



COORDINATED HOUSELESS RESPONSE OFFICE (CHRO)

Board Meeting Agenda

11:00 – 12:30 PM on Thursday, March 21st, 2024

Deschutes Services Building, Allen Room (2nd floor), 1300 NW Wall St., Bend, OR

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Agenda

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| 11:00 AM 1. Introductions and Agenda Review | Chair Adair |
| 11:02 AM 2. Approval of Minutes & Review of Financials
<i>Attachments A & B</i> | Chris Ogren |
| 11:05 AM 3. Lessons Learned at National Alliance to End Homelessness
<i>Attachment C</i> | Chris Ogren &
Eliza Wilson |
| 11:15 AM 4. Letter of Request to HLC – Data Dashboard
<i>Attachment D</i> | Mickie Derting |
| 11:30 AM 5. Legislative Update | Mike Savara & Leann Knapp
Oregon Housing & Community Services |
| 11:45 AM 6. CHRO Business Updates
a. RFQ Update
b. Roadshow/PIO Discussion Update | Chris Ogren |
| 12:00 PM 7. Community Updates | CHRO Board Members |
| 12:15 PM 8. Public Comment | |
| 12:30 PM 9. Other Items & Adjourn | |



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COORDINATED HOUSELESS RESPONSE OFFICE (CHRO) Board Meeting Minutes

11 – 12:30 pm on Thursday, February 15th, 2024

Deschutes Services Building, Barnes & Sawyer Room (1st floor), 1300 NW Wall St., Bend, OR

Attendance: Commissioner Adair, Chair, Deschutes County; Councilor Zwicker, City of Redmond; Councilor Blum, City of Sisters; Councilor Perkins, City of Bend; Commissioner DeBone, Deschutes County; Chris Ogren, CHRO; Eliza Wilson, Homeless Leadership Coalition; William Bailey, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office; Mickie Derting, City of Bend; Erik Kropp, Deschutes County; Nick Lelack, Deschutes County Administrator; Tammy Baney, Executive Director – COIC; Jean Hrabik, COIC; Amy Fraley, City of Bend; Erik Nelson, COIC; Jessica Gamble, Home More Network; Keith Witcosky, City Manager – City of Redmond; Kerry Prosser, City of Sisters; Linda Cline, City of Redmond; Brook O'Keefe, City of Bend; Geoff Wullschalger, City Manager – City of La Pine; Steven Emerson, Deschutes County; Captain Bailey, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office; Gwenn Wysling, Bethlehem Inn; Jordan Wheeler, City Manager – City of Sisters; Derek Wentorf, CSH; Mike Savara, Oregon Housing and Community Services; Josh Burgess, Community Member; Jenny Lingard, Community Member; Dean Harris, Community Member; DW Lee, Community Member

1. Call to Order

Chair Adair called the meeting to order at 11:00.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Adair reviewed the minutes from meeting of January 18, 2024.

VOTE: Councilor Perkins moved to approve minutes as corrected. Councilor Zwicker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Richer was absent

3. Financial Review

Chair Adair reviewed the financials and asked about the time period of the invoice. Erik Kropp clarified that the period of the invoice was for 7 months. Chris Ogren noted that the Board of County Commissioners is responsible for approving CHRO financials, so a Board vote was not necessary.

Letter Approval

Chair Adair addressed the SB 1530 letter of support to the senate committee.

VOTE: Councilor Perkins moved to approve, and Councilor Zwicker seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Richer was absent.

4. IGA Between Deschutes County and COIC

Erik Kropp relayed that on Monday, February 26th the IGA between Deschutes County and COIC goes before BOCC and then goes to COIC for signature. This IGA is for the functional operation oversight of the office. Staffing will come through another, separate MOU in the future, Erik shared.

5. Staffing Update

Tammy Baney stated that the IGA for staffing is in progress, but nothing is standing in the way of the work getting done. Chris Ogren is fully dedicated to CHRO. Recruitment for housing administrator has been completed. This is a shared position between COIC and CHRO. Tammy thanked the CHRO members involved in the interview process. COIC in negotiations now and will know by the end of the day next steps. A Program Assistant II was brought on to help support the work, and they were at the last CHRO meeting, her name is Jean Hrabik. Katie Carter is providing fiscal support for the CHRO. Staffing is being blended to utilize resources.

