

APPROVED

**CITY OF CORVALLIS
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT GOAL TASK FORCE MINUTES
October 14, 2015**

Present

Mike Beilstein
Bill Glassmire
John Corden
Frank Hann
Roger Lizut (arrived 5:58 pm)
Kenny Lowe (arrived 5:48 pm)
Jim Moorefield

Staff

Kent Weiss, Interim Community Development Director
Terry Nix, Recorder

Visitors

Tatiana Dierwechter, Benton County Health
Sara Hartstein, Benton County Health
Kenny LaPoint, Oregon Housing Community Services

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Actions/Recommendations
Review and approve meeting notes of September 30, 2015		Approved as revised
Presentation/discussion of Community Health Improvement Plan Tatiana Dierwechter, Benton Co. Health Promotion Program Manager Sara Hartstein, Benton Co. Health Promotion Specialist	X	
Public Comment	X	
Other business	X	
Adjourn		Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Housing Development Goal Task Force meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Beilstein at 5:10 p.m., in the Madison Avenue meeting room.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING NOTES OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Mr. Moorefield referred to Page 2, fourth paragraph, the sentence beginning "Additional discussion followed regarding ways that urban renewal has been used successfully in other communities...." He said part of that discussion was that some communities, specifically the City of Portland, set aside percentages of urban renewal resources for affordable housing, and he asked that be added to the meeting notes.

The meeting notes were approved with that change.

III. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Tatiana Dierwechter and Sara Hartstein, Benton County Health Department, and Kenny LaPoint, Oregon Housing and Community Services, introduced themselves and distributed the following information: “The Connection Between Health and Housing: The Evidence and Policy Landscape” by the Alliance for Health Reform; “Priority 3: Housing and Transportation” from the CHIP Housing and Transportation 2014-2015 Planning Framework; and “Local Strategies to End Homelessness Framework” from the Benton County Healthy Communities Program.

Ms. Dierwechter and Ms. Hartstein gave a presentation on the Benton County Healthy Communities Program, the mission of which is “Advancing systems, policies and partnerships that promote optimal health for all Benton County residents where they live, work, learn and play.” Highlights of the presentation and discussion included the following:

- The purpose of the presentation is to provide a better sense of how the housing piece fits into the Program and to talk about opportunities to collaborate with the City and other partners around this challenging policy work.
- The Factors that Affect Health pyramid was created by the Director of the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Public health has historically focused on counseling, education and clinical intervention; however, the largest impact comes from addressing socioeconomic factors such as poverty, education and housing. The Health Promotion Program team is charged with working on those largest impact areas.
- The Healthy Communities Program work has included community engagement and partnership building, systems and policy changes that make healthy choices easier, and efforts at equity and inclusion to promote access to good health for all residents.
- The above work helps to drive and inform the Community Health Assessment (CHA) which measures and describes the health of the community, and is used to identify health priorities and set goals for improving health and quality of life in Benton County.
- The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is informed by the CHA. The CHIP identifies high priority intervention areas and includes a plan for addressing those priorities. The CHIP is a product of a collaborative process involving community partners.
- In 2014 in Oregon, close to 12,000 persons were homeless on a given night. 20,524 Oregon students were homeless last school year. There are about 200 chronically homeless persons in Corvallis.
- Homelessness has increased due to growing poverty and shortage of affordable housing. People experiencing homelessness are more likely to become sick, be hospitalized and die younger.
- The “Local Strategies to End Homelessness Framework” shows that no one entity can do all of this work on their own and there is a need to partner on these efforts.

Mr. LaPoint said there is a push at the state level to integrate resources and bring systems together, and much of his work is around helping communities align resources across sectors to better serve clients. From this last legislative session, \$62.5 million was allocated for affordable housing. \$40 million is targeted at homeless or extremely low income families and \$20 million is targeted for mental health and alcohol/drug rehab housing with a major emphasis on collaboration with the coordinated care organizations (CCO). Applications will go out mid-2016 and the money will be available for use in 2017. Communities that are best prepared with strong, well thought out collaborations will receive the benefit of the

dollars. Discussion followed regarding what a collaboration for homeless housing might look like in Corvallis.

Ms. Dierwechter said the CCOs are designed to be local decision-making entities. They are awarded funding to be dispersed across their area, in our case a three-county area. Advisory councils drive and influence the CCO's plan, which in turn should drive the expenditures of the CCO. The City could have an advocacy role. It would be helpful for this group to include in its final report that it would like to receive more information about alignment with health care opportunities.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

V. OTHER

VI. AJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.