

MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Collaborative Committee Agenda

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Zoom Link: <https://wesd.zoom.us/j/92292813413?pwd=I90FltvWlmlVe09ihBOAIKs8ltalRc.1>

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TIME	AGENDA ITEM	FACILITATOR
10:00	Welcome, Agenda, and Meeting Minutes Please type your name and organization in the chat box. Add your email address if we don't have it. If this is your first Collaborative Committee meeting, please come off mute and introduce yourself.	Christine Sommer
10:05	Alliance Executive Director & Board Updates/Announcement	Misty Sorte
10:15	Updated Collaborative Committee Charter Input Review and provide feedback on draft of updated Collaborative Committee charter. <i>Action:</i> approve recommendations for charter revisions to the CoC Board of Directors.	Joy Dickinson
10:40	Kudos/Comments of Appreciation An opportunity to give a shout out to an individual or agency in this group who you've been working with, who you'd like to recognize for what they do or just who they are.	Sarah White
10:50	Shelter Updates (capacity, warming, eligibility, etc.)	Sarah White
11:15	PIT Debrief	Marianne Bradshaw
11:30	Adjourn Meeting	Sarah White

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Meeting Minutes of:

**MID- WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE (MWVHA) COLLABORATIVE
COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date & Time:

December 18 , 2024
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Virtual

Link: <https://wesd.zoom.us/j/96997717116?pwd=NDRLM0RrZkY4TmRIQWZSaEVBKlpDZz09>

Meeting ID: 985 5154 0079

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PARTICIPANTS PRESENT

Co- Chair, Sheltering Silverton, Sarah White
Bridgeway Community Health, Renee Hancock
Catholic Community Services/St. Joseph, Maureen Casey
Center for Hope and Safety, Ashley Carson
Center for Hope and Safety, Jayne Downing
Center for Hope and Safety, Sara Brennan
Center for Hope and Safety, Tara Stephen
Church at the Park, Helena Jones
Church at the Park, Kathryn Sommer
City of Woodburn Community Services, Director, Jesse Cuomo
Crossroads Communities, Michael Couch
Curandi, Chris Barber
Fair Housing Council of Oregon, Shyle Ruder
Marion County, CDBG and HOME Program Manager, Steve Dickey
Marion Co Health & Human Services (housing and services), Christina Bertschi
Marion- Polk Food Share, Ian Dixon McDonald
MWVHA Staff, Cassandra Bay
MWVHA Staff, Elaine Lozier
MWVHA Consultant, Jan Calvin
MWVHA Chair, Jeremy Gordon
MWVHA Consultant, Joy Dickinson
MWVHA Consultant, Marianne Bradshaw
NW Human Services, Kristin Kuenz- Barber
NW Human Services, HOAP Peter Buekea
Oregon DHS - District 3, Self Sufficiency, Janet Scott

Pacific Source, Christina McCollum
PacificSource, Kat Fox
Polk County Behavioral Health, Alba Garcia
Salem Leadership Foundation, Robert Garcia
Shangri- La, Robin Winkle
United Way, SafeSleep UNITED, Lynelle Wilcox
Veteran's Health Administration, Carrie Geibel
Willamette ESD, Cassie Stafford
Unaffiliated, Outreach Training, Sammy Basu

WELCOME, AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

Co- Chair White called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES BY DOWNING

Seconded by: Dickey

In favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

ALLIANCE UPDATES

Lozier provided updates on the Alliance's search for a new director:

- The board decided to move forward with looking for an interim director and posted an advertisement about two weeks ago.
- Lozier encouraged interested parties to review the job posting and contact Christy Perry with any questions.
- Her last day would be December 31st, and she would be sending out an email with contacts for different needs during the transition period.
- She expressed gratitude for the partners and increased buy-in to the Alliance's mission.

KUDOS/COMMENTS OF APPRECIATION

Several members expressed appreciation:

- White thanked Downing for her work with Center for Hope and Safety and the impact it has had on the community.
- White and others also thanked Lozier for her leadership of the Alliance, noting her collaborative approach and listening skills.
- Wilcox expressed gratitude for the group's support, particularly during the Safe Sleep initiative and recent situations like Shangri- La's.

- Dixon McDonald appreciated Lozier's leadership in forming the organization and moving it forward.