Commissioner Adair asked Tammy Baney about the Bethlehem Inn (BI) in Redmond. Tammy responded that her role on the Bethlehem Inn Board of Directors does not allow her to speak on behalf of the organization, but she would do her best to answer questions. Tammy talked about new housing units coming online in Bend and Redmond, including the Old Mill Inn & Suites as early as March with about 75 units and the Bethlehem Inn in Redmond as a voluntary sober living unit. Chair Adair asked if someone who needed shelter in Redmond could go there tonight. Councilor Zwicker stated that she has heartburn over this when there are 10 units vacant, and people are living in the cold. Chair Adair stated that the County put almost \$1m into the project and it's freezing and snowy outside, so there is frustration that the units aren't available. Tammy suggested that questions about the Bethlehem Inn's operations be directed to Gwynn Wysling, the Executive Director, and noted that the property is being moved from a shelter environment to long term housing.

Chair Adair stated that there are 19 kids who are part of the safe parking program so maybe a family friendly, sober living situation would be well-suited for families. Providers are expected to stand up to new circumstances, trying to add capacity as a system, but there is frustration that this is not something we will get through right away. Councilor Zwicker noted that there appears to be a lack of communication. Tammy encouraged talking to the HLC regarding challenges facing providers. Luckily, Rick Russell has the staff capacity to expand the safe parking program. Councilor Zwicker asked if maxed out providers need new employees and stated that maybe as the CHRO we should be training people so they could get jobs at these organizations so they can scale up.

Eliza Wilson stated that these are good topics to delve into when developing a strategic plan (High Desert Home) needs assessment. We should look at which organizations have the capacity to expand, and which don't. Needs assessment can identify gaps in services and what needs are. Chris Ogren reviewed relevant strategic priorities and funding sources uncertainty, as well as the need to advocate for continued funding opportunities. Tammy mentioned provider benefit fund as another way we're trying to flexibly support providers as a region to build capacity and which has been taken advantage of by many providers. However, we need to hear more from the providers on how we can support.

Chair Adair appreciates that Hayden Homes was all private, not public funding. While the Old Mill project has been mostly supported with private money, the state can help with rent assistance. There may also be ways the board can support the process. Unfortunately, this is something that we will continue to experience as a region as new projects get up and running, but we need to be able to support providers through these transitions.

6. Request for Qualifications (RFQ) / Request for Proposals (RFP)

Chris Ogren reviewed RFQ/RFP process beginning with a recap from January's meeting. He then discussed delaying the timeline to allow for information to come in before deciding. The RFQ is fully separated from and precedes the RFP, as the RFQ is high level view of projects. Delaying the RFQ will allow this process to align with the short session, giving more staff time for the process and allowing more detailed responses. The process is trying to build in what we want to see but still allowing new providers the chance at being awarded. The RFQ places emphasis on past campaigns, with the RFP providing much more detail. Chris then presented updated anticipated timeline. Chair Adair questioned timeline so Chris explained the flexibility of timeline was necessary to ensure the greatest results from the solicitation.

7. Marketing and Communications

Mickie Derting presented on CHRO Communication and Direction beginning with a review of the background and recommendations from the Public Partner Roundtable (PPR). At the December meeting the CHRO board adopted the PPR technical package. There are two PPR strategies – board engagement strategies (discussed at this meeting) and specific site recommendations. Mickie presented a variety of engagement tools, including a recommendation to use vendors to help produce these tools, followed by a review of next steps. Councilor Zwicker doesn't think that the level of engagement is what she is envisioning and that the price point

isn't correlating to what we are doing in different counties. Councilor Perkins wondered if there should be more grass roots efforts, but also realizes that the public does not know what is being done to address homelessness. Councilor Zwicker acknowledged that we do need some kind of public outreach. Eliza agreed and thought it would help the public understand, alleviating anger and fear. Councilor Blum can see both the pros and cons and would like to hear more about what has worked in other areas. Tammy heard both grassroots and general higher-level education but needs to know what funds we are working with and definition of what the board wants the PPR and staff to do. Councilor Perkins recommends two-way communication, i.e., the roadshow supported by Councilor Zwicker who stated that people want to see us show up with answers and solutions and with complete transparency. Eliza expanded on that, stating that we need storytelling, showing positive impact and real people; address the negative, but also need to show positive. Councilor Perkins wants to include highlights of successes in each of the communities. Tammy acknowledged that not every community is ready for the roadshow, so will be sensitive to that as well.

