

# HOUSING STAKEHOLDER COALITION

JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 9:00 A.M.

## **AGENDA**

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. USDA Update	<ul> <li>Update on USDA Technical Assistance plans and associated Pilot Project that aims to serve chronically homeless individuals with complex housing barriers</li> </ul>		
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	2017 Priorities		
Work Group Report Outs	<ul> <li>Affordable Housing</li> <li>Vulnerable Populations</li> <li>Coordinated Entry</li> </ul>		
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Grays Harbor Youth Shelter		
Peer Stories	Ed Drake/HARPS		
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Updates/Upcoming Events	2017 Point in Time Count/Project Homeless Connect		

### **USDA PROJECT**

- Technical assistance and training for local agencies on housing best practices Permanent Supportive Housing and Supported Employment
- Accomplish through pilot project to learn and demonstrate necessary skills
- Pilot project design:
  - Target population: literally homeless individuals with complex challenges (mental health, chemical dependency, physical disabilities, etc.) who may not be engaged with support services
  - Outreach, engagement, assessment, and case management to identify and serve target population with housing and employment supports
  - Track outcomes and adjust as needed over time

## STAKEHOLDER VISIONING

	Outreach	Engagement	Assessment	Housing	Employment
AL		Trained workforce at agencies     Need training on 'how to engage'  ousing and message	Population needs to meet CH definition as well as some criteria addressing vulnerability	Quick access to affordable housing  Meaningful ongoing supports and services	
IDEAL					
HAPPENINGNOW	Two CAP Case managers are doing outreach 8 hours per week  Volunteer groups doing 'survival' outreach (Revival Grays Harbor; Olympic Beacon; River City)	CAP case managers try to engage; some current outreach not focused on engagement.  Realistic expectations; mutual effort to make it work.	VI-SPDAT (part of coordinated entry) yields scores; Only CAP has access to data.  Coordinated entry occurs at CAP; people go to their offices for the assessment	Multiple, uncoordinated landlord outreach efforts  Many Fair Housing issues  Scattershot approach  Access to subsidies through CAP, primarily, as PHA is very slow. Detailed eligibility	
GAPS	Not using peers for outreach     Not working together	No clear path from an encampment into a comprehensive array of services.	No access to system for people who cannot/will not go through CAP		
PILOT PROJECT IDEAS	Pull people together     Organize efforts     Create tools (laminated cards)     Manage paperwork burden: coordinated entry; can volunteers be trained to do CE?		Score 8 or higher on VI- SPDAT as a guideline for entry into pilot program.  Train volunteers and staff to do VI-SPDAT out of office		

### **NEXT STEPS**

- Continue stakeholder engagement to design and refine pilot project including how to streamline processes and work around barriers
- Begin training in March and provide additional training throughout 2017 based on emerging needs
- Goal is to identify and enroll clients by end of 2017
- Questions, ideas, concerns?

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORK GROUP UPDATES

#### USDA Housing Inventory work

- Work with County assessor's office to identify owneroccupied and rental property inventory
- Identify opportunities to leverage rental rehab programs to bring up housing quality standards with landlords
- Partner with CCAP Landlord Liaison with new information for targeted outreach and relationship building
- Work with County-owned foreclosed properties to increase affordable housing inventory

## VULNERABLE POPULATIONS WORK GROUP UPDATES

- Working on "street survey" to inquire about current and future services
- Working on volunteer network for needs that arise
  - Ex: Emergency Cold Weather Shelter
- Movement towards putting a proposal together for new services in the county

#### **Next meeting:**

Wednesday, February 1st at 2:00 p.m. at the Pearsall Building

## COORDINATED ENTRY WORK GROUP UPDATE

- Establish regular meeting schedule and recruit wide community organization participation
  - i.e. faith-based groups, behavioral health agencies, emergency shelters, etc.
- Continue to review data for continuous quality improvement

#### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, February 1st at 1:00 p.m. at Pearsall Building

#### **JANUARY 27, 2017**

#### ABERDEEN EAGLES 208 W. MARKET ST 10 AM — 4 PM



### Services and information available include:

A Hot Meal

Access to showers and hair cuts

- Housing Services
- · Employment Services
  - DSHS Mobile Unit
  - Veteran's Services
- HIV Information & Referral
- · Education Opportunities
- · Personal Hygiene Items
  - & Much More!

Please join us for this one day event to provide resources to members of our community that are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless.





For more information on this event or to volunteer, please contact Lori Valentine at loriv@coastalcap.org or call 360-533-5100.

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