

MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2021

MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ORS 190 ENTITY LEADERSHIP

Videoconference Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT

CHAIR: Mayor Cathy Clark, City of Keizer

VICE CHAIR: Council President Chris Hoy, City of Salem

Commissioner Lyle Mordhorst, Polk County

Leilani Slama, Vice President, Community Engagement, Salem Health

Commissioner Colm Willis, Marion County

Rhonda Wolf, CEO, United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley

OTHERS PRESENT

Jan Calvin, MWVHA Consultant

Janet Carlson, MWVHA Consultant

Carla Munns, MWVHA Consultant

Denise VanDyke, Admin. Specialist II, MWVCOG

Councilor Laura Reid, City of Keizer

Julie Conn-Johnson, McKinney-Vento program, Salem-Keizer School District

Mari Anne Gest, Church at the Park

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Attendance and the presence of a quorum were noted.

MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2021

MOTION: By Councilor Hoy, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mordhorst, to **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2021, AS PRESENTED.**

Motion carried.

IN FAVOR: Clark, Hoy, Mordhorst, Slama, Willis, Wolf. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

ESG-CV GRANT CONTRACT UPDATE

Ms. Carlson reported that OHCS staff notified Jan Calvin by email that the contract was ready for review, with only a three-day review period proposed. Legal counsel reviewed it over the weekend and returned it the following Monday. OHCS has not yet confirmed how much insurance is required of the ORS 190 Entity. The ORS 190 Entity board will need to approve the contract. However, if it is not back from the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) by the June 10 board meeting, we could either call a special meeting or approve the latest version approved by our legal counsel, subject to future DOJ approval with no substantive changes. Consensus was to approve the latest version, with the restrictions noted above, at the June board meeting. Staff is confirming that the ten provider agencies receiving the funds are ready to go. Ms. Carlson will send out the final draft contract with the board agenda.

JUNE JOINT BOARD AGENDA

Ms. Carlson reviewed the agenda items. Dan Clem is stepping down at chair of the Performance and Evaluation Committee. There are resumes included in the packet for recommended co-chairs. Ms. Carlson mentioned that PacificSource is interested in becoming a member of the Alliance Board. Board members raised questions about having co-chairs that are both affiliated with the Coordinated Care Organization. Staff noted that PacificSource employees are very active on the Collaborative Committee and the Performance & Evaluation Committee. After discussion about the need for a neutral board member with excellent facilitation and leadership skills to chair this important committee, Lisa Trauernicht from Marion County was recommended to serve as co-chair along with Josie Silverman-Mendez. Both candidates will be placed on the agenda pending, Ms. Trauernicht accepting the nomination.

Ms. Carlson reviewed the remainder of the consent items, noting that the Housing Inventory Count would be added. There were no items recommended to be pulled or changed.

The ORS 190 Entity Business was discussed, with no changes proposed, along with the proposed discussion items. Mayor Clark noted that the Alliance presentation to the Keizer City Council was well received.

MOTION: By Councilor Hoy, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Willis, to **APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JUNE 10, 2021, AS DISCUSSED.**

Motion carried.

IN FAVOR: Clark, Hoy, Mordhorst, Slama, Willis, Wolf. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Clark asked Councilor Hoy about car camping and whether city staff were helping people get to their next placement? Councilor Hoy replied that, generally, car camping will be looking at an extension. However, on June 1, the City of Salem began transitioning campers out of Cascade Gateway Park and Wallace Marine Park, including car camping. Other programs are not ending.

Councilor Hoy announced that the city is selling some mini parcels for mini houses. There may be up to forty people on each parcel. He hopes it will show other neighborhoods that this can work. The city is treating this as a pilot project. Ms. Wolf added that the houses will have character, like little cottages, not just boxy shelters.

Mayor Clark spoke about an email she received from Angie Onyewuchi at Travel Salem about welcoming people to Salem for the July Ironman event. She expressed concerns about the situation at Market Street and I-5 Interchange. Councilor Hoy reported that he met with Governor Brown and her staff, Fred Meyer representatives, and others about the camp situation. There have been numerous complaints about the unsafe and hazardous situation. There have been four deaths, three involving vehicles, since last September. There have also been violent and criminal acts on the Fred Meyer property and nearby. The Governor's office expressed a willing to work with the city, and ODOT met with City staff. Councilor Hoy added that the city is looking for appropriate land for managed camps, and the Governor's Office is looking at solutions as well. Mayor Clark expressed her support for Councilor Hoy and the City of Salem. There are similar problems on Highway 22 and in Corvallis, so this is a bigger problem. It is no longer safe to let people experiencing homelessness stay in place. Mayor Clark mentioned the Parkway and Hyacinth is also a problem, including contamination of Claggett Creek – a water source for some Keizer and Salem residents. Councilor Hoy said he mentioned Alliance work in the meeting with the Governor.

Ms. Slama reported that the Oregon State Fairgrounds vaccine site will be winding down, doing only second doses. Other locations and the mobile clinic are still very active. There are many locations available for vaccinations, so the mass clinic site at the fairgrounds will no longer be needed.

Ms. Wolf announced that, working with the International Housing Concepts (IHC) and the North Santiam Service Integration Team, a tiny home has been provided to a family who lost their house in the wildfires. The keys were handed over to the family at a small ceremony this morning, and the tiny home will be placed very soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

Janet Carlson, MWVHA Consultant