



## COORDINATED HOUSELESS RESPONSE OFFICE (CHRO) Board Meeting Agenda

12:00 – 1:00 PM on Thursday, June 20th, 2024

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10:00 AM 1. Welcome	Chair Adair
10:05 AM 2. Roundtable with State and Federal Partners about China Hat	Facilitator, Perkins
11:50 AM 3. Break	
12:00 PM 4. Roundtable Discussion Summary	CHRO Board
12:05 PM 5. Public Comment	
<p><i>*With 20 minutes set aside for public comment, comments will be limited to 2 minutes per person. Written comments are highly encouraged and will be read by all members. Please send written comments to <a href="mailto:HouselessOffice@deschutes.org">HouselessOffice@deschutes.org</a>*</i></p>	
12:25 PM 6. Direction on Shelter Pod Funding	Tammy Baney
12:35 PM 7. Direction on use of CHRO Funds for RFQ Projects	Tammy Baney
12:45 PM 8. Direction on use of CHRO Funds for Data Dashboard	Tammy Baney
12:50 PM 9. Direction on Subcommittee Concept and Regional Funding	Vice-Chair Perkins
1:00 PM 10. Other Items & Adjourn	Chair Adair



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## Board Meeting Minutes

8:00 – 9:30 AM on Thursday, June 13th, 2024

Virtually via Zoom

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*Attendance: Commissioner Adair, Chair, Deschutes County; Councilor Zwicker, City of Redmond; Councilor Blum, City of Sisters; Councilor Perkins, Vice-Chair, City of Bend; Mayor Richer, City of La Pine; Tammy Baney, COIC; Nick Lelack, County Administrator – Deschutes County; Erik Kropp, Deschutes County; Eric King, City Manager – City of Bend; Chris Ogren, CHRO; Eric King, City Manager - City of Bend; Molly Heiss, NeighborImpact; Eliza Wilson, HLC & J Bar J Youth Services; Erik Nelson, COIC; Mickie Derting, City of Bend; Kerry Prosser, City of Sisters; Linda Cline, City of Redmond; Mike Savara, OHCS; Ariel Nelson, LOC Linda Murrer, Community Member; Jenny Lingard, Community Member; James Cook, Oasis Village; Lisa Quattlebaum, Community Member; Jessica Gamble, Home More Network, “Bend South Les Schwab”.*

### 1. **Call to Order**

Chair Adair called the meeting to order at 8:00.

### 2. **Approval of Minutes & Review of Financials**

Chair Adair reviewed the minutes from the meeting on May 16th, 2024, and the financials.

**VOTE:** Councilor Blum motioned approval of the May 16<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Mayor Richer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. **Guidance from OHCS & LOC re: HB4123 Sustainability**

Mike Savara, with Oregon Housing & Community Services, discussed the State’s plans for future homelessness and housing funding. Mike emphasized the positive impacts that communities have experienced through regional collaboration on homelessness and suggested that future State funding for homelessness will likely continue to follow the regional model. Ariel Nelson, with League of Oregon Cities, shared that she helped write House Bill 4123, and it was never intended to be permanent funding, but was intended to be seed funding to help communities identify priorities and collaborate on a shared vision. Chair Adair asked when the next legislative report on the CHRO was due. Ariel shared the next report would be due to the legislature in the fall of 2024, and that League of Oregon Cities will send out a template document for communities to use for their report. Chair Adair asked if the CHRO should expect additional State funding for HB4123 communities. Mike noted that OHCS really wants to see homeless response systems across the state that are focused on outcomes, and the State will continue to direct funding towards regional efforts to address homelessness, but there is less support for programs that operate outside the regional group.

#### **4. Funding for RFQ Projects**

The group discussed some options to set aside funding to support projects identified through the CHRO RFQ.

##### **Shelter Pod Funding**

Tammy Baney shared a memo and explained that COIC will be receiving \$1.1m from the Governor's Office to be used to construct and acquire shelter pods. Tammy noted that this funding could be used to support some projects from the RFQ and asked the board for guidance on how they'd like the process of allocating the funds to operate. The group agreed to discuss decisions during the meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Deschutes County ARPA**

Erik Kropp shared that the Board of County Commissioners had met on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the \$1.5m committed to the RFQ process. Ultimately, Erik shared that no decisions were made on exactly how to allocate the funding, but the Board members were supportive of allocating funding to support the Tier 1 projects, while reserving some of that funding to address the County's main priorities, which are Juniper Ridge and land East of Redmond.

#### **5. HLC Response to Data Request**

Molly Heiss shared NeighborImpact and the Homeless Leadership Coalition's draft request for funding to create a data dashboard with data around homelessness. Molly reviewed the line items in the request, and noted some other areas of the homeless response system that could use financial support to bolster the region's data quality, like the Coordinated Entry Phone Line and more staff to support data tracking. Councilor Zwicker noted that she'll have to recuse herself from the vote on this request, given her role on the Board of NeighborImpact.

#### **6. CHRO Subcommittee Concept**

Vice-Chair Perkins introduced the idea of creating two subcommittees of the Board. One focused on CHRO 2.0 and next steps for the Office, and the other focused on regional funding for homelessness. Mayor Richer, Councilor Blum, and Councilor Zwicker expressed support for the concept. Councilor Blum clarified that the subcommittees would bring recommendations back to the full board for decisions, and suggested that ad-hoc meetings were on the table if something necessitated a Board Meeting. Chair Adair noted she didn't want the public to think the Board was taking a vacation over the summer and requested regular meetings of the workgroups to ensure momentum isn't lost.

**7. CHRO Roundtable Discussion and Preparation**

Chris Ogren shared the concept for the CHRO Board meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, and explained that Federal and State partners were coming to Central Oregon for a discussion with local leaders about China Hat. Chair Adair expressed a strong desire to include a robust public comment period in the event so residents' concerns are heard by State and Federal Partners. Vice-Chair Perkins suggested public comment occur in the dedicated CHRO portion of the meeting from 12-1pm. Chair Adair agreed and said public comment should come first in the CHRO meeting. Councilor Blum stressed that the CHRO Board is expected to make several decisions at the end of the meeting, and the group will have to ensure enough time in the meeting for that. Councilor Zwicker agreed. Chair Adair noted that those interested in providing comments can submit written feedback, as well.

**8. Public Comment**

Jenny Lingard noted she appreciated the presentation from Mike and Ariel. Jenny said Permanent Supportive Housing is expensive and doesn't think local government or the State can afford it. Jenny advocated for a focus on cost savings.

Linda Murrer thanked the group for their discussion. Linda noted it's important for the public to be able to attend the meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Linda also advocated for inclusion of the Sheriff's Office.

Chris Ogren clarified that the meeting would be available virtually for members of the public to attend.

Jessica Gamble responded to Jenny's comment and noted a need to support people as they overcome barriers. Jessica also asked to attend the Roundtable as a panelist, given Jessica's lived experience in China Hat.

Vice-Chair Perkins noted that another member of the community with lived experience at China Hat has already been engaged to participate.

**9. Other Items and Adjourn**

Chair Adair noted the next CHRO Board Meeting was scheduled for June 20th and adjourned the meeting at 9:34 am.