities need role models to look up to. Housing facilities need a good mix of people.

9/6/2016 Sarah Owens

Follow-up email to Support Services Subcommittee in response to discussion at the August 21, 2016 meeting regarding service coordination.

9/8/16 Victor Reppeto *In response to the September 8, 2016 Support Services Subcommittee meeting.*

- What are the outcomes for consumers taking advantage of Roadmaps to success and OJT work experience (Worksource), and ELI program?
- What are you going to do to confront parole and corrections on their blatant lack of accountability for supporting consumers? What specifically are parole and probation doing to provide?
- How many of their consumers are getting jobs in the first 90 days?
- What are they doing with people who do not?
- What assessments are they performing?
- What accommodations are they providing for mental health disabilities?

9/9/16 Victor Reppeto *In response to the September 8, 2016 Support Services Subcommittee meeting.*

Increased communication skills for employers and educators to learn how to be supportive to new employees is a crucial weak link.

This "aftercare" for people who are placed in jobs (or school) does not have to be provided by staff. There is a supply of peer support specialists in the community trained and ready and requesting the opportunity to provide this resource. People who grow up in "good enough" families have a reserve and are able to tolerate this stress in the work place. For people trying to recover from the abuse and torture they are subjected to in jails and prisons there is no reserve to fall back on.

This education piece is a top request of consumers of BCN services. These consumers make up a significant portion of the population we are discussing. Why is BCN not at the table today? These people represent a resource that can be taken advantage of.

Peer support: Stipends to supply gas money to "roll drivers" to transport their fellows to workshops and support groups and services. Stipends are also adequate for providing facilitators at communication and self-sufficiency workshops, plenty of people are willing to attend training and become facilitators for \$20 or so to cover gas money or supplement a meager income. [The Oregon Prison Project](#) and [Oxford house](#) are successful examples of the this model minus the stipends. With stipends these programs can grow exponentially overnight.

Self-governed, self-managed camps that the Salem Homeless Coalition is organizing are already working well in Eugene. [Dan Bryant Executive Director of Square one Villages in Eugene.](#)

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9/15/16 Victor Reppeto *In response to the September 8, 2016 Support Services Subcommittee meeting.*

- Providers coaching job seekers 6 to 9 months past the point of job acquisition increases emotional intelligence.
- Regarding financial literacy training: Life skills or communication skills as opposed to financial literacy is a title that can be rolled out to all students. This will be ineffective without improving communication skills.
- If the task force is disbanded in February who will be tasked with follow through to promote these recommendations into action?
- The difficulty of qualifying as a volunteer also prevents more volunteers from coming forward. The law provides for a graduated series of volunteer approval but the [school] district has only one, very high standard that all volunteers need to meet. This ostracizes the segment of the population we need to integrate the most in order to address the homelessness, mental health and other issues that are the main concern of this subcommittee.
- Dallas School District offers an online curriculum to home school students and students who wish to add online classes to their regular curriculum.
- The positive motivational tools being recommended today are available to the community from Non-Violent Communication workshops in the area. More info can be requested from Tim Buckley at Buckley Communications. More training for our volunteers with motivational interviewing would increase the value of these workshops.
- This does not need to be an expensive model. Provide training to volunteers with stipends and let them train more trainers. With stipends and a space to carry out such projects this program can become mostly self-supporting.
 - Recovery Outreach Community Center has a new location on State St. that is an option.

09/15/16 Matthew McDaniel

Broker with More Realty based in Dallas, OR. Looking for financing opportunities that may encourage developers to be interested in the property on Center Street, across from Safeway. The property has had a Phase I and II Environmental conducted.

9/15/16 Jeff H.

Applauds county commissioners for doing something about the issue of recreational vehicles being used as housing on private property. Would like to see how the board can help any one that is homeless or at the risk of homelessness.

- We need more housing space for people.
- Require all safety compliances.
- Please use all methods of controlling the property safety and health concerns.
- Please have all sewer and safe drinking water checked and have all permits paid for and checked with photos so the public can see that it is in public best interest.
- I think the 120 [day] rule needs to go and open it up to the best interest of the public!