MWHI Task Force
June 2016 Subcommittee Update

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE
- Met at Courthouse Square on Thursday July 14, 2016. All members were in attendance.
- Affordable Housing and Financial Subcommittees will begin meeting jointly as many of the topics presented are intertwined.
- Discussed topics
  o Potential projects with a layering of funding sources and inclusion of social service aspects for clients
  o Potentially seeking further grant funds through the jurisdictions
  o Barriers that will need to be addressed such as prevailing wages, system development charges, and property taxes.
- The subcommittee will be collecting and evaluating information regarding funding sources, regulatory requirements, and policy revisions in respect to grant writing at the jurisdiction level.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING/SHELTERS SUBCOMMITTEE
- Initial meeting July 11, 2016.
- Discussion to:
  o Identify existing transitional housing and shelter resources in the community.
  o Review reasonably anticipated additional resources coming online in the foreseeable future.
- Even as augmented, the resources are clearly inadequate for the demand.
- Framed the question of our target population(s).
- No decisions were made at this meeting.
- Follow-up meeting in the next three weeks.

PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE
- First meeting June 22, 2016.
- Reviewed our charge.
- Reviewed current activates in the two county area for LEAD and runaway and homeless youth (RHY), and talked about where this committee would like to focus its efforts.
- Decided to focus on the RHY system in Marion and Polk counties.
  o Consensus was that this RHY population (youth – young adult) would give us the best return on our investment and reduce the homeless population pipeline.
  o Cyndi Leinassar has reached out to HOME Youth & Resource Center, HOST, and Jackson Street Youth Shelter to co-present current activities and collaborations.
- The taskforce additionally wants to know:
  1. What are the measurable outcomes and vision for their collaboration?
  2. What are the gaps in the system?
  3. How do they see affordable housing supporting their work?

4. How can this taskforce support further advance their work?
- RHY collaborating agencies are working on their effort currently and would not be able to present until late August.

VETERANS SUBCOMMITTEE
- Meetings held June 9th and July 14.
- Many different agencies participating in supplying us with valuable information and direction.
  o Starting with finding funding and grants to fund raising.
  o Navigating through governmental agencies and local levels of city and county agencies to purchase property.
  o Looking to different groups to help with construction.
    ▪ Having housing available and ready to rent
    ▪ Putting the Veteran on the path to permanent housing.
- Plan to meet with people to help with fund raising and those who have successful programs in place.

FOCUS GROUP AND COALITION COORDINATION SUBCOMMITTEE
- Met on June 30th
- Finalized the questions that will be utilized to gain insight from people experiencing homelessness in order to bring feedback to the MWHI Task Force.
- Worked on the drafts of questions that we will ask community partners and the community at large.
  o Draft questions taken to the Emergency Housing Network on July 14 to gain their perspective and input.
  o The EHN provided insight into our need to create an asset map for Coalition Coordination and understanding the depth of services provided throughout Marion and Polk counties.
- The next meeting is July 28th, at noon at Courthouse Square.

HEALTH AND HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE
- July 11 meeting
  o Overview and discussion on the regions behavioral health housing needs.
  o Overview of the Kaiser Permanente Housing for Health Grant Initiative
  o Discussion of the Health in Housing: Exploring the Intersection between Housing and Health Care study
  o Discussion of the Mental Health Housing Development Notice of Funding Availability
    http://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/DO/technical-advisories/2016/06-30-2016-Multifamily-Technical-Advisory-MHHousing-NOFA.pdf