

# COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO END HOMELESSNESS (CCEH)

## MEETING MINUTES



Date: August 20, 2008	Location: First United Methodist Church	Recorded by: Dove Hotz	
Time: 3 pm to 5 pm	Facilitated by: Marc Jolin and Jean DeMaster	Reviewed By: Steering Committee	
Present: Caren Baumgart, Kris Moore, Maya Noah, Amanda Hurley, Gloria Willis, Bobby Weinstock, Renata Wilson, Ryan Karnes, Lynne Walker, Keith Scheff, Natasha Roe, Fay Schuler, Patty Doyle, Susan Montgomery, Ian Finch, EV Armitage, Brandi Tuck, Rachel Devlin, Shannon Singleton, Sally Erickson			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/ DECISION	FOLLOW- UP/PLAN
Introductions	Shannon Singleton announced a women's wait-list number: 503-227-8681		
Approval of July minutes		Approved	
10-year plan 2008 goals progress: #4 & #5	<p>Goal 4. <i>Emphasize permanent solutions.</i></p> <p>Goal 4.1a: <i>Short-term rent assistance.</i> Almost halfway to the goal. The outcomes have been excellent. One provider reported an increase in Mexican immigrant families seeking rent assistance.</p> <p>Goal 4.2a: <i>2008 winter shelter transition plan.</i> Some good efforts are being made, but resources are limited. If providers can ask shelter residents if they're HIV+, CAP may be able to help with housing placement or services.</p> <p>Goal 4.3a: <i>New landlords accept S8 vouchers.</i> 180 landlords took vouchers who had not done so in previous five years. Rental deposits remain a barrier. Would be great to have some funds to help S8 holders with rental deposits.</p> <p>Goal 4.4a: <i>Schools Families Housing will help 80 families.</i> They have exceeded the goal. Retention has been very high. The City funded another \$400k for program, serving 11 schools. Overall, a very successful program.</p> <p>Goal 5. <i>Increase supply of permanent supportive housing.</i></p> <p>Goal 5.1a: <i>PSH, 21 units for chronically homeless vets.</i> This project will be called the Tamarack, in the south waterfront under the tram. Easy access to the V.A. hospital. Planning is underway. Funding will be a challenge but doable. Portland received 70 VASH vouchers and will receive 70 more next year; this is great!</p> <p>Goal 5.1b: <i>Martha Washington renovation to include 25 units.</i> Proceeding apace.</p> <p>Goal 5.1c: <i>AH development must use federal funds to include PSH.</i> The 2007-08 Affordable Rental Development NOFA included such a provision.</p> <p>Goal 5.2a: <i>City will allocate flexible funding.</i> In spring 2008, BHCD awarded NWH funds to offset costs at 333 SW Oak.</p> <p>Goal 5.2b: <i>Negotiate with developers and landlords to create PSH in existing projects.</i> The NOFA will allow 20 existing AH units to be reprogrammed to PSH.</p> <p>Goal 5.3a: <i>Bridges to Housing will open at Humboldt Gardens.</i> The 20 units are all full, serving 55 people.</p>		

	<p>Goal 5.3b: <i>Cascadia and Outside Transitions into Housing</i>. No champion was present to report progress.</p> <p>Goal 5.3c: <i>B2H program at 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave</i>. Will open at the end of September. Expected to be full.</p> <p>Goal 5.3d: <i>Swindells</i>. No champion was present to report progress.</p> <p>Goal 5.3e: <i>Esperanza Court</i>. Will open at the end of September. Expected to be full.</p> <p>Goal 5.3f: <i>The Jeffrey</i>. Opened in mid-June. Currently leasing up.</p> <p>The group would like to see information on the balance of new PSH units compared to reprogrammed units. This should be one of next year's goals. Bobby Weinstock recommended community-wide training on PSH.</p>		
Report on Project Homeless Connect (Ruth Benson)	PHC is Fri., August 22. The doors will open at 10 a.m. at the waterfront. It will be fully tented. Still need volunteers! Be there at 8:30. They will have all the same services except for veterinary and legal.		
Highlights from National Alliance to End Homelessness conference – national trends	There was a good workshop on people exiting corrections; stable housing naturally resulted in lower crime and drug use; they emphasized the wording “low demand” over “harm reduction.” There were tools for advocating on behalf of our clients and letting clients tell their own stories. People were excited about the recently-passed Congressional AH bill. There was a creative concept on how to prioritize who gets into shelter, based a vulnerability index of health-related criteria.		
Report on National Guard site use – for affordable housing (Daniel Ledezma)	A site will be vacated by the military in 2011 that City Council approved for affordable housing. It is about 5 acres, near Multnomah Village. Many community partners have contributed. If the application is approved, the City will negotiate a land price, and construction can begin when the Reserve leaves. The project will provide more than 100 units of affordable housing and 25 homeownership units.		
<b>Other items, next meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 17, 2008</b>		