

DRAFT Homeless Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Oregon Coast Community College
Central County Campus
400 SE College Way, Newport, OR 97366
and by ZOOM

Attendees Present:

City of Depoe Bay, Kathy Short, Mayor*
City of Depoe Bay, Sandi Hollenbeck**
City of Lincoln City, Daphnee Legarza, City Manager
City of Lincoln City, Judy Casper, Council President*
City of Newport, Cynthia Jacobi, Councilor**
City of Newport, Jan Kaplan, Councilor*
City of Newport, Spencer Nebel, City Manager
City of Toledo, Betty Kamikawa, Council President**
City of Toledo, Rod Cross, Mayor*
City of Waldport, Dann Cutter, City Manager**
City of Yachets, Ann Stott, Council President
Coastal Support Services, Amanda Cherryholmes, Executive Director
Community Services Consortium, Pegge McGuire, Executive Director*
Gary Lahman, Community Member
Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Karen Rockwell, Executive Director (non-voting)
Lincoln County School District, Woody Crobar, HELP Program Coordinator
Lincoln County, Claire Hall, Commissioner*
Lincoln County, Jayne Romero, Health & Human Services Director
Lincoln County, Tim Johnson, County Administrator
Morant McLeod, Ernest Stephens II, Partner (facilitator)

*appointed members of the Advisory Committee

**appointed alternates

Chair Claire Hall called the meeting to order with a round of self-introductions. The municipalities were asked to give an update on winter sheltering.

The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the governing body of the Homeless Advisory Board has been reviewed by all municipality mayors. The final version will be distributed for electronic signing. Community Services Consortium was missing from the signature line (while included in the document body). In addition, on page seven in the body of the contract Pegge McGuire's name needs to be corrected. Tim Johnson will make the adjustment. The goal is to have it adjusted and signed by early March.

Tim Johnson gave an update on the previously reported state mandated strategic planning deadline. Under the grant the timeline for the completion of the 5-year Strategic Plan, planning must be completed by June of 2023. Lincoln County reached out to the Department of Administrative Services to learn that their hands are tied by the legislation. However, the legislation is devoid of deadlines. Tim Johnson brought the issue forward to the League of Oregon Cities, and has found that other jurisdictions are having similar issues. The League of Oregon Cities has requested a legal review from the Department of Administrative Services. The County had previously contacted State Rep. David Gomberg's Office to illustrate the conundrum and ascertain options. There are now several entities working on amendments. Should it remain as written, it can be accomplished by radically adjusting the timeline. This will potentially reduce the amount of time to reach out to stakeholders, partners and the community regarding the strategic plan.

Claire Hall gave a presentation on the status of the Governor's recent emergency order surrounding homelessness, which left out rural counties that are part of the Rural Continuum of Care. Pegge McGuire and Claire Hall discussed that the emergency funding was based in part on data from the point-in-time counts, and seeking out areas that reflect increases over 50%. The Lincoln County point-in-time count significantly undercounts the area's unsheltered population, and there are many factors that contribute to that. Pegge McGuire discussed alternative options to methodology to support demonstrating an increase in unsheltered population. Rural homelessness is not being acknowledged in the same way as urban homelessness, and efforts are being coordinated by the County to address this concern with state elected representatives. Claire Hall asked for volunteers for a subcommittee/workgroup to explore different methodologies. Several individuals volunteered to assist with the project and Karen Rockwell will follow up with them after the meeting. In addition, a part of the Homeless Advisory Board's strategic planning process will be reviewing the various service organization data sets as well as comparing to the school district's McKinney Vento and HUD point-in-time count. Project Homeless Connect resource event was discussed – both historical context and as a tool for future community interaction. Dann Cutter made a statement that we should also be communicating to the Governor's office and our elected officials that homelessness is statewide concern and rural counties should not be excluded, regardless of the issues surrounded by the point-in-time count or the rural area's ability to improve their counts. Toledo Mayor Rod Cross gave an update on the Oregon Mayor's Association recent visits in Salem surrounding executive orders and lack of support for homelessness funding in rural areas.

Ernest Stephens presented a slideshow that included the project timeline, gave an overview of the outcomes from the January meeting, and the next steps for the workgroups (handouts attached). The primary mission was discussed and modified. It will be reviewed in each of the workgroups and brought back to the full group in March. Workgroup expectations will be approximately one-hour meetings, with a total of three (3) – five (5) meetings each between now and May.