8. Community Updates

Councilor Perkins, City of Bend

Councilor Perkins was recently in Salem to testify on behalf of SB 1530. She met with a variety of legislators while she was there.

Councilor Zwicker, City of Redmond

No updates

Councilor Blum, City of Sisters

No updates

Commissioner Adair, Deschutes County

No Updates

Mayor Richer, La Pine (submitted via email)

Within our community we are moving forward on:

- 59 workforce housing apartments (set at 60% of AMI)
- A 34 unit potentiel Habitat development

9. Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP)

Derek Wentorf, HUD TA for YHDP, provided a YHDP update. There is nearly \$1m in federal funding awarded over a two-year period for Youth Homelessness. The dollars can provide a foundation for a community to grow on. Derek reviewed what

YHDP means for Central Oregon, as well as the YHDP process in Central Oregon and the Central Oregon Youth Advisory (Action) Board roles and invited those in attendance to the next in-person meeting March 11 & 12.

10. Oregon Housing and Community Services

Mike Savara, Special Initiative Director of Oregon Housing and Community Services, gave a brief overview of happenings in Salem and the Executive Order work, presenting the results of EO 23-02 as far as Central Oregon's work. He stated that MAC groups have been pivotal in addressing homelessness and that both critical goals for the MAC groups have been exceeded – emergency shelter and rehousing unsheltered households. He then reviewed the issue of stabilizing Oregon's shelter system, including the work and prevention goals. Mike announced that a new wave of funding will be released under another executive order and clarified prevention vs rehousing unsheltered homeless definitions. Councilor Perkins is looking forward to addressing true costs, including wrap-around services, not just beds.

11. Public Comments

- Councilor Perkins had a comment about a comment last month regarding information about City of Bend's Shelters. That information will be up on the City of Bend website soon.
- Jenny Lingard addressed the topic of data conversation, as that is her profession so has seen organizations and departments that need that kind of reliable data to make decisions. Glad the City of Bend is offering a data dashboard, however people on the street don't know what's available each night. This could be as easy as using a google sheet. Homeless people need this as a resource so that they know where to go and it is virtually free. This is a consistent complaint from people Jenny has met performing outreach, from law enforcement and providers.
- Commissioner Debone - As a sitting commissioner he gets calls all the time with people asking what he's doing to solve this. Commissioner DeBone tells these people he's deferring to and empowering the leadership of the Coordinated Office.
- Jessica Gamble wanted to put out the idea regarding marketing of using some grassroots and low-cost efforts. Being able to utilize apps like Nextdoor to engage with folks in neighborhoods that are direct engagements, as well as being present on Facebook to contribute to conversations, would be helpful. Central Oregon Homeless Solutions is a forum to talk about homelessness in Central Oregon and can share their experiences. Councilors Zwicker and Perkins objected to Nextdoor due to the inability to control the content.

12. Next Meeting and Adjournment

- Next meeting is March 21 in the Allen Room.
- Chair Adair adjourned the meeting @ 12:39.

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DESCHUTES COUNTY - DEPARTMENT BUDGET LEVEL
FISCAL YEAR 2025

3/14/2024

FUND 205 - Joint Houselessness Task Force

OBJECT - DESCRIPTION	FY 2022 ACTUALS	FY 2023 ACTUALS	FY 2024 ADJ BUDGET	YTD END OF MAR '24	FY 2025 DEPARTMENT	\$ BDGT CHG FR FY 2024	% BDGT CHG FR FY 2024
* Resources							
301000 - BEG NET WORKING CAPITAL	0	0	789,400	13,337	0	-789,400	-100.00
334012 - State Grant	0	192,705	0	807,295	0	0	0.00
343013 - Other Revenue - Misc	0	10,633	0	28,698	0	0	0.00
361011 - Interest-Pooled Investments	0	13,337	19,700	14,987	20,000	300	1.52
* Total - Resources	0	216,676	809,100	864,317	20,000	(789,100)	(97.53)

