



**Farmworker Housing Facilitation Team**

**Meeting Notes**

Thursday, September 27, 2012

3:00-4:30 PM Room 124A

Oregon Housing and Community Services

**ATTENDEES:**

Margaret Van Vliet, OHCS	Karen Tolvstad, OHCS
Betty Markey, OHCS	Theresa Wingard, OHCS
Hilda Garza, DOR	Peter Hainley, CASA
Martin Campos-Davis, OHDC	Roberto Jimenez, FHDC
France Fitzpatrick, CASA	Trudi Tyler, OR-OSHA
Doug Carlson, HUD	Alan Trunnell, CASA
John McCulley, Tree Fruit Growers	Fernando Gutierrez, WSOED
Stephanie Page, ODA	Kathleen Fender, OSHA
Brent Searle, ODA	Karen Shawcross, Bienestar
Laurie Hoefer, LASO	Katherine Daniels, DLCD
Marilyn Schuster, OSHA	

**OPENING:**

**Margaret Van Vliet**, OHCS Director, welcomed attendees. Introductions were made all around. Margaret invited the group to discuss the current issues around farmworker housing, the role of state agencies and how they fit in the bigger picture. The mission; bring everyone current, find out what’s working and what’s not, clarify roles and responsibilities, what the needs are and how to address them.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Peter Hainley** provided a broad history of the FWHFT speaking about the Farmworker Housing Interim Task Force and the recommendations made by this group. Peter discussed some of the accomplishments of the FWHFT including; the farmworker housing tax credit, the Migrant Million, the farmworker housing information center as well as defining “Farmworker”. Further Peter offered information about the history of the team itself, noting at one time, the group had been dormant for five years ending in 2009 when the team did a “reboot”. Peter talked about the three separate discussion groups. One addressed the definition of farmworkers, the second discussed streamlining regulatory requirements between state and federal agencies and the third discussed the needs assessment.



Peter estimated the cost would be substantial to determine the needs related to farmworker housing around the state. He stated his belief that crop mapping was still relevant, noting the importance of getting dollars into the areas of need.

### **GROUP DISCUSSION:**

Margaret encouraged the team to provide additional FWHFT history and to begin a discussion of FW housing needs, agency, organization and team roles and responsibilities as well as thinking about where the FWHFT was headed going forward.

### **Topics discussed:**

1. The dedicated members who attend the FWHFT meetings
2. The measurable outcomes to date
3. The need to address labor camp housing
4. The need to assist small farms with housing upgrades and financing
5. The need to develop relationships between organizations and agencies
6. The regulatory progress and barriers identified
7. The value of this team as a voice for farmworkers
8. Consideration of farmworker housing in the CFC process
9. BOLI/OSHA uncollected fees and account balance, if any
10. Tax credit expiration
11. How to determine the needs related to farmworker housing
12. What OHCS's intent is in relation to farmworker housing and how resources are allocated
13. How to better address the needs of farmworker employment
14. The appropriate roles for the state and counties
15. The need to have measurable outcomes going forward
16. Outreach and education for farmers and farmworkers
17. How to reach smaller groups to take part in the discussion
18. Possible inclusion of migrant health and education groups
19. The two farmworker housing groups; community based and labor camps
20. What is, or should be, the FWHFTs purpose

### **PURPOSE/GOALS (MOVING FORWARD):**

Margaret asked the team to consider the following: The charge of the FWHFT, a work plan, assignments and deliverables. She stressed the importance of the time members dedicated to the team and the need for the team to come away with significant outcomes. This will be the agenda for the team's next meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

October 25, 2012  
OHCS Room 124 A  
10:00-12:00