

# Marion County Children & Families Commission

January 18, 2018 Meeting

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Grant Room, Broadway Commons

**Commission Members Present:** ~~Patrice Altenhofen, Jaime Arredondo, Walt Beglau, Ormond Fredericks, Troy Gregg, Levi Herrera Lopez, Chuck Lee, Krina Lee, Cyndi Leinassar, Pete McCallum (by phone), Cary Moller, Sam Skillern,~~ Patrice Altenhofen, Jaime Arredondo, Walt Beglau, Carla Bennett, Sue Bloom, Gladys Blum, George Burke, Gayle Caldarazzo-Doty, Troy Clausen, Jayne Downing, Ormond Fredericks, Troy Gregg, Levi Herrera Lopez, Chuck Lee, Krina Lee, Cyndi Leinassar, Pete McCallum (by phone), Cary Moller, Honorable Cheryl Pellegrini, Allan Pollock, Eric Richards, Jim Seymour, Sam Skillern, and Shaney Starr

**Guests-** Tia Barnes, Youth MOVE Oregon; Travis Brossard, Salem Police Department (PD); Molly Johnson, Citizen Review Board; Tenaya Lamon-Anderson, Youth MOVE Oregon; Kendra Morgan, Shangri-La; Tricia Ratliff, Community Action Agency, Home Youth and Resource Center; Nicole Utz, Salem Housing Authority

**Staff Present:** Denise Clark, Shirley Gardner, and Mary Grim

Meeting Summary Notes by Denise Clark

## Introductions/Welcome

Acknowledged new member- Troy Gregg. Commissioner Janet Carlson, Marylyn Dedrick, and Sheriff Jason Myers are now classified as Honorary Members.

**Approval of November 16, 2017 Meeting Summary notes-** Shaney made a motion to approve; Sue Bloom seconded. Motion passed.

## Presentation- 100 Day Challenge- Tricia Ratliff

- This federal grant was awarded to address unaccompanied youth who have no system of support.
- Four counties are participating: California, Maine, Mississippi, and Oregon. They all met recently along with HUD.
- 20 agencies are participating in the local team.
- The direct team that meets regularly includes DHS, Community Action, Jackson Street Services, School District- STEP, and NW Human Services- HOPE.
- In fiscal year 2016-17, there were 1,132 homeless youth. The number identified so far in 2018 is 681.
- The greatest number of youth are in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. (She will send the official data out to CFC members.)
- The number of youth that die on the streets nationwide annually is 5,000.
- The advisory council will carry on the established activities after the 100 days are over.

Goal- In 100 Days, a coordinated system will be established that gives 150 unaccompanied youth in crisis, ages 12 - 18 years old, a safe and stable place to stay. This will empower youth and connect them to a variety of services and resources to support both immediate and long term needs. February 1 marks 50 days into the project.

- Sub goal #1: By December 19<sup>th</sup>, assess at least 25 young people, age 12 to 18, and hold the first youth council meeting.
- Sub goal #2: By December 30<sup>th</sup>, each agency will create its own By-Name List (BNL) of unaccompanied youth, and by day 75 there will be a city wide BNL with process for continual updates.
- Sub goal #3: In 100 days, safely and stably place 50 youth in shelter, reunify 50 youth with family / natural supports, and creatively place 50 youth in alternative housing. Use the learning and data collected to inform the long-term shelter plan.
- Sub goal #4: Strengthen and build upon current street outreach programs that encounters at least 10 new youth per week.
- Sub goal #5: By January 11<sup>th</sup>, have a kick-off event to celebrate, empower, and educate the community
- Sub goal #6: In 100 days there will be an "immediate-need mobile system" with a single entry point that can be accessed 24/7 by youth and community providers.

Travis indicated that the Salem PD is trying to reach the youth on the streets that are in crisis, addressing their immediate needs: providing food, coats, blankets, sleeping bags, etc.