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* Personnel Services							
410101 - Regular Employees	0	125,566	226,301	46,731	80,285	-146,016	-64.52
410301 - Overtime	0	2,366	0	5,784	0	0	0.00
410401 - Time Management	0	11,841	0	0	0	0	0.00
420101 - Health-Dental Ins (ISF)	0	19,010	40,882	15,285	27,393	-13,489	-32.99
420201 - PERS Employee-Employer	0	11,068	53,368	12,008	5,882	-47,486	-88.98
420202 - PERS - Fund 575 for D-S	0	960	3,452	783	1,916	-1,536	-44.50
420301 - FICA	0	11,127	17,682	3,885	16,360	-1,322	-7.48
420401 - Workers' Comp Insurance	0	157	118	30	118	0	0.00
420501 - Unemployment Insurance	0	487	706	266	570	-136	-19.26
420601 - Life-Long Term Disability	0	353	638	199	782	144	22.57
420801 - Paid Leave Oregon	0	383	907	204	825	-82	-9.04
* Total - Personnel Services	0	183,317	344,054	85,443	134,131	(209,923)	(61.01)
* Material & Services							
430620 - ISF Facilities	0	0	714	476	785	71	9.94
430625 - ISF Administration	0	0	2,981	1,987	4,327	1,346	45.15
430628 - ISF BOCC	0	0	717	478	1,669	952	132.78
430630 - ISF Finance	0	0	4,400	2,933	5,408	1,008	22.91
430631 - ISF Finance-HR Proj Reserve	0	0	80	53	0	-80	-100.00
430650 - ISF Human Resources	0	0	2,903	1,935	3,360	457	15.74
450091 - Recruitment	0	10,812	0	0	0	0	0.00
450094 - Program Expense	0	1,796	225,000	825	0	-225,000	-100.00
450098 - Dept Employee Recognition	0	0	40	0	50	10	25.00

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* Material & Services							
450820 - Travel-Accommodations	0	409	0	276	0	0	0.00
450850 - Travel-Ground Trans-Parking	0	54	0	17	0	0	0.00
450860 - Travel-Meals	0	29	0	102	0	0	0.00
450870 - Travel-Mileage Reimb	0	705	0	249	0	0	0.00
460320 - Meeting Suppl (Food etc.)	0	80	0	0	0	0	0.00
460610 - Computers & Peripherals	0	6,135	0	(1,781)	0	0	0.00
* Total - Material & Services	0	20,021	236,835	7,551	15,599	(221,236)	(93.41)
* 521851 - Reserve for Future Expenditu							
	0	0	228,211	0	0	-228,211	-100.00
* Total -	0	0	228,211	0	0	(228,211)	(100.00)
*** TOTAL FUND 205 RESOURCES							
	0	216,676	809,100	864,317	20,000	-789,100	-97.53
*** TOTAL FUND 205 REQUIREMENTS							
	0	203,338	809,100	92,993	149,730	-659,370	-81.49



INNOVATIONS & SOLUTIONS for Ending Unsheltered Homelessness

March 4-6, 2024

San Francisco, CA

#NAEH2024





National Alliance to END HOMELESSNESS

National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH)

