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**City of Portland's Homelessness Prevention Task Force  
March 29, 2012 Meeting  
9:00am-11:00am**

**AGENDA**

- 9:00AM**      **Welcome & Introductions** – Task Force Tri-Chairs: Jon Jennings, and Dory Waxman
- 9:15AM**      **Questions and Answers from the February 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting** – Josh O'Brien, City of Portland and Jon Bradley, Preble Street
- 9:30AM**      **Presentation – Continued Orientation** –Josh O'Brien, City of Portland, Jon Bradley, Preble Street and Tom McLaughlin, UNE
- 9:45AM**      **Introduction to Focus Group Work** –Task Force Tri-Chairs and Staff

**CHARGE:**

- *Statement and definition of each individual focus group - Mission and Vision.*
- *Summarize what we know works now and what are our resources in that particular area.*
- *Define larger stakeholders pertaining to each particular group so as we move out into the community we can include their voices in this conversation.*
- *Prevention - How do we incorporate the thread of prevention in the bigger picture toward the strategic master plan in all sub groups?*

- 10:00AM**      **Focus Group Work** – Identified Facilitators and Tri-Chairs
1. **Supportive and Affordable Housing** – Jon Jennings & Tom McLaughlin
  2. **Access to Health Care and Behavioral Health Services** – Pat McKenzie & Doug Gardner
  3. **Emergency Shelter** – Josh O'Brien & Suzanne McCormick
  4. Youth and Families Homelessness – Dory Waxman & Jon Bradley
- 11:00AM**      **Wrap-up and Adjournment** – Task Force Tri-Chairs

## Task Force on Homelessness: Notes from 3/29/12 Meeting

### Continued Orientation points:

- ME 503 CoC funding consists of renewal projects..no new projects budgeted in.
- Private Shelters do not have much impact on overall needs. (Deliverance Center : small numbers but good care.)
- Large city-run shelters like Portland's are unusual USA-wide. Especially with such low barriers.
- Portland's % of homeless per capita is fairly high compared to rest of country.
- Point in time surveys are completed in winter which affects numbers.
- General Assistance (GA) will pay \$26 out of the \$76 cost of a night in a shelter. GA proposing limiting shelter stay to 90 days.
- Hospitals are going to start to be charged for readmissions so should cut down on inappropriate discharges. Proves need for respite care. Doug has two beds through Health Care for the Homeless.
- Mike Gendreau: Mercy has pilot program for respite care (8 beds) but grant is coming to an end but it is a good model which would be easy to replicate.

### General Points:

- What should outcome of Focus Group work be? Brian Petrovek stated that the charge to "prevent and end" homelessness is far different than creating an action plan for change.
- Dana Totman suggested that considering that the State is voting soon to curtail funding GA and that a crisis may be coming due to major cuts that the environment the Task Force is working in now is very different from when the City charged it with "preventing and ending." He suggested that the Tri-Chairs consider narrowing the Focus Groups' recommendations to improvements vs. ending.
- Is 6/4/12 deadline to "prevent and end" realistic considering above?

Focus groups: be sure to say what you think...build trust.