

AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTIONS/RECAP OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Even under the most optimistic scenarios for raising inventory rates with development of affordable housing, rents will remain unattainable and regular housing will remain unavailable for at least hundreds of people each night in our region. Thus, into the foreseeable future, we will have a need for expanded emergency housing. The most advantageous form of emergency housing is housing coordinated with services to help residents maximize their potential for self-sufficiency. Taking into consideration the population and prevailing values of our region, the need for service-coordinated emergency housing is best met with numerous medium-scale facilities, each primarily targeting particular causes of homelessness (addiction, reentry, veteran's challenges, family homelessness, etc.). Resources can be targeted more effectively through medium-scale (as opposed to larger-scale) facilities, and community impacts can be minimized.

2. DISCUSSION – Transitional Housing/Shelter Project (POSSIBLE ACTION)

Suggested recommendations:

- a. Support Mountain West Investments plans to develop 300-600 affordable housing units in 2018;
- b. Endorse Marion County's plans to develop a twenty-four bed reentry transitional housing unit;
- c. Endorse Westcare's plans to provide ten new veterans transitional housing beds in Salem this year, with an additional 10-20 over the course of the next year;
- d. Support population-specific projects for victims of domestic violence: emergency and transitional housing;
- e. Endorse UGM's plan to provide 300 new shelter beds for men without children;
- f. Expand HOME Youth and Resource Center;
- g. Encourage a portion of all new housing to offer a priority to victims of domestic violence;
- h. Support the Housing Authorities to prioritize housing vouchers for survivors of domestic violence; and
- i. Support population-specific projects for victims of domestic violence: emergency and transitional housing.

3. DISCUSSION – Development Team (POSSIBLE ACTION)

Suggested recommendation:

Create a Memorandum of Understanding among regional entities to constitute a Development Team to provide coordinated, inclusive, and transparent management of the region's approach to emergency housing and related services, as well as affordable housing. The Development Team will:

Transitional Housing/Shelters Subcommittee

November 8, 2016

Noon-1:00 pm

Commissioners Board Room

Courthouse Square, 5th Floor, 555 Court St. NE, Salem

- a. Seek to maximize HMIS participation, so as to appropriately represent the degree of community coordination in future cooperative applications;
- b. Prioritize, plan, and pursue available grants (federal, state, private) for future projects;
- c. Analyze the advisability of allowing, supporting, or facilitating some form of temporary, support-coordinated camping; and
- d. Inventory vacant, derelict or other suitable sites for potential re-purposing as support-coordinated emergency housing. Such sites may include houses, motels, apartments, or closed schools.

4. OTHER