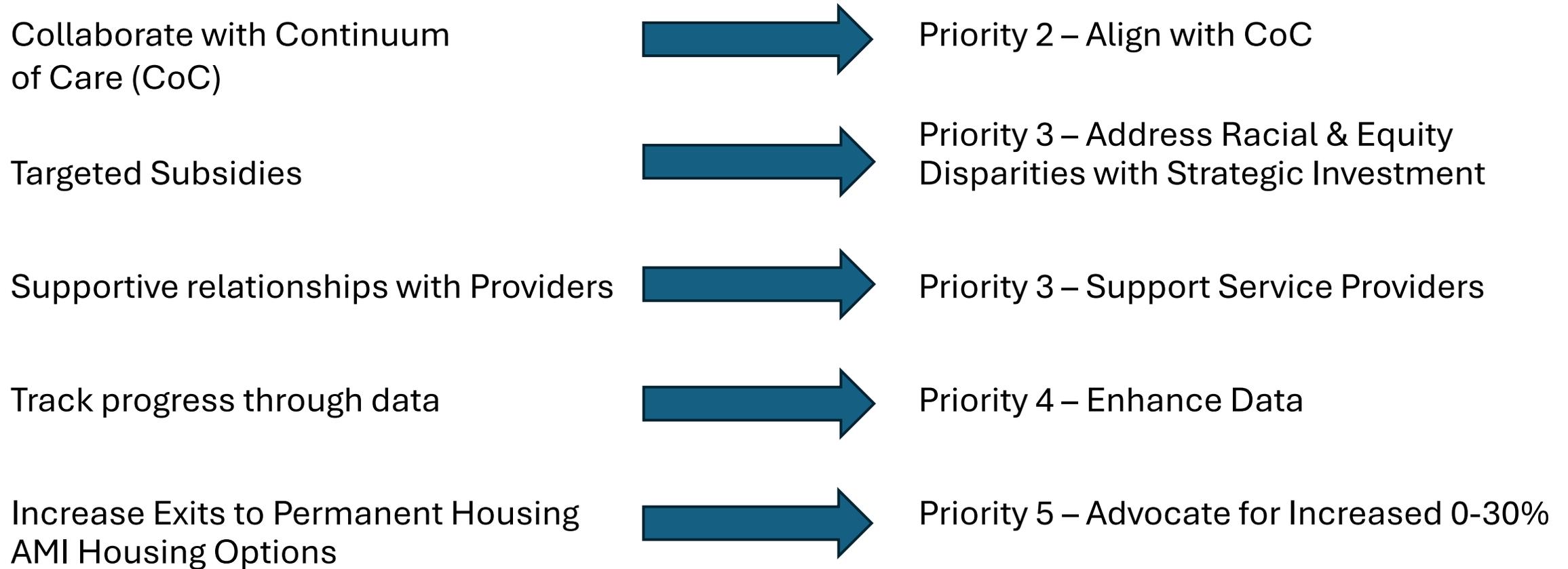
- Leading National Voice on Homelessness
- Emphasis on Research, Policy Advocacy, and Technical Assistance
- Homeless Response System leaders from across the nation gather to learn and share
- 5 People from Central Oregon attended

Major Themes/Lessons Learned

- Collaboration between Outreach Teams and Public Agencies leads to better outcomes when interacting with encampments, *especially when able to offer resources or housing/shelter placements.*
- Local Governments supporting Homeless Response System is necessary for success
- Incorporating People with Lived Experience in decision-making processes leads to improved outcomes
- Housing First – Communities that have expanded available housing and that quickly move people into housing see decreases in numbers of people experiencing homelessness.
- Solving Homelessness is resource-intensive – time, money, & people



Best Practices & CHRO Strategic Plan





Deschutes County and Cities of Bend, La Pine, Redmond, and Sisters
Coordinated Houseless Response Office (CHRO)

MEMO

To: CHRO Board of Directors (Board)
 From: Mickie Derting, Strategic Initiatives Manager – City Manager’s Office, City of Bend and
 Chris Ogren, Houseless Response Analyst, CHRO
 Date: March 21, 2024
 Re: Content in Letter to HLC & NeighborImpact re: Homelessness Data in Deschutes County

Introductory Comment

This memorandum provides information on Central Oregon’s Continuum of Care (CoC), Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC) and Central Oregon Community Action Agency (CAA), NeighborImpact’s request for a formal letter from the CHRO Board regarding their request for homelessness data in Deschutes County, for which CHRO staff is seeking Board direction.

- In June 2023, the CHRO Board directed CHRO staff to explore what it would take to have access to homelessness data in Deschutes County and to share the data for transparency as a public dashboard.
 - CHRO Board and Redmond Councilor Zwicker acknowledged that she is also on NeighborImpact’s Board and brought to everyone’s attention that NeighborImpact had limited capacity at the time.
 - CHRO Board and Sisters Councilor Blum requested of staff to ensure the message is explicit that the CHRO is offering support.
 - CHRO Board Chair and Deschutes County Commissioner Adair reiterated the need for data and concurred with staff that CHRO or its participating Cities and County could also provide staff and technical support.
- Today, the HLC Board and NeighborImpact staff share the CHRO’s desire to increase access to transparent data and have requested a formal letter from the CHRO Board detailing their specific request. HLC and NeighborImpact will then respond with

information on how much and what type of support is needed (e.g., resources such as funding, capacity building, technical assistance, turn-around time) to accommodate the request.