Next Meeting: March 8, 2023 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Location Depoe Bay City Hall



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Lincoln County Homelessness Strategic Plan

Homeless Advisory Board Meeting

February 8, 2023



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Timeline



Roadmap & Timeline of the Strategic Plan

January



Mission & Goal

To draft our shared goal, and prepare for community validation of the shared goal.

February - May



Community Study

To launch workgroups, organize into workgroups and conduct community-driven research.

June - September



Analysis

To analyze all of the data; create draft strategic plan and supporting workplans for each stakeholder group involved in the shared goal.

October -December



Plan

To review the plan with the community and finalize. Initialize the creation of a sustainable navigation center.

Next 5 Years



Implementation

To bring all aspects of the plan to reality, including meeting or exceeding the targeted outcomes associated with the plan.



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Outcomes from January Meeting



January Meeting Outcomes



Consensus on workgroup structure and how we'll break down the broad issue.



Organize ourselves into workgroups that will each tackle causes of homelessness.

Consensus of key research direction, early understanding of what success looks like.



Collection of drivers and underlying factors that cause the issue, with local context.



Mission (Top-Level Goal) Discussion Outcomes

Primary Direction

“To ensure that every member of our community has access to the resources they need, to reduce homelessness.”

This view received the most in-meeting support.

Secondary Direction

“To prevent circumstances that lead to homelessness.”

This view received significant support, but must recognize that homelessness cannot be completely prevented.

DRAFT MISSION (Shared Goal)

“To ensure that every member of our community has access to the resources they need, in order to help prevent the circumstances that lead to homelessness.”



Drivers and Root Causes

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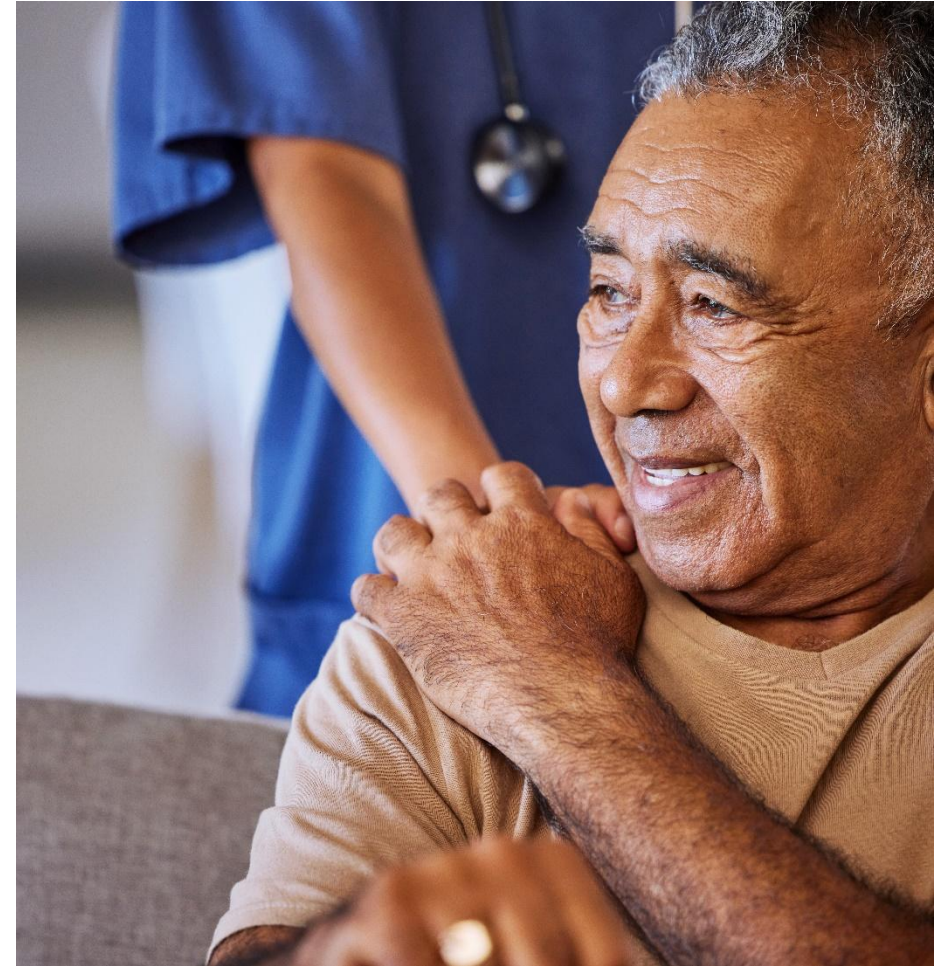
Primary drivers discussed in the kickoff meeting.

