

Polk County Homeless Prevention Advisory Committee

Nov 17th, 2022

12:00-1:30 Dallas Academy Building, Conference Room 102, First Floor

Members			
Michael Cherry, Tribal Council-Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde PRESENT	Brian Latta, City Manager-Dallas PRESENT	Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner- Polk County PRESENT - Virtual	
Amy Houghtaling, City Council, Falls City PRESENT - Virtual	Rebecca Salinas-Oliveros, City Council, Monmouth PRESENT	Sarah Frost, Interim City Manager- Willamina PRESENT	
Kenna West, City Manager-Independence PRESENT	Ashley Hamilton, Chief Program Officer-Mid-Willamette Community Action Agency PRESENT - Virtual	Rhonda Wolf (guest) PRESENT	
Staff Support			
Brent DeMoe, Director-Polk County Family & Community Outreach Department PRESENT	Stephanie Gilbert, Program Manager- Polk County Family & Community Outreach Department	Marianne Bradshaw, Consultant PRESENT	Brittany Kima, Polk County Communications Coordinator PRESENT

AGENDA

- Oct. 20th meeting minutes approval
 - Meeting minutes approved unanimously

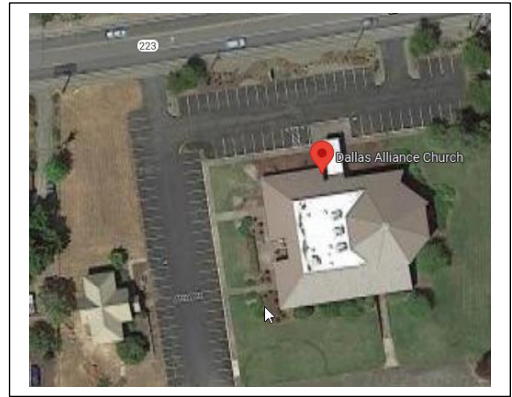
 - Public Comment (if any) Commissioner Gordon
 - No public comment

 - Introductions Commissioner Gordon
 - Update and Decision on Group Name Discussion –All Members
 - The group moved to approve the name Partners Allied Towards Housing Solutions (PATHS). The motion passed unanimously.

 - Dallas Transitional Housing Project
 - See attached handout that was distributed during the meeting
 - United Way is prepared to put \$25,000 towards the project, and their Goods 360 program is set to hold beds and frames for the project.
 - The project is near commercial opportunities, grocery stores, and the bus station is within ½ mile for residents.
 - Brian Latta provided some information on 2 major legislator fund requests in the works, including an ask for \$40 per resident to address homelessness; no less than \$50,000 annually. Latta also plans to ask the legislator for funds to support this project.
- Brent DeMoe, Rhonda Wolf-United Way, Gerad Neely-Dallas Alliance Church
- See attached presentation on a similar transitional housing project in Marion County
 - We won't be the only ones working to support housing solutions.
 - The Dallas Alliance Church's property is currently zoned residential. Would complete up-zone process to allot for more units per acre.
 - Zoning changes - by public hearing: 6-9 months, construction - 6-9 months.
 - It's important not to encourage segregation and stigma through this project, but inclusiveness and dignity. Take the data from each community to come up with something that fits individual communities.

- Plan to start remodeling current building at Dallas Alliance Church
 - Spirit Mountain Community Fund should be something we look at applying for.
- Community Connect & PIT Count
Amber Kramer, Polk County Service Integration Coordinator
 - Community Connect - see attached handout that was distributed during the meeting
- Updates from Consultant Marianne Bradshaw
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- Municipality updates from Members Discussion –All Members
 - YHDP (Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program is getting 3.7 million dollars from HUD to support two projects in Polk County for housing youth 16-18 years of age.
- Discuss and Decide Future Meeting Frequency and Locations-share survey data
Discussion –All Members
 - Doodle poll results showed majority agreed to the following:
 - PATHS should meet once per month for the first 6 months, then re-evaluate
 - PATHS should keep the same meeting location each time they meet
 - PATHS meetings should last 1.5 hours
 - PATHS Committee unanimously agreed they could meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon
- Next Meeting: Dec 15th 12:00-1:30 Dallas Academy Building, Conf Room 101
- Adjourn

Dallas Alliance Church & Polk County Transitional Housing Project Concept



Project Description

Dallas Alliance Church (DAC) and Polk County’s Family & Community Outreach Department (FCO) are proposing the creation of a transitional housing program that will serve Polk County families on the campus of DAC. DAC has been a reliable and responsive community partner, serving as a host for warming and cooling centers, community meals and gatherings, and several other community projects and initiatives. Church leadership has recently expressed an interest in doing more to serve the community. The campus has a historic house on site that will serve as the host site once renovated to be up to city code. The program will help one family at a time by providing a safe place to live, rent-free, while FCO and other community partners offer a myriad of resources and wrap-around services. Depending on the family’s unique factors, we anticipate assisting between four and eight families per year.