Background

- HLC is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandated and funded program. HLC's role is to improve regional and cross-system collaboration and coordination as well as to monitor the funds issued by the HUD CoC program for Central Oregon; conduct a homeless point-in-time count; manage the system of care, oversee planning, system reporting, and evaluation.
- HUD and the federal partners, along with other planners and policymakers use aggregate Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data to better inform homeless policy and decision making at the federal, state, and local levels.

The HEARTH Act, enacted into law on May 20, 2009, requires that all communities have an HMIS with the capacity to collect unduplicated counts of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Through their HMIS, a community should be able to collect information from projects serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness to use as part of their needs analyses and to establish funding priorities. The Act also codifies into law certain data collection requirements integral to HMIS. With enactment of the HEARTH Act, HMIS participation became a statutory requirement for recipients and subrecipients of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. (Source: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hmis/>)

- Note: HLC's HMIS data does not capture all the work performed by all providers in Central Oregon. There are providers that serve clients in Central Oregon that track their information in different systems that do not communicate with HMIS.
- HLC allocated HUD CoC program funding for NeighborImpact to be the HMIS Lead and System Administrator in Central Oregon.

Ideas for Data to Request

1. **Long-term Project** – Produce a public data dashboard that reports on CoC System Performance Measures (SPMs). In leveraging existing CoC, we hope that makes it easier to model implementation.

Example: San Diego Housing Commission & City of San Diego Data Dashboard:

<https://sdhc.org/homelessness-solutions/city-homeless-shelters-services/dashboard/>

- We recognize the expertise of the HLC and NeighborImpact and look to them to let us know what else they see fit to share or not. According to staff research, other CoC's provide additional information that could also be useful in efforts to increase community understanding and data transparency. Like other CoC data dashboards platforms, the request would also include the capability to filter by county in Central Oregon.
- Similar to information from San Diego's homeless data dashboard, following are data we would like to see:
 - Homeless Services Program Overview
 - Total Households Served per Period (Up-to 7 Periods)
 - Number of Programs and Date-stamped
 - Reporting Period Type: Calendar Year or Fiscal Year
 - Selected Served or Housed
 - Shelter Programs
 - Household Served
 - Number of Shelter Programs and Period-stamped
 - Households Entering Shelters per Living Situation Prior to Entry
 - Householders Existing Shelters During Reporting Period
 - Exit Destinations
 - Average Length of Stay for All Exits
 - Average Length of Stay for Exits to Permanent Housing
 - Households in Shelters and Length of Stay for Active Households
 - Transitional Housing
 - Households Served
 - Number of Transitional Housing Programs and Period-stamped
 - Households Entering Transitional Housing During Reporting Period
 - Living Situation Prior to Entry
 - Households in Transitional Housing
 - Length of Stay for Active Households
 - Households Exiting Transitional Housing During Reporting Period
 - Exit Destinations
 - Average Length of Stay for All Exits
 - Average Length of Stay for Exits to Permanent Housing
 - Rapid Rehousing
 - Households Served
 - Number of Rapid Rehousing Programs and Period-stamped
 - Time from Enrollment to Move-in

- Households Exiting Rapid Rehousing During Reporting Period
 - Exit Destinations
- Percentage of Households Maintained Permanent Housing
 - Active & Living in Permanent Housing
 - Exited to Permanent Housing
- Income & Benefits at Exit
- Households Searching for Housing and Reporting Period
- Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Households Served
 - Number of Permanent Supportive Housing Programs and Period-stamped
 - Time from Enrollment to Move-in
 - Households Exiting Permanent Supportive Housing and Reporting Period
 - Exit Destinations
 - Percentage of Households Maintained Permanent Housing
 - Active & Living in Permanent Housing
 - Exited to Permanent Housing
 - Income & Benefits at Exit
 - Households Pending Move-in
- Street Outreach
 - Households Served
 - Number of Street Outreach Programs and Period-stamped
 - Households Enrolled into Street Outreach
 - Households Existing Street Outreach
 - Exit Destinations
 - Average Length of Enrollment for Exits to Shelter
 - Average Length of Enrollment for Exits to Temporary Situations
 - Average Length of Enrollment for Exits to Permanent Housing
 - Households Actively Enrolled in Outreach and Reporting Period
 - Length of Enrollment for Active Households
- Demographics
 - Persons Served
 - Shelter Programs and Period-stamped
 - Race & Ethnicity

