



Farmworker Housing Facilitation Team
Meeting Notes

Thursday, November 15, 2012

10:00-12:00 PM Room 237

Oregon Housing and Community Services

ATTENDEES:

Alan Trunnell	Angela Scully	Betty Markey	Carol Kowash	Chuck Fisher
Fernando Gutierrez	John McCulley	Karen Shawcross/Phone	Ken Ross	Laurie Hoefler
Lisa Rogers	Martin Nguyen	Natasha Detweiler	Roberto Jimenez	Shawn Cleave
Stephanie Page	Trudi A. Tyler			

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

Team member introductions were made. New attendees: Chuck Fisher, Salem-Keizer CDC, Lisa Rogers, CASA, Shawn Cleave, Oregon Farm Bureau, Angela Scully, OHCS, Natasha Detweiler, OHCS.

ACTION ITEMS FROM OCTOBER'S MEETING:

The team developed three subcommittees: Needs, Policy and Strategy, and Alignment and Streamlining. The goals, deliverables and timelines for each will be discussed at the November FWHFT meeting. The November meeting will be a planning meeting prior to taking on assignments. **Karen Shawcross** agreed to provide contact information for additional invitees.

FARMWORKER INFORMATION PRESENTATION: Natasha Detweiler

Natasha provided a draft of the potential Farmworker Information page for the OHCS website noting that the information posted at this time is not current. She suggested that the page could include the FWFT's meeting minutes and information. The following list includes subjects and links the team would like added to the page:

1. Farmworker housing tax credit link
2. Link that will take farmworkers to resource sites
3. Links for registration of camps
4. Link for land use
5. Data link to refute claims of increase in crime due to FW housing
6. Resources (statutes/rules/OSHA/BOLI)
7. OHCS application for funding
8. Information for Farmers who want to develop and improve existing housing



9. Success stories to demonstrate progress/improvements
10. PEW Research Center Website link
11. Translation (English, Spanish, Russian)
12. Marketing program (subcommittees/Capitol Press)

Natasha will make revisions to her draft to incorporate group input. Updating links to the Farmworker Information page and deleting outdated material can be done in a short period of time. Additional changes will be done over a longer period of time. It was suggested the group review the webpage in the next few weeks and provide additional feedback to OHCS.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

The group agreed that goals, deliverables and timelines should be discussed in the subcommittees when they meet and not in the larger group setting. Once the committees meet they will select their chairs. The chairs from the three committees will serve as the Executive Team; providing oversight to the committees, ensure timelines are met and the group is moving forward and facilitate communication between the committees themselves: steering the larger team's direction and communicating with OHCS.

It was decided that the subcommittees would meet once per month beginning in December and the FWHFT would meet every two months beginning with the January meeting. The subcommittee Chairs will provide OHCS with agenda items for the FWHFT meeting. OHCS will add agenda items regarding OHCS activities.

Following are the three subcommittees, their focus topics and the interim lead volunteers for their first meeting. The group added research and immigration reform to topics for the Needs subcommittee and the Policy and Strategy subcommittee:

Needs: Stephanie Page (interim Chair), Fernando Gutierrez, Karen Tolvstad, Laurie Hoefler and Natasha Detweiler

Needs survey/where do farmworkers want to live?
Labor camp housing/changing OSHA standards.
Survey other agencies and groups for housing needs
Research

Policy and strategy: Lisa Rogers (interim Chair), Roberto Jimenez, Carol Kowash, John McCulley, Ken Ross, Karen Shawcross

Input & recommendations to OHCS/Priorities
Tax credit
Holistic approach to housing/farmworker needs
Farmworker access to OHCS programs and other state services
Immigration reform

Alignment and streamlining: Shawn Cleave (interim Chair), Allan Trunnell

Stream-lining of funding sources
Innovative funding

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Group may wish to address 2018 cliff of OR-OSHA standards and the potential loss of units.

A request was made for a list of OHCS staff involved with farmworker housing specifying the roles of OHCS staff.

If a subcommittee would like to hold a meeting at OHCS they may contact Theresa Wingard at Theresa.wingard@hcs.state.or.us or at 503-986-0999.

ACTION ITEMS

Subcommittees will meet at least once between now and the next FWHFT meeting scheduled for January 24th. (Define goals, deliverables and timelines)

Anyone who wishes to volunteer for a subcommittee may contact Theresa or the interim Chair.

Subcommittee chairs will contact Theresa with agenda items for the January meeting.

Theresa will provide the interim chairs with e-mails for members of their subcommittees.

NEXT MEETING:

January 24th
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM
OHCS/North Mall Office Building
725 Summer St NE, Room 124A
Salem, Oregon