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Secondary drivers learned via MM team initial research.

98

Drivers to start the workgroups discussions and group research.





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Workgroups



Workgroup Structure



Community Engagement will focus on the community experience, needs, and how to bring everyone to the table.

Finance & Economics will focus on quantitative data and understanding how issues relate to financial aspects of our shared goal.

Mental & Physical Health will focus on the well-being of our community and how public services can best create our shared goal.

Service Provision & Policy will focus on housing and other homelessness-related community services, and how local services can bring the shared goal to reality.

Key Drivers Distributed to Workgroups



Community Engagement

- Community connectivity & involvement
- Community experience regarding homelessness
- Housing & rental barriers
- Employment experiences, seasonality, etc
- Experience related to wildfires, natural barriers, etc



Finance & Economics

- Housing supply, demand, etc
- Workforce & employment supply, demand, etc
- Local income, wealth, resources, etc
- Cost of living
- Financial barriers
- Budgets & resources



Physical & Mental Health

- Patient & provider experiences, capacity, etc
- Access and funding
- Practices and policies
- Emergency needs and resources
- Chain of care, protocols, etc
- Law enforcement, social workers, related services



Service Provision & Policy

- Housing & rental issues
- Social services demand and capacity
- Education & training demand, capacity
- Funding demand, access, barriers, etc
- Emergency needs, demand, and availability

Community Engagement



Claire Hall, Commissioner
Cynthia Jacobi, Councilor
Judy Casper, Councilor
Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey, Councilor
Elizabeth Reyes
Karen Rockwell

Holly Cabral
Ernest Stephens

Finance & Economics



Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey, Councilor
Jan Kaplan, Councilor
Gary Lahman
Rod Cross, Mayor
Tim Johnson
Karen Rockwell

Thomas Young
Chris Yarde
Ernest Stephens

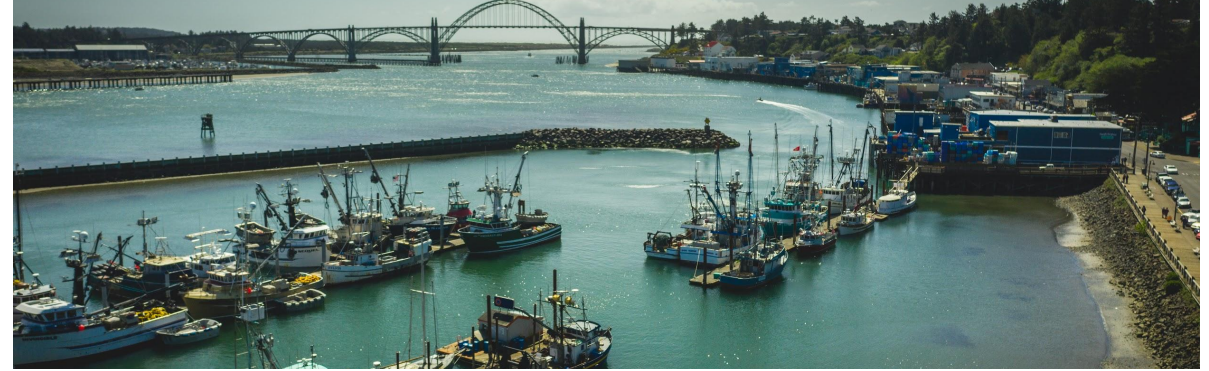
Mental & Physical Health



Betty Kamikawa, Councilor
Susan Trachel, Councilor
Jayne Romero
Amanda Cherryholmes
Karen Rockwell

La Fawn Brito
Ernest Stephens

Service Provision & Policy



Ann Stott, Councilor
Daphnee Legarza
Derrick Tokos
Elizabeth Reyes
Greg Holland, Mayor

Chris Aiosa
Zeaven Meeks
Ernest Stephens

Kathy Short, Mayor
Spencer Nebel
Woody Crobar
Dina Eldridge
Karen Rockwell

First Meeting Workgroup Schedule (Tentative)

Workgroup	Date	Time
Community Engagement	February 14	9:00 am
Finance & Economics	February 14	3:00 pm
Mental & Physical Health	February 10	10:00 am
Service Provision & Policy	February 13	2:00 pm

- Workgroups to meet via Zoom for 50 minutes.
- Goal is to grow each workgroup to be between 10 and 20 members.
- Agendas to be sent prior to workgroup meetings.
- Post workgroup discussions via email and Google Drive.



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Thank you

