COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO END HOMELESSNESS (CCEH)
MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 20, 2009	Location: First United Methodist Church	Recorded by: Dove Hotz
Time: 3 pm to 5 pm	Facilitated by: Marc Jolin	Reviewed By: Steering Committee

Present: E.V. Armitage, Caren Baumgart, Cathie Boerboom, Heather Brown, Caitlin Campbell, Jennifer Chang, Rachel Devlin, Patty Doyle, Melanie Duncan, Liv Jenssen, Steven Keenan, Tiffany Kingery, Laura Langslet, Mary Li, Clover Mow, Julie Osburn, Rachel Payton, David Regan, Kas Robinson, Natasha Roe, Fay Schuler, Erika Silver, Ian Slingerland, Dan Smith, Kim Tierney, Larry Turner, Lynne Walker

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/ DECISION
Introductions	Sally introduced new BHCD program coordinator Jennifer Chang. She previously worked at PATH Partners, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit known for community mobilization and regional planning. She worked with city and community stakeholders to build partnerships and advance solutions to end homelessness, and recently led a 27-city process to form a regional strategy to reduce homelessness.	
Approval- Apr. minutes	Approved without dissent.	Approved
Announcements / Updates	SAFE (Street Access For Everyone) work group update:.Marc Jolin, who was on the oversight committee, reviewed this package of services that include the sidewalk obstruction ordinance. Through BHCD, the annual budget of $300,000 for services has included expanded hours at Julia West, a day program at Salvation Army's women's shelter, benches, and the Street Roots resource guide. The new City budget protects this funding. In addition, there were remaining funds of $100,000 per year that SAFE hopes to direct to a downtown day program for men at Harbor Light. Most of the individuals cited through the ordinance are homeless, especially homeless youth "Road Warriors." Only 38 unduplicated individuals were actually cited, although many more were given warnings. Most individuals comply when warned, however some see it as a civil rights issue and many do not show up in court when citied. The ordinance was due to expire, but it has been extended and funded for five more months. PBA and PPD feel strongly about the ordinance. A public comment period is forthcoming to allow people to voice their opinions. City and County Budgets: Kim Tierney (Mult. Co. Health Dept.) reviewed the Co. Health Department budget. They are facing cuts of $10 million and 71 layoffs. The final Board vote will be June 4. The State's mid-year cuts affected them in March. They have cut pediatric nurse home visits. The Westside Health Center will focus on adults only. The NAFY clinic closed in January, with Outside In picking up the youth services. Westside will strengthen their mental health services. The County mobile medical van will end July 1, but Outside In and Wallace medical may take over services. Correctional Health is replacing nurses with CNA's. Some positive news – they will receive some stimulus funds for services and capital improvements. Kim announced that she will be leaving her position in June. Liv Jenssen (Mult. Co. Community Justice) reported that the Community Justice budget had already taken mid-year cuts including layoffs. A lot would depend on what happened with the State budget. She was grateful that housing support has been maintained.	