Need

There are currently no transitional housing programs in rural Polk County which are specifically geared for families. In the last year, the Family Resource Navigator program (just one of several client- based programs in FCO) worked with 26 different Polk County families that would have benefitted greatly from a transitional housing program. This type of support can fill the gap between homelessness and complete self-sufficiency.

Family & Community Outreach Department’s Contribution	Dallas Alliance Church will provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing trauma informed case management • Access and connection to Resource Center services • Housing navigation • Assistance with enrollment in programs to promote self-sufficiency and goal achievement • Referrals to additional community resources to strengthen family’s continued security • Support in navigating complex government programs • Knowledge on how to overcome the barriers that families face while trying to regain independence • Empower family’s ongoing success through creating a network of support and community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Ediger Hall (the physical location to be retrofitted to accommodate housing needs for a family.) • A welcoming and supportive community • Utilities and lawn maintenance • Assistance with furnishing Ediger Hall

Repairs/Construction Costs (Most Labor will be Donated)	Other	Ongoing Annual Costs
H-VAC - \$8,400	Window treatments/linens- \$1,000	Insurance - \$2,500
Electrical - \$6,630	Furniture for all rooms - \$15,500	Utilities - \$3,000
Framing, finishing and doorway- \$7,550	Oven/Stove downdraft - \$3,500	Cleaning supplies, maintenance costs - \$2,500
Total: \$22,580	Total: \$20,000	Total: \$8,000 Total Project \$50,580

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Prevention

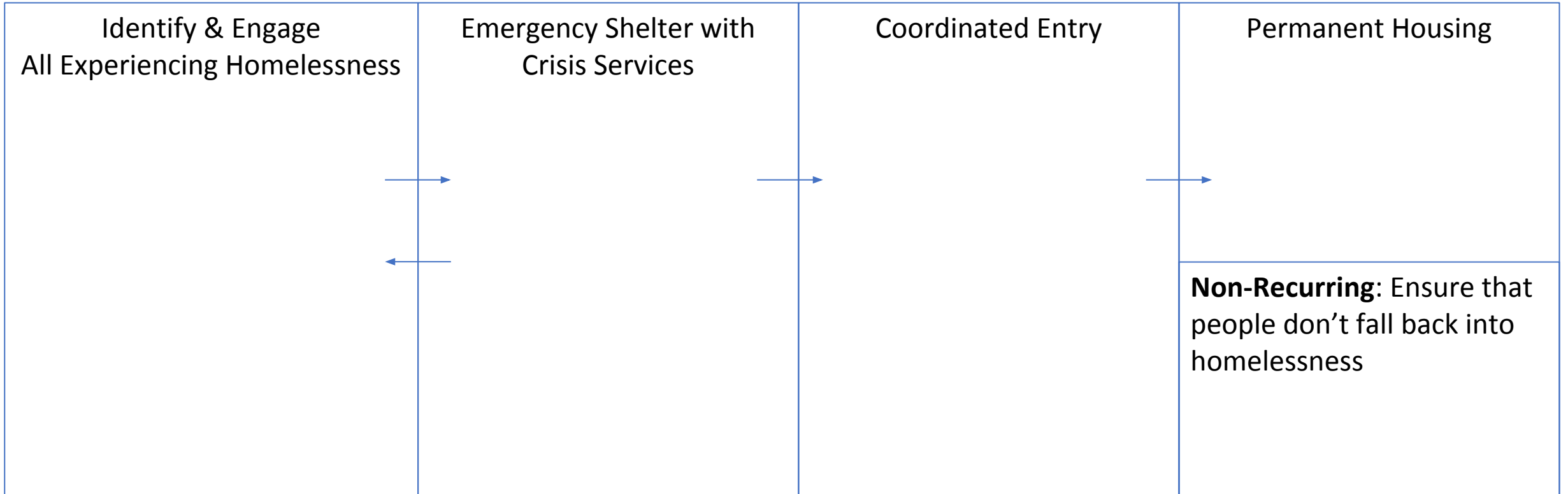
What are we already doing in rural Polk County so individuals and families experience homelessness **much less often**?

Systems: Coordination, data	Housing Supply: Expanding the supply of safe and affordable rentals
Resources/Programs/Supports: education, employment, food boxes, primary & behavioral health, etc.	Diversion: Targeted housing intervention

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Treatment

What are we already doing in rural Polk County so that people who experience homelessness are quickly linked to permanent housing with the needed services?



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THE POLK COUNTY COMMUNITY CONNECT IS AN OPEN HOUSE STYLE, ONE-STOP, FREE EVENT THAT WILL SHOWCASE THE MANY AGENCIES THAT ASSIST INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN POLK COUNTY

We are looking are looking for organizations to free provide on-site services on the day of the event, including haircuts, pet care, family fun activities, health screenings, social services, employment and education assistance, and more!

**DALLAS EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH
1175 SE HOWE ST. DALLAS, OR**

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