- Age
- Gender
- Veteran Status
- Vulnerabilities
 - Persons Served
 - Shelter Programs and Period-stamped
 - Chronic Homelessness
 - Experiencing Chronic Homelessness at Enrollment
 - Domestic Violence History
 - Percentage of Domestic Violence
 - Disabilities
 - % Disabled
 - % One or More Long-term Disabilities
 - % Substance Use Disorder
 - % Co-Occurring Mental Health Condition & Substance Use Disorder
 - Income & Benefits at Enrollment
 - % Income <30% of AMI at Enrollment
 - % Receiving Non-Cash Benefits at Enrollment
 - % Uninsured at Enrollment
 - Data Notes & Definitions

2. **Short-term and Immediate Project** – Staff acknowledges that system changes take time. While we work with the HLC and NeighborImpact to implement the longer-term data dashboard project, the CHRO is also interested in accessing current information about what is happening in the community now. The CHRO Board would like to include information in our communication and engagement materials about the work done to-date, uplifting the work of whole community while at the same time showing where we may still have gaps in our region’s homeless response system. Having data that shows the region’s successes or realities and needs will help the CHRO Board develop better messaging and help them make informed decisions.

Ideas for data to request:

- 2023 SPMs for projects operating in Deschutes County
- 2024 Point-In-Time Count information for Deschutes County
- Specifically, any trends or areas where things are notably improving or getting worse.

- Example: In 2023, there is a xx% increase in housing placements, making it the highest increase in a single year.
 - Example: Xx of individuals prevented from becoming houseless since 2023, making it the highest increase in a single year.
- For every individual that was placed into housing in 2023 in Deschutes County, how many individuals became homeless?
- Any major successes in 2023 in Deschutes County?

We recognize the expertise of the HLC and NeighborImpact, and respectfully request a response to this request for information by April XX, 2024. In your response, please specify:

- If you will be able to provide the information requested.
 - If unable to provide any of the information requested, please provide an explanation of why it is not possible.
- When you expect to be able to provide the requested information.
- If you will be able to provide data for Deschutes County, specifically.
- What kind of support would be requested from the CHRO or its respective entities.

Budget & Fiscal Impact

- To be determined.

Staff Request

- Board direction on content of letter to HLC and NeighborImpact requesting for data.

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OREGON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

2024 Session Wrap-Up



Update to Coordinated Houseless Response Office (CHRO)

March 21, 2024

Introductions

Leann Knapp (she/her)

Interim Assistant Director of Government Relations

Mike Savara (he/him/his)

Special Initiatives Director



All of OHCS' Legislative Priorities Passed:

Over **\$212M*** in new
funding coming to
the agency!

**in addition to salary adjustments,
new positions, and services
funding*



OHCS 2024 Session Priorities



\$65M in shelter operations & services funding (SB 1530)



\$34M in homelessness prevention funding (SB 1530)



Article XI Q Bond allocation shifts (SB 5701)



Release of **\$39M** for rehousing (SB 5701)



\$475,808 to ensure ongoing technical assistance for providers participating in Oregon's Emergency Homelessness Response.



Housing Choice Landlord Guarantee Program statute change (SB 1529)



Long Term Rental Assistance Fund statute change (SB 1501)

Senate Bill 1530: OHCS Funding



The Gloria Center: new Navigation Center opens in the Dalles this Spring!

- **\$65M** for emergency shelter operations & housing-focused services
- **\$34M** for the ORE-DAP & EPRR programs w/ 30% CRO set-aside
- **\$7M** to the Urban League of Portland for homelessness prevention
- **\$5M** individual development accounts (IDAs)
- **\$1M** to provide grants to support tenant education and resources in cases of expiring affordability or manufactured home park sales.