Announcements / Updates (cont.)	Mary Li (Mult. Co. Human Services) reported on the County Human Services budget. She was relieved and grateful that the Chair's budget did its best to preserve the safety net. Two budget hearings will be held next week (see http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/cc/budget_hearings.shtml). The Board suggested some changes to the Chair's budget. Only $1 million has been cut, through the SUN program and gender-specific services for women and girls. One reason for the success was due to State funding for drug and alcohol and mental health treatment. The State budget was not cut as deeply as had been feared. The entire County budget can now be rebalanced to hopefully restore some programs. The warming center and Bridges to Housing will continue to be funded. The homeless benefits recovery program may be placed within the RAC. Marc Jolin observed that the results of the recent vulnerability index showed that medical van outreach was the main medical treatment for that population. Kim stated that St. Francis would retain its mobile medical services. They are hoping that SAMHSA funding will help to restore outreach to families. Mary Li encouraged the group to thank the County Board and Chair for preserving the safety net, before June 4, either as individuals or on behalf of CCEH. Marc and Sally agreed to send a letter on behalf of CCEH. Sally added that the Portland City Council should also be thanked. BHCD's budget had few cuts, while almost every other city bureau took cuts. BHCD will be able to fund an adult Winter warming center, operated by to Transition Projects Inc. However, a location still needs to be identified. Mel Tashima Duncan with the Homebuilders Foundation described this charitable arm of Portland Homebuilders. They provide career opportunities for at-risk youth and take on renovation projects with nonprofit organizations. They are currently looking for projects. Federal stimulus update: Sally Erickson (City of Portland, BHCD) reported that there were lots of applications being turned in, with more to come. The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program application has been submitted. An infusion of approximately $1 million in new STRA resources will increase local rent assistance funds. New Steering Committee members needed: Marc Jolin reported that the Steering Committee is recruiting new members. Sally will send an e-mail with application form to interested parties. There will be a brief Steering Committee info session before the June 17 CCEH meeting. Applications will be due by the end of that week. CCEH Achievement Awards: Awards have been moved to July 15 to accommodate Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish and Multnomah County Commissioner Deborah Kafoury. Nominations are still due by the end of May!	Marc and Sally will send a letter thanking the County Board and Chair. Email an application if you wish to join Steering Committee. Info session about Steering Committee at 2:30pm, June 17. Submit Achievement Award nominations by May 29.
Family Warming Center survey and Family Winter Shelter Tiffany Kingery & Erin Whitemore, Multnomah County	Tiffany thanked JOIN and Human Solutions for their roles in providing the family-focused Winter Warming Center. Erin Whitemore reviewed some highlights from the Winter Warming Center survey: a total of 119 adults and 41 children in 92 households used the program and 30% were in families. Erika Silver (Human Solutions) said some people did not fill out the survey, probably because of literacy issues, and staff counted 222 separate adults and 71 separate children. There was a suggestion that future surveys include a question about previous living situation. Erika said staff tried to connect people	

	with services, although there were no dedicated resources for this. Placements were found for all families with kids by the closing of the warming center. Mary Li said the center was never intended to be a part of the homelessness or housing systems and that it was meant as an emergency safety response. Families served at the warming center had more complex issues in comparison to other families typically served by Human Solutions. There was discussion about the need for shelter and services for single women and Erika added that single women reported they do not feel safe downtown. Thanks to Mary Li who volunteered every week! Tiffany said the County will release a winter services for families RFP and is looking for a single provider (who could possibly subcontract or partner on some of the work). The RFP should be released in July and awarded in August. CCEH formed a small subcommittee around winter services that helped draft the RFP. The next meeting will be on May 28, 9-11 a.m., e-mail Tiffany if interested.	
One Night Shelter Count, Mary Li and Julie Osburn, Multnomah County	Mary distributed handouts with the shelter count data and a narrative summary. There was a higher than average amount of unknown demographic information. The state and the feds make funding allocations based on the data. Overall, the numbers increased, which shows increased capacity. There was discussion and concern about the higher turnaway rates for people of color. Larry Turner (TPI) voiced concern about the high turnaway rate for African-Americans. Mary Li agreed, it was both a health and equities issue. Julie Osburn will send the survey via e-mail. Ryan recapped the One Night Street Count information. The complete report can be found at http://www.portlandonline.com/bhcd/index.cfm?c=43985. There were 1,591 unduplicated homeless, a significant increase over 2007. 37% had been homeless less than a year.	
Other Business	Marc Jolin is on the Steering Team for the formation of the new Portland Housing Bureau. 36 PDC housing staff will merge with the Bureau of Housing & Community Development (BHCD) effective July 1. Commissioner Fish is in charge. The PSG consultants, Bev Stein and Joan Brown-Kline, have asked the Steering Team some high-level questions, which Marc distributed. There is a stakeholders meeting next week. PSG will use the Design Lab process, people from outside our system but familiar with national housing issues, due in June. Fish will adopt the vision. Details will be worked out. Marc will have the opportunity to give feedback on housing delivery policy and how services are delivered. Liv said, go to City Club web site and check out their recommendations on PDC from a few years ago. http://www.pdxcityclub.org/pdf/pdc_2005.pdf. Also, there was an Oregonian article today on PDC. Ryan said he had served on the selection committee for the consultant, and PSG really stood out with their Design Lab process, instead of the usual Portland "death by dialogue" process. The Design Lab output will be as good as the inputs. Please send comments to Marc directly at mjolin@joinpdx.com. Patty Doyle (Mult Co. Human Services) distributed digital TV handouts including information on getting a coupon for the converter box.	
Next CCEH meeting	**Wednesday, June 17, 2009, 3-5 p.m., FUMC, Collins Room.**	