

MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 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

Jessica Stanton for 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

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 JUNE 1, 2021

MOTION: By Commissioner Mordhorst, **SECONDED** by Ms. Slama, to **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2021, AS PRESENTED.**

Motion carried.

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

ESG-CV GRANT UPDATE

Ms. Calvin provided an update on the grant. Staff is communicating with Oregon Housing & Community Services (OHCS). Ms. Calvin has been meeting with subrecipients to go over the process. Some providers will be able to front funds to get started, but others will be behind. It may be difficult to spend all of the funding within the contract parameters because of the late start, The board should be able to see a contract by the July 8 meeting.

JULY JOINT BOARD AGENDA

Ms. Carlson briefed the Executive Committee on the July 8 board agenda. The revision to the CoC Governance Charter will simply be adding one line to include PacificSource. Ms. Munns explained the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) items. The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) is creating a YHDP opportunity for communities to apply to become a "selected

community.” Selected communities can receive future funding for deliverables. The board will be asked to establish a Youth Action Board (YAB) which is a requirement of the YHDP grant to get the youth voice involved. Between \$1 million and \$14 million per community is available through this funding opportunity. Deadline for applications is July 27. Staff will need board approval to apply. There will be four items to approve: permission to apply for the grant, YAB charter, YAB membership, and special project funds for grant writing. There will be no official YAB meetings until the group is officially appointed by the board. YAB meetings will be public meetings once the group is approved. Staff is working on the best way to keep the autonomy of the youth involved while maintaining public meetings law. There may be privacy or safety concerns, especially for youth who have been sex trafficked. Mayor Clark noted that McNary High School has a program that may be interested in participating in the youth initiative. Councilor Reid said she can contact other high schools regarding what resources are available to draw on.

Ms. Carlson continued with the agenda. ORS 190 Entity business will include memorandums of agreement for emergency housing vouchers. Ms. Calvin explained that these are HUD vouchers that are long-term vouchers and good for as long as the holder is qualified. HUD is requiring memorandums of understanding between interested public housing authorities and Continuums of Care. The deadline is July 31. Councilor Hoy noted that he may have a potential conflict of interest to declare at the board meeting, as he chairs the Salem Housing Authority board. The third board agenda item is to approve the ESG-CV Grant Subrecipient Agreement between the ORS 190 Entity and Community Action. Oregon Housing & Community Services (OHCS) will monitor Community Action. Community Action is otherwise is monitoring the nine other grant subrecipients but cannot monitor itself. There may be one more ORS 190 Entity business item: an additional contract for the Continuum of Care’s first HUD planning grant, if the contract is ready in time.

Ms. Carlson stated that it is time to approve the updated Strategic Plan. Ms. Calvin added that accomplished items will fall off the list, and some items will have an asterisk to indicate they are to be done sooner, rather than later.

Councilor Reid mentioned that a list of resources has been requested by the Keizer Chamber and others. Ms. Calvin replied that Mid-Valley Resources has a resource directory on their website (www.midvalleyresources.org).

MOTION: By Councilor Hoy, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mordhorst, to **APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JULY 8, 2021, AS PRESENTED.**

Discussion: Mayor Clark requested a friendly amendment to include a legislative update as part of the agenda. Councilor Hoy said that the City of Salem might have something available by the meeting, and he will reach out to Community Action. Ms. Wolf will check on what information the United Way has. Councilor Hoy will take the lead on this agenda item. Another item that Councilor Hoy noted is to consider whether federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds could be used to take the Alliance’s work to the next level. This could mean increasing capacity for the youth initiative; convening a conference of developers and governmental entities about affordable housing; rural issues; and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion study implementation. **Friendly amendments were accepted. Motion changed to approval as amended.**

Motion carried.

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

COMMITTEE CHAIR STANDING AGENDA ITEM

Ms. Calvin reported that the Collaborative Committee may have something to report to the board next month. Ms. Munns added that the new Performance & Evaluation Committee co-chairs have on-boarded.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Hoy reported that City of Salem got the new Navigation Center approved by the legislature and state funds confirmed. It should be ready to go soon. The city is buying a building with ARPA funds and running it with state funds. Also, OHCS Stabilization Services approved Sequoia Crossings near Fred Meyer. The council also approved the 27th Street Apartments (a private development) for affordable housing. Yaquina Hall is also moving forward. Regarding the homeless encampment on Oregon Department of Transportation property, because of the pending expiration of the eviction moratorium, Councilor Hoy said he has heard that it has been deemed unwise to intervene with the camp. Councilor Hoy has another meeting scheduled with the governor’s office about this. It is unclear how the eviction moratorium connects with the Market Street/I-5 situation. Since September 2020, there have been four deaths and three serious injuries related to traffic, and one natural death at that location. Consensus was to support the City of Salem, as needed, on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Janet Carlson, MWVHA Consultant