

MID-WILLAMETTE HOMELESS INITIATIVE

June 6, 2016 Brief Subcommittee Reports

1. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Ron Hays (Lead)

Meeting was held May 16 at Marion County Courthouse Square building.

- Discussed the movement of people from outside the area into the community.
- Had a presentation on Oregon Housing and Community Services.
- Decided that at the next meeting we would like to build some specific goals for housing development in the affordable housing arena.
- Had a presentation by a representative from Mountain West Investment Corporation
 - They are running numbers to pencil out what it would take to do a 4% LIHTC project, a 9% LIHTC Project, and a privately funded model.
- Discussed how to fill funding gaps if they occurred and the obstacles.
- Mountain West Investment recently made a philanthropic contribution to Catholic Community Services for an affordable housing project in Woodburn that they are working to develop.
- Ron Hays recently met with Meyer Memorial Trust staff regarding how to get them involved in affordable housing in our area. Recent grant to Catholic Community Services.
- Community input - comment given on seeing if we could get houses that have been abandoned and/or are unoccupied repaired and back into the affordable housing arena.

2. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING/SHELTERS

Shaney Starr (Lead)

No update as of June 1, 2016.

3. SUPPORT SERVICES/EDUCATION

Verena Wessel (Lead)

- Met on May 25, 2016.
- Reviewed the subcommittee charge and strategized next steps.
- The group agreed that it was important to identify and prioritize needed services.
Next steps:
 1. Generate an asset map of existing services
 2. Identify service providers
 3. Identify gaps
 4. Create a Community Resource portal that supports collaboration and information sharing among providers.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY

Cyndi Leinassar (Lead)

- First meeting scheduled for June 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

5. VETERANS

Steve Bobb, Sr. (Lead) and Jennifer Wheeler (Lead)

- First meeting scheduled June 9, 2016 10 - 11:30 a.m. in the Polk County Courthouse conference room.

6. FINANCIAL

Anna Peterson (Lead)

- Met on May 31, 2016. All members were in attendance.
- Discussed topics ranging from current lending practices regarding foreclosure prevention to the ability to fund greatly needed multi-family housing projects.
- The subcommittee will be collecting and evaluating information regarding housing needs, marketing of available properties, and current funding sources/lending tools available for housing.

7. HEALTH and HOUSING

Kenny LaPoint (Lead)

Meeting scheduled Monday, June 13, noon-1:00 PM at Willamette Valley Community Health, 2965 Ryan Dr., Salem, OR.

8. FOCUS GROUPS/COALITION COORDINATION

Jon Reeves (Lead)

- Met on May 20 and revised the draft focus group questions that will be administered to existing groups of individuals experiencing homelessness in partnership with community partners that already have relationships with them.
- At the next meeting, June 7 at noon, we will discuss revision and solidification of community member forum questions and questions to community partners. Methods of delivery of these surveys and scheduling of in person facilitated sessions will also be finalized.