

**STATE OF OREGON  
ENDING HOMELESSNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting  
October 6, 2006  
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Department of Transportation  
1905 Lana Avenue NE, Salem, OR 97314**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Vicki Skryha**, Manager, Housing and Homeless Services DHS, Addictions and Mental Health Division

**Dona Bolt**, OR Dept of Ed/Homeless Ed Program

**Rachel Bristol**, Oregon Food Bank

**Edward Angeletti**, Program Manager, ACCESS

**Rev. Chuck Currie**, Parkrose United Church of Christ

**Bill Hall**, Lincoln County Commissioner

**Janet Byrd**, Executive Director, Neighborhood Partnership Fund

**Lorna Youngs**, Oregon Department of Transportation

**Phil Lemman**, Oregon Youth Authority

**OHCS STAFF PRESENT**

**Rick Crager**, OHCS Deputy Director,

**Roberto Franco**, OHCS Housing Services Representative

**Martha Lyon**, OHCS CRD Administrator

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Susan Ban**, Executive Director, Lane County Shelter Care

**Jodie Jones**, OHCS Interim CSS Manager

**Mitch Morrow**  
Department of Corrections

**Val Conley**, Administrator, Veteran's Services Division

**Ron Soto**, Oregon Commission for Children & Families

**Jean Lasater**, Oregon Homeless and Runaway Youth Coalition

**Heather Lyons**, City of Portland, Bureau of Housing & Community Development

**Mary Schoen-Clark**, Executive Director, ORCCA (Although she was able, due to phone difficulties in the conference room, she was unable to participate)

**GUESTS**

**Annette Evans**, Washington County Department of Housing Services

**Paul Rainey**, Association of Oregon Housing Authorities and Community Action Directors of Oregon

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Rick Crager calls the October 6, 2006 meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Roberto Franco

- 1) **The Rural Oregon Continuum of Care requested the following informational email be passed along to EHAC members:**

**New Paper Outlines Principles for McKinney-Vento Policy and Reauthorization**  
Making McKinney-Vento Work for All Homeless Persons New paper outlines principles for McKinney-Vento Program policy and reauthorization. Sign on today!

Over the past few years, HUD's design of the annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) has increasingly undermined local control and effectively legislated through the rule-making process. Unable to successfully move the Samaritan Initiative through the 108th Congress, the Administration, via HUD and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), has now aggressively moved to impose the emphasis on "ending chronic homelessness" on localities, rather than allow communities to determine their own priorities based on actual need. Two current pieces of McKinney-Vento reauthorization legislation- S. 1801 and H.R. 5041- propose to write much of this current policy into statute.

Numerous national, state, and local organizations have joined together to issue the following set of principles that we believe must form the basis of any reauthorization measure. Included in this coalition are faith-based and community-based human needs organizations, public school personnel, state and local child welfare agencies, health care providers, social justice advocacy coalitions, and concerned individual citizens.

Collectively, our members serve or represent every segment of the homeless population - including infants and toddlers, school-age children, youth in runaway and homeless situations, families fleeing domestic violence, persons with disabilities, and low-income working individuals and families.

Any members of EHAC who would like further information can contact Ed Angelletti.

**2) Poverty Conference.**

Roberto read a message from Victor that encouraged attendance at the upcoming Poverty Conference:

“Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) would like to encourage you or someone from your agency to attend the upcoming annual Poverty Conference, at the Red Lion, Jantzen Beach, October 9 – 11, 2006.

This will be an exciting training and networking opportunity to join activists, agency leaders, policy makers and others who are all working together on issues related to poverty in our state.

A few of the workshops this year are: building financial stability, technology tools for

clients, energy efficiency, homeless education, agency management, and housing, homelessness and shelter issues.”

- 3) **Roberto also announced there had been a special invitation to some EHAC members to attend a discussion and learn about South Carolina Data Warehouse and Client Information Systems: Utilizing Technology to End Chronic Homelessness, Presented by Pete Bailey. The invitation was extended to other EHAC members who may be interested. This discussion will take place Wednesday, October 11 at 12:30, directly following the Poverty Conference.**

**II. MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from the September 8, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Janet Byrd **MOVED** to approve the minutes. **SECOND** from Bill Hall. Chair Crager requested that all those in favor to raise their hands. All the present members raised their hands.

**III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:**

None

**IV. STAFF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Roberto presented a handout (**Exhibit #1**), which is the combined '07-'09 Legislative Concepts from EHAC state agencies related to housing or services for which homeless people may qualify.

Jean Lasater presented Oregon House Bill 2202 (**Exhibit #2**) on behalf of the Oregon Homeless and Runaway Youth Coalition. The proposal is asking for \$4.6 million for the next biennium to help fund programs geared towards the homeless and runaway youth population in all 36 counties. Jean stated that this would be the first time in Oregon that any funding has been dedicated to this population. She is currently holding community forums to collect data and to hear about barriers. The next forum will take place in Tillamook next Thursday. Ed Angeletti commented that he attended the forum in Jackson County and that it was great.

Jean said each forum will have their own report at the conclusion of the forums and then she will put together an aggregate report that she will share with EHAC.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discuss and adopt 10 Year Plan Proposed Goals**

Rick discussed the proposed goals of the 10 year plan. Goals include:

A. Improve cross system planning and policies to prevent, engage, divert, and discharge.

B. Using Oregon's current and new services efficiently, effectively % synergistically to create short and long term responses to homelessness.

C. Using Oregon's current & new housing resources efficiently, effectively & synergistically to "open the back door" for homeless persons.

## **2. Discuss and adopt EHAC proposed work plan and timeline**

Rick also presented the EHAC proposed work plan and timeline. The plan includes tasks and timelines. Rick and Roberto asked the group for thoughts about the timeline and workplan.

General concern from the group about the timeline that it is too far out for the completion of some of the tasks. The final consent was to keep the completion timeline with the understanding that the tasks may be completed sooner. There was also a recommendation to move adopting the 10 Year Plan Goals to a later date. The recommendation was based on the concern that we could not adopt goals for a Plan until we have completed the research and data tasks.

There was also concern about some language and phrases in the 'Understanding Oregon's Homelessness: Characteristics and Size' task. It was suggested to modify the phrase 'Where they are coming from: Prison, jail, hospitals'. Use language instead that reflects homelessness as an issue of economic and poverty factors. There was also a suggestion to add the category of **trends** in homelessness to the work plan.

In the task of 'research current strategies, best practices, including local 10YPs' there was a suggestion to add a segment about Oregon state economic policies that affect homelessness.

In reference to data, the group agreed there is plenty of data available and lots of best practices out there, the information just needs to be gathered.

Other discussions evolved around a fourth task, the development of a Communication Plan. These discussions included a recurring question of "what can we act on now?"

**MOTION** from Ed Angeletti to accept the proposed workplan with the modification to move the approval of goals to a later time and then discuss the technicalities at the next meeting. **SECOND** from Susan Ban. Discussion:

Add in an amendment under timeline that reads 'upon completion.'

Chair Crager requested that all those in favor to raise their hands. All the present members raised their hands

## **3. Establish work groups for EHAC work plan tasks**

Roberto led a discussion about the formation of task groups and who wants to take the lead under the proposed categories.

It was decided that Roberto would send out an email request for the data/information that is needed.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS:** None

**Chair Crager:** We are adjourned. (2:07 p.m.)

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**Rick Crager, Chair**                      **DATE**  
**Oregon Housing & Community Services**