

**NEXT HLC MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2012
8-9:30 AM**

Agency Updates

Housing Works – Wait list opens on Monday, January 9, and will stay open through Friday. You can link to waitlist through Housing Works website. Technical assistance provided at various locations in the area...see website for more information.

Ari Halpern – Provides disability law expertise and now has an attorney with immigration law expertise.

Oregon Coalition on Housing and Homelessness - Annual conference is scheduled for May. The conference brochure will be available in March.

Rachael Marble – Housing is still available for a person with HIV/AIDS and can include the entire family.

Grandma's House – The gala is on 1-16, and proceeds will help fund an expansion of the facility including a new kitchen. This will allow young mothers to stay at Grandma's house with toddlers.

Bethlehem Inn – Has two family units open. Gwenn announced that January is poverty awareness month. The Bend faith community will be getting involved this month in learning about and relieving issues of poverty.

COPY – Mentor volunteer training is scheduled soon. Please check with Bob or the website for more details.

One Nice Homeless Count – There will be a meeting at 9:45 in the County building today to review planning for the count.

NeighborImpact – energy assistance continues to be available for seniors and people with disabilities or anyone with a "shut off" notice. In addition, we are now serving families with children under 6. The Food Program received a \$30,000 Wal-Mart grant to expand the food recovery program. Transitional Housing Program – has an opening in Jefferson County and anticipated openings in Deschutes County.

VA – HUD VASH Program (Kim and Heather) – are getting vouchers out and have a few left. Central Oregon is looked to as a model for how to get the vouchers out on the street.

COVO – Lisa Miller announced that the completion date for DeKalb residence is this month.

Gary Farnsworth, Ore. DOT., Area manager – is applying for the voting member transportation spot on the HLC. He also attends the Community of Christ.

Legal Aid will close Oregon City Office. The Central Oregon office may take up the responsibility for the areas covered by Oregon City.

Business

1. **Survey results from question about changing the meeting date.** Based on results, the meeting will stay as it is.
2. **Voting member work group updates:** Read pages 30-62 of “**10-year Plan to End Homelessness**” to help you decide what committee you would like to serve on. See form that was included with agenda. If you have something to report about your work group, or plan to join a work group, please fill out the form so that it can be attached to the agenda for next month. If you need a form or have absolutely no idea what we are talking about, contact Kenny LaPoint, Racheal or Janet.
 - **Example of how/why you might join another workgroup:** Racheal and Ari may move into other work groups and advise on legal barriers and issues that may arise. Send Racheal an email if your work group may need some legal expertise. Racheal would like to make sure that the region implements the city and county ordinances related to fining and ticketing, campers, etc.
 - **Housing Group:** Met on 12-21-11. We will do some data gathering and gap analysis. Looking at Goal #2. Will look in Portland at various cooperative housing models, dignity village, turning transitional housing from 2 to 1 year and expanding rapid-rehousing. Will contact COIC to help with data and research.
 - **Mel Parker wants to focus on opening a drop in center** and will meet with Kevin and others to assist with this.

The HLC Website is being updated and will have a tab that focuses on updates to the 10-year plan. We need to be prepared to tell people what we are doing and to respond to the media about what is being done to reach the goals of the plan.

Use “Project Management Form” - Lots of discussion about how to move forward with this.

Networking Time

One-Night Homeless County survey training **Racheal Baker**

Forms were passed out and Racheal walked volunteers through the survey completion. Remember to complete all of the questions marked by an *. If these questions are not answered, then the form will not be counted.