



RHIP Social Determinants of Health Housing Workgroup

Agenda: September 16, 2016 from 10:30 am-11:30 am

Deschutes County Health Services (Stan Owen) – 2577 NE Courtney Drive, Bend

- 10:30-10:40** **Introductions and updates - All**
- 10:40-11:05** **Housing WorkPlan**
- Subcommittee reports
 - Proposed modifications and additions to target metrics, timeline, etc.
- 11:05-11:20** **Coordination with other housing efforts**
- COIC (Scott Aycock)
 - Bend 2030 (focus on workforce housing)
- 11:20-11:30** **Action Items - All**
- Who is missing from around the table? How do we get them here?
 - Developing the agenda for the September 16 meeting
 - Next steps

Next Meeting: **Friday, October 21 from 10:30 am - 11:30 am (in Bend)**

2016-2019 Central Oregon Regional Health Improvement Plan Work Plan DRAFT v8

RHIP Priority: Housing

The lack of safe and affordable housing in Central Oregon has become more than just a question of access and availability – it has become a public health crisis. Low-income families in all three counties struggle to find affordable housing. Homelessness persists and is becoming more widespread, while in many instances, it remains relatively invisible. Given all we know about the importance of housing to health, the current housing environment in this region is widening and exacerbating inequities and health disparities that impact people with fewer financial and support resources. This is particularly true for individuals and families trapped in a cycle of crisis and housing instability due to growing poverty, trauma, violence, mental illness, addiction or other chronic health conditions.

The Social Determinants of Health - Housing Workgroup (“Housing Workgroup”) is comprised of individuals, organizations and agencies across many areas – affordable housing, homelessness, health care, social services, education and transportation - who are focused on promoting the vulnerable and at-risk end of the housing spectrum: those who are homeless and those in need of very low income, low income and workforce housing. The Housing Workgroup acknowledges that we must bridge housing solutions with the health system. As such, this group will work to address issues of housing using a health lens, beginning with laying a strong foundation of developing agreed upon definitions around key terms (i.e. homelessness, workforce housing, housing stressed, etc.) and identifying the data needs and resources to develop meaningful analysis. These data will then be used to focus on our current priority areas and goals which include:

- 1. Organizational Capacity** – To develop shared definitions and conduct a data needs assessment
- 2. Policy** - To be an effective resource to local municipalities on developing policies and programs that increase affordable housing options and supports
- 3. Advocacy** - To help support projects and pass specific legislation and ordinances that impact local and state housing policies and counter a NIMBY perspective
- 4. Outreach and Awareness** - To gather and analyze data and share actionable information on homelessness and affordable housing
- 5. New Initiatives** - To support new cross sector initiatives with a focus on non-traditional, disruptive innovation

Goal 1: Organizational Capacity – To develop shared definitions and conduct a data needs assessment

Health Indicator(s) addressed	RHIP Strategy	Activity addressing strategy	Timeline
NA or TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop shared definitions around key terms (i.e. homelessness, housing stressed, etc.) • Conduct a data inventory to determine who is gathering/tracking what data and what is missing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact all key stakeholders to determine what definitions and parameters they are using in working with different populations • Conduct data inventory with breakout between <18 and >18 wherever possible • Identify gaps or new data that we should try to gather as a region 	<p>August-end of October</p> <p>Ongoing, initial data inventory completed by end of December</p> <p>To be done concurrent with data inventory</p>
Parties Responsible	Target Metric	Implementation Progress and Status	
Housing Workgroup members (see to the right)	TBD/NA (may include a shared definition of various housing-related terms)	<p>Still in the early stages on both the shared definitions and data inventory – we see these actions as predominantly one-time efforts to form a foundation upon which the other Housing goals will proceed.</p> <p>Housing Workgroup members working in this Goal area include Kristin Chatfield (OHSU), Dave Huntley, Gwenn Wysling (Bethlehem Inn), Elaine Knobbs-Seasholtz (Mosaic Medical), and Molly Taroli (PacificSource)</p> <p>Potential additional people to add include: Alan Burke (SCMC) and the new HMIS person at NeighborImpact</p>	

Goal 2: Policy - To be an effective resource to local municipalities on developing policies and programs that increase affordable housing options and supports

Health Indicator(s) addressed	RHIP Strategy	Activity addressing strategy	Timeline
NA or TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research existing housing-related policies (e.g. land use, development code, etc.) both around Central Oregon and outside the region • Research potential funding strategies and options (including Medicaid) for affordable housing and support services • Build effective networks through increased collaboration • Develop relationships with key stakeholders (i.e. planners, elected officials) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop research “team” and begin identifying housing-related policies and funding options for the region • Identify key contacts in local city and county municipalities and set up meetings with them 	<p>Ongoing – first meeting by September</p> <p>Ongoing – initial contact and/or introduction made by October</p>
Parties Responsible	Target Metric	Implementation Progress and Status	
Research Team (see to the right), local municipalities (cities and counties)	TBD – will likely be housing related (i.e. housing stock, support services provided, affordability, etc.)	<p>Research Team members include Bruce Abernethy (Bend-La Pine Schools), Molly Taroli (PacificSource), Lynne McConnell (NeighborImpact), Geoff Wall (Housing Works), Larry Kogovsek, Rachael Marble (Deschutes County)</p> <p>COVO will take the lead on identifying municipal contacts</p> <p>There is a desire to figure out how (and who) to include Warm Springs in this effort</p>	