Senate Bill 1530: Funding Beyond OHCS

- **\$88M** for housing-related infrastructure projects
- **\$18M** for recovery housing projects
- **\$15M** for the Healthy Homes Repair Fund
- **\$3.5M** to the Oregon Health Authority to acquire and distribute air conditioners and filters
- **\$4M** for the Residential Heat Pump Fund
- **\$2M** for extreme weather shelters
- **\$1M** to support furniture banking (rehoming household goods and furnishings)
- **\$4M** to construct an arterial road to allow for development of housing in Pendleton
- **\$1.5M** for a new water storage reservoir to support Habitat for Humanity homes in Riddle
- Project-specific development funding:
 - **\$25M** to Albina Vision Trust
 - **\$1.25M** to the Center for African Immigrants and Refugees Organization (CAIRO)
 - **\$3M** to the Center for Intercultural Organizing (Unite Oregon)

Senate Bill 1537: Governor's Bill

Investments

- **\$75 million** to OHCS to be deposited into the **Housing Project Revolving Loan Fund** to provide no interest loans to sponsoring jurisdictions for eligible costs related to the creation of middle-income housing.
- **\$3 million** to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to be deposited into the **Housing Infrastructure Support Fund** to provide grants and technical assistance to municipalities for capacity and support for infrastructure planning.
- **\$10 million** to the Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD) to be deposited into the **Housing Accountability and Production Office Fund** to administer the fund, operate HAPO, and implement the measure's provisions.

Policy Changes

- Establishes the Housing Accountability & Production Office (HAPO)
- Key land use policy changes to support housing production, including:
 - Option to opt-in to new housing laws for housing developers
 - Ensures technical land uses decisions are made using administrative processes
 - Allows temporary adjustments to specific housing land use standards
 - One-time UGB expansion for local governments under certain circumstances
[\(read more here\)](#)

SB 5701: OHCS Funding & Changes

Article XI Q Bond Shifts

- No new allocation of bond resources
- Shift in resources allocated in 2023 Session across LIFT Rental, Homeownership, and PSH in line with capacity and anticipated pipeline

Program	Previous Allocation	New Allocation	Number of Expected Units
LIFT Rental	\$350M	\$440M	1,833
LIFT Homeownership	\$90M	\$40M with a possible additional \$40	348 - 696
PSH	\$160M	\$80M	400
Total	\$600M	\$600M	2,581 - 2,929

Rehousing Resources

- \$39M released from Special Purpose Appropriation from the 2023 Session (SB 5506)
- Goal: continue rehousing efforts in line with EO 24-02
- Expanded definition of homelessness
- 30% set-aside for culturally responsive orgs.
- Focus on geographic equity

ODEM/OHCS Funding “Transfer”

- **\$475,808** in unused ODEM staffing funds returned and re-allocated to OHCS to support ICF contract to maintain technical assistance for MAC Groups & LPGs

Other Bills of Note

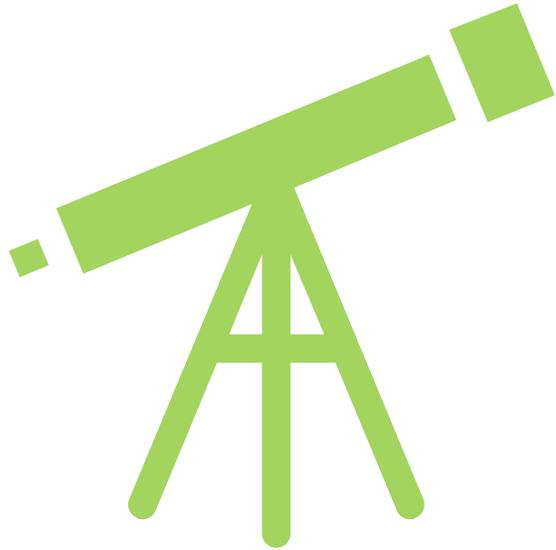
HB 4134: \$7.14M in funding through Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to 4 specific local communities for water infrastructure projects related to housing

HB 4006: Requires agencies to accept surety bonds in lieu of retainage for construction projects.

SB 1526: Omnibus income tax and property tax technical change bill. Minor changes & fixes with minimal impact to OHCS.

HB 4063: Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA) “fix” bill & other housing changes

What's next?



Implementation planning has already begun at OHCS. More work to come this Spring and Summer!

OHCS Government Relations is working on additional wrap-up materials— stay tuned for more!