Nicole: after-hours point of contact for the Salem Police Department (PD)

- Salem Housing Authority is working with Marion/Polk Food Share to provide 2-day food boxes for the Salem PD to hand out. The boxes contain food that doesn't need to be cooked. Items such as canned food that doesn't need a can opener, granola bars, cereal, powdered milk, etc.
- An "immediate need station" is being developed; it should be up and running by the end of January.
- Also provide immediate need coats and blankets followed by developing a long term plan for the family.
- Items needed: sleeping bags, jackets, socks, hoodies, back packs, plastic zip lock bags, underwear and tents. All items can be used if in good condition, with the exception of underwear.
- The best way to stay connected with them is Facebook.

Some youth see police cars as a threat; therefore, some officers are traveling on bicycles. The intent is to build rapport and identifying how to help the youth. The PD is mostly doing welfare checks and providing resources that hopefully break down the barriers.

Nicole indicated that they are seeing some success with this approach; the Salem PD has done a phenomenal job of not attempting to push the person to get off the street, but rather bringing material

to help them in their current location.

Salem's mayor is convening a task force February and Salem PD will be present, as well as Jon Reeves as the 100 Day Challenge representative.

Keizer Elementary School has the highest number of homeless youth. Keizer PD is involved in the process and has a "Gladiators" program that helps with Keizer youth.

The program has four "Asks":

1. Invest in the homeless youth ages 12-24.
2. Address the barrier of landlords not being able to rent to unaccompanied 17 year olds.
3. Transportation- would like to see shared vehicles across agencies, such as a 12 passenger van and a minivan to help transport kids.
4. Identify the immediate needs in the urban areas (since there isn't a shelter). What does the system look like here? How to meet the needs with low barriers?

Willamette Valley Community Health helps Medicaid members. Those on Medicaid can get a free bus pass that can be used throughout the month.

There is a need to have buses run on the weekend. This helps students hold down jobs and get to the resources needed. (Housing Authority can't transport.)

Allan Pollock, Cherriots, indicated that they can't help in the short term, but can help with the long term when the new state transportation package is received. The revenue will be assessed as to how it will be applied. Suggested weekend services and free bus passes for middle and high school youth were mentioned. The recent bus survey indicated that riders want Saturday and later into the evenings service.

Cyndi encouraged the 100 day challenge folks and stated that the CFC members want to help "move the mark." If there is something the team needs, contact Cyndi or Mary and it will be brought before the membership. Mary will email out Tricia's contact information to everyone.

#### **Updates:**

##### **FPAT update-** Jim Seymour

- The status of foster parents is in crisis; there is not enough foster parents to meet the need. Marion County kids are staying in hotels again.
- Need to give more community support to the foster parents so they can enjoy the work they do.
- Catholic Community Services (CCS) is hiring a position that coordinates implementation of the Closing the Gap plan.
  - CCS is the fiscal agent to hire the foster parent champion; a contract position.
  - Looking for someone who can go out into the business community to help bring the plan to life.

- Budgeted up to \$50 an hour; very limited hours, one to two days a week.
- Job is currently posted at CCS.org.
- This is the only county in the state that has put together a local effort which includes a strategic plan.

### **Together Towards Tomorrow (February 13) Update-** Mary Grim

- The invitations have gone out; flyers were distributed.
- Pre-register was encouraged; only 450 spaces available and 250 have registered to date. Some agencies are bringing many staff members.
- The “Psychology of Hope” topic comes from a University of Oklahoma study on what effect hope has on a person’s life. During the breakfast from 7:30-8:30, Dr. Chan Hellman will be doing an overview.
- After the breakfast, Schelli Slaughter (who was referred by Dr. Hellman) will talk on implementation from 9:00 AM- noon.
- *Action item-* To reserve a table, do so soon; contact Mary.
- Dr. Hellman will meet with individual agencies; contact Mary if interested. (Jayne Downing said she is interested in having him come to the Center for Hope and Safety.) It was suggested that perhaps other people could attend and observe at an agency that is hosting him. Shaney is willing to have people come to her agency, CASA, to observe.

### **Announcements:**

Deputy Chief Burke promoted the retirement of 3 canine officers: January 18<sup>th</sup> at the skate park. The community has been a great help with replacing them. Deputy Chief Miller and Salem’s Mayor will be attending. Proceeds from the event will go towards the Canine Retirement Fund to help the dogs with their future health needs.