Goal 3: Advocacy - To help support projects and pass specific legislation and ordinances that impact local and state housing policies and counter a NIMBY perspective

Health Indicator(s) addressed	RHIP Strategy	Activity addressing strategy	Timeline
NA or TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilize community-wide responses on housing-related topics • Connect with various faith-based social justice committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit letters of support for policies and projects (or opposition as applicable) • Testify at hearings (locally and in Salem) • Identify and utilize effective subject matter experts to help shape opinions • Provide housing advocacy training to the community on 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>First training will take place in the Fall</p>
Parties Responsible	Target Metric	Implementation Progress and Status	
Housing Workgroup members (see to the right), HLC, other affordable housing groups	TBD	<p>Subcommittee comprised of Bruce Abernethy (Bend-La Pine Schools), Don Senecal (HLC), and Larry Kogovsek, with need to approach Cody Standiford (COVO), Deedee Johnson (Bend Area Habitat for Humanity) and a Bethlehem Inn rep (TBD).</p> <p>Early stages on all activities and still figuring out what this will look like (i.e. who decides when to weigh in and what exactly to say? task of subcommittee? What is the tie to Goal 2 - Policy)?</p>	

Goal 4: Outreach and Awareness - To gather and analyze data and share actionable information on homelessness and affordable housing

Health Indicator(s) addressed	RHIP Strategy	Activity addressing strategy	Timeline
NA or TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devise an outreach strategy to build awareness about housing and health, educate the community, and develop relationships (i.e. create the “stories” that help shape opinions) • Formalize data collection and analysis • Develop effective channels for sharing information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop data repository or system for collecting current data on affordable housing and homelessness • Develop materials (e.g. handouts, powerpoint) for presentations in schools and the community • Work to educate builders on implementing health components into design and construction • Develop relationships with local media and submit press releases/media advisories as warranted • Develop social media campaign as funding allows 	<p>Established by December</p> <p>Available by end of September</p> <p>Materials developed by October and presentations starting November</p> <p>Contacts/relationships made by end of September</p> <p>Plan developed by end of September (funding?)</p>
Parties Responsible	Target Metric	Implementation Progress and Status	
Housing Workgroup members (see to the right)	Major depressive disorder (TBD) Link impacts on young children to other SDH focus area (Early Learning)	<p>Already have the data repository/system for tracking homeless Early stages on affordable housing (much information will be gathered through the data inventory and by the Research Team).</p> <p>Outreach and Awareness Committee members include: Judy Watts (COIC), Holly Wenzell (Crook County Health Dept.), and Dave Huntley.</p>	

Goal 5: New Initiatives - To support new cross sector initiatives with a focus on non-traditional, disruptive innovation

Health Indicator(s) addressed	RHIP Strategy	Activity addressing strategy	Timeline
NA or TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support new cross sector initiatives (i.e. housing and health) with a focus on non-traditional, disruptive innovation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage additional stakeholders in the conversation Resource development for projects and programs (e.g. grantwriting, fundraising) Support initiatives from other plans (10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, City of Bend Comprehensive Plan, Bend Livability Project, etc.) 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Parties Responsible	Target Metric	Implementation Progress and Status	
Health orgs (PacificSource, St Charles et al)	TBD	<p>Early stages, need to determine what resource development looks like (how can this workgroup actually add value?)</p> <p>Preliminary members of this committee include: Elaine Knobbs-Seasholtz (Mosaic Medical), Rob Roy/Rima Wilson (Pacific Crest Affordable Housing), Geoff Wall (Housing Works). Others to ask include: Michael Hinton (NeighborImpact) and Shimiko Montgomery (First United Methodist Church)</p>	



Social Determinants of Health - Housing Workgroup August 19, 2016 (DRAFT)

In attendance: MaCayla Arsenault (COHC), Bruce Abernethy (Bend-La Pine Schools), Judy Watts (COIC), Elaine Knobbs (Mosaic Medical), Gwenn Wysling (Bethlehem Inn), Lynne McConnell (NeighborImpact), Holly Wenzel (Crook County Health Department), Kathy Skidmore (COVO), JW Terry (COVO), Larry Kogovsek (COCC Addiction Studies), Scott Pelham (Central Oregon Collective), Molly Taroli (PacificSource), Rachael Marble (Deschutes County Health Department), Kelsey Seymour (COHC)

The group reviewed the proposed Social Determinants of Health – Housing Workgroup Overview and agreed that we were ready to remove the word DRAFT. Bruce Abernethy agreed to send it out to all Workgroup members so they can use it to inform and recruit new people to the effort.