Shaney noted that this is a good event and that CASA is putting its own dog into service to be a “clerk dog” at court hearings. Shaney is going through training with the dog.

Shaney Starr-

- A CASA youth was accepted to an AP honors program at Stanford University. They are really proud of her and are helping with the cost of attending.
- 35 CASA volunteers will be attending the Dr. Hellman event in February.
- Elizabeth Smart event on April 20 to the Elsinore Theater to speak on “Overcoming Adversity.”
- The Child Abuse Prevention Month kick off will be April 6 at the state capitol.
- The Super Heroes race is in April.
- They need 75 more volunteers to meet the original goal of 200 new CASAs.

Troy Gregg:

- George Town is coming to do a training and certification on evidenced-based decision making and juvenile justice. Many agencies are coming together to participate. It is a 5-day intensive training; hope to make a stronger juvenile justice system.
- Will be opening/posting a deputy director position in the future.

Carla Bennett

- Willamette Valley Community Health just hired a new Chief Medical Officer.
- The Transformation Grant program granted out \$2 million in 2017.
- The Family Care Coordinated Care Organization in Portland is shutting its doors; this will generate new members coming to this area.
- Undocumented kids will have Medicare now.

Sue Bloom-

- The Boys' and Girls' Club (BGC) is hosting Oregon Community Foundation's Community 201 Table for 12 conversations.
- Two entry level bilingual positions will be posted soon.
- Working on cross-communicating with BGC partners, which includes talking with DHS and supporting foster families with a "foster kids' night out."
- Upcoming open house for families and DHS case workers/certifiers to show the wrap around services available.
- DHS has a volunteer art class instructor; BGC will be providing some facility space and resources.

Jim Seymour-

- Catholic Community Services (CCS) started in 1938; this year is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- CCS is the recipient of a Transformation Grant. Its work is to identify how to integrate health, human services, housing, and education with the natural supports of family, friends and neighbors.
- They will be building two new apartment complexes; one opens in Keizer in April and one in Woodburn in December. This will provide 300 units of affordable housing.
- Last month the St. Joseph's Family Shelter in Silverton was transferred to CCS. They will now be serving 5,000 people a month mostly through the food pantry.

Jayne Downing-

- The Center for Hope and Safety received a grant to address youth sexual assaults.
- At the new facility they are constructing dog kennels to limit barriers that prevent people from moving in.
- Halfway to reaching its funding goals.

Gayle Caldarazzo Doty expressed that she has such a passion for the homeless; she lives in downtown Salem. She feels honored to be on the Homeless Task Force.

Chuck Lee-

- CTECH continues to be “amazing.” He was only expecting to work on this project 2 years; he’s now on year four.
- This year they’ve added auto collision and painting.
- The purpose of the program is to give kids hope.
- 98% of the kids in the program are graduating from high school.
- They provide resources that the public schools can’t afford.
- The program is for juniors and seniors and are earning college credits.
- He went to Nashville last December to share the program so that it can be replicated across the nation.
- Every week they are conducting tours for those from other school districts. (He invites all to come and take a tour.)
- He is on the school board; there is a \$620 million dollar bond on the upcoming ballot. They are raising money for a campaign.
- Krina Lee had a grand opening of Salem Keizer Education Foundation’s (SKEF) new Mike McClaren Center. SKEF are now renovating the building next to its offices.

Cyndi Leinassar -

- Community Action Agency will be conducting its “point in time” count on the areas’ homeless individuals on January 30. The evaluation of needs will be identified through the use of the Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT); this helps drive funding to the area.
- In December the warming shelter hosted 63 people per night and had 132 volunteers. It has been a mild winter so far.
- Super Heroes Dash Run is coming; the funds are dedicated to unrestricted resources.

Allan Pollack-

- The public survey is done and will use the information to create the proposals for service enhancement. There will be a presentation to the Cherriots’ board in January.
- Public input on the proposals will happen in February and March.
- Considering extending the route out to the corrections’ facility, wanting to provide 15 minute service versus the current hourly service.
- The previous student bus pass system was very successful; want to implement something in the new plan.

The next Children and Families Commission meeting is March 15, 2018.