Turning to the DRAFT Workplan, there was good discussion and a number of suggestions on the proposed 5 Goals (see below). There was continued discussion as to whether we wanted/needed an overarching goal or vision (such as “Ending Homelessness” or “Building “X” units of affordable housing)? Should such a goal be in absolute or relative terms? Do we even have the data to help us develop an overarching goal? No decision was reached this question. Workgroup members volunteered for a variety of tasks/assignments:

Goal 1: Organizational Capacity – To develop shared definitions and conduct a data needs assessment

- Try to breakout data between those <18 and >18 whenever possible (possibly even breakout for seniors if possible)
- Bump the timelines for contacting stakeholders and conducting a data inventory back a month as the original timelines were seen as too ambitious
- Organizational Capacity Committee members include Kristin Chatfield (OHSU), Dave Huntley, Gwenn Wysling (Bethlehem Inn), Elaine Knobbs-Seasholtz (Mosaic Medical), and Molly Taroli (PacificSource). Potential additional people to add to this committee: Alan Burke (SCMC) and the new HMIS person at NeighborImpact.

Goal 2: Policy - To be an effective resource to local municipalities on developing policies that increase affordable housing options

- Research Team members will include Bruce Abernethy (Bend-La Pine Schools), Molly Taroli (PacificSource), Lynne McConnell (NeighborImpact), Geoff Wall (Housing Works), Larry Kogovsek, and Rachael Marble (Deschutes County).
- COVO will take the lead on identifying appropriate municipal contacts.
- There is a strong desire to figure out how to include Warm Springs in this effort (and who we need to contact)

- There was discussion about developing a homeless camp in/around Bend and the consensus was not to have that be its own bullet, but to tuck that under possible options for municipalities to consider
- We need to be sensitive to the fact that with elections coming up in just a few months, our key contacts/champions in a city or county may change – this should motivate us to have good relationships with multiple stakeholders

Goal 3: Advocacy - To help support projects and pass specific legislation and ordinances that impact local and state housing policies and counter a NIMBY perspective

- We are still in the early stages on all activities and figuring out exactly what this will look like (i.e. who decides when this group will weigh in on an issue and what exactly to say? task of subcommittee? What is the tie to Goal 2 - Policy)?
- Advocacy Committee comprised of Bruce Abernethy (Bend-La Pine Schools), Don Senecal (HLC), and Larry Kogovsek, with a need to approach Cody Standiford (COVO), Deedee Johnson (Bend Area Habitat for Humanity), Tara Feurtado (NeighborImpact) and a Bethlehem Inn rep (TBD).
- Add the following RHIP Strategy: Connect with various faith-based social justice committees

Goal 4: Outreach and Awareness - To gather and analyze data and share actionable information on homelessness and affordable housing

- We already have the data repository/system for tracking homeless and resources (Point in Time, Continuum of Care, etc.). What is needed is systems to track affordable housing in various communities and by population.
- It was emphasized that this group is really about creating “stories” and taking the numbers and quantitative data that will be collected and putting it in an accessible and interesting format that can impact people and change opinions and attitudes
- Outreach and Awareness Committee members include: Judy Watts (COIC), Holly Wenzell (Crook County Health Dept.), and Dave Huntley

Goal 5: New Initiatives - To support new cross sector initiatives (i.e. housing and health) with a focus on non-traditional, disruptive innovation

- This was seen as the least refined of the five goals. The thinking is that potential projects will emerge organically so one of the best things we can do is bring new people and organizations to the table.
- Preliminary members of this committee include: Elaine Knobbs-Seasholtz (Mosaic Medical), Rob Roy/Rima Wilson (Pacific Crest Affordable Housing), Geoff Wall (Housing Works). Others to ask include: Michael Hinton (NeighborImpact) and Shimiko Montgomery (First United Methodist Church)

Bethlehem Inn report – see attached

With the additional work being done by the committees of the Housing workgroup, there was agreement that we could cut back the regular monthly meetings to 60 minutes again starting in September.

Bruce Abernethy should try to get on the HLC agenda, especially to share with them our new Advocacy role.

Who is missing around the table? And who is willing to reach out to them and invite them to join us?

Alan Burke (SCMC) – assigned to Judy Watts

Erin Foote-Morgan (Bend 2030) – assigned to Bruce Abernethy

Dan Herman (211) – assigned to Molly Taroli

Sarah Kelly (?) – assigned to Larry Kogovsek

Nancy Tyler (DCHS)– assigned to Rachael Marble

Sally Pfeiffer (Pfeiffer & Associates) – assigned to Larry Kogovsek

Bestcare Treatment **rep TBD** – assigned to Rachael Marble

Shimiko Montgomery (United Methodist Church) – assigned to Larry Kogovsek

Agenda items for next meeting –

Reports on the various committees

Elaine Knobbs volunteered to do something on the special chronic homeless project she is working on with Cody Standiford.

Next Housing Workgroup meeting date – September 16 in Redmond