2025- 2030 COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE WORK

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

Dickinson presented an overview of the strategic plan:

- She reviewed the mission, vision, purpose, and values of the Alliance.
- Dickinson outlined four main goals for the next five years: understanding the community through data, developing a coordinated system of care, maximizing resources, and increasing participation in the CoC.
- She highlighted areas where the Collaborative Committee could play a significant role, including qualitative data collection, supporting service providers, and increasing participation across the region.

REVIEWING COMMITTEE PURPOSE

Dickinson led a discussion on potentially updating the Collaborative Committee's charter:

- She suggested adding roles related to qualitative data collection, supporting service providers, and increasing CoC participation.
- Members discussed the possibility of creating centralized resources for training and best practices.
- There was a suggestion to include language about the committee's role in data collection and analysis.

POINT IN TIME COUNT

Bradshaw provided information about the upcoming Point in Time (PIT) count:

- The count would take place on January 22, 2025, with data collection continuing for seven days after.
- She explained the purpose of the count, including measuring trends in homelessness and informing funding decisions.
- Bradshaw discussed three main settings for conducting surveys: outreach and canvassing, events, and with people in caseworkers' caseloads.
- She encouraged committee members to volunteer and attend training sessions.
- Safety considerations and tips for approaching people were shared by various members who had participated in previous counts.

ALLIANCE BOARD CHARTER UPDATES

Commissioner Gordon discussed potential updates to the Alliance Board Charter:

- He mentioned the need to review the charter yearly and the board selection process.
- Gordon advocated for making the Collaborative Committee co- chairs voting members of the board instead of ex- officio members.
- He suggested exploring ways to enhance communication between the board and the provider community.
- The commissioner proposed having a joint meeting between the Collaborative Committee and the board to present charter amendment recommendations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several announcements were made:

- Bukea informed that the medical bus run would be canceled on December 24th but would resume on December 26th.
- Bertschi announced upcoming tenant education classes for individuals with substance use disorders or intellectual/developmental disabilities, offering potential funding for barrier removal and housing navigation support.
- Winkle provided an update on the Shangri- La situation, mentioning that they were identifying households for housing vouchers and long- term rental assistance.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

00:11:14 Kristin Kuenz- Barber NWHS: Kristin Kuenz- Barber; Northwest Human Services

00:11:15 Robert Garcia: Robert Garcia Salem Leadership Foundation

00:11:18 Joy Dickinson: Joy Dickinson, Dickinson Consultants

00:11:22 Jayne Downing, (she/her) Center for Hope & Safety: Jayne Downing, Center for Hope & Safety

00:11:25 Marianne Bradshaw: Marianne Bradshaw, contractor with the Homeless Alliance working on the Point in Time Count

00:11:25 ChrisBarber: Chris Barber, Curandi

00:11:29 Maureen: Maureen Casey, Catholic Community Services

00:11:39 Steve Dickey, Marion County: Steve Dickey, Marion County Community Services

00:12:03 tara.stephen: Tara Stephen, Center for Hope & Safety

00:12:56 Robin.Winkle: Robin Winkle, Shangri- La

00:13:01 Sam my Basu: Sam my Basu, Willamette University public health program

00:13:18 Janet Scott: Janet Scott ODHS

00:13:28 Cassie Stafford | she, her WESD: Cassie Stafford, School Safety & Mental Health Coordinator - Willamette Education Service District

00:14:05 Jesse Cuomo - City of Woodburn: Jesse Cuomo - City of Woodburn

00:15:03 Elaine Lozier: <https://mid-willamette-valley-homeless-alliance.prismhire.com/job/877942/interim-director>

00:16:15 Elaine Lozier: staff@mwwhomelessalliance.org

00:16:17 Ian Dixon- McDonald: Ian Dixon- McDonald, Marion Polk Food Share

00:16:52 Jayne Downing, (she/her) Center for Hope & Safety: Elaine - Thank you for all your efforts!!

00:16:58 Sara Brennan, CHS (she/her): Reacted to "Elaine - Thank you f..." with ❤️

00:17:06 Alba Garcia (she/her)- Polk County BH: Alba Garcia (she/her), Polk County Behavioral Health

00:17:08 Alba Garcia (she/her)- Polk County BH: Reacted to "Elaine - Thank you..." with ❤️

00:17:18 tara.stephen: Reacted to "Elaine - Thank you f..." with ❤️

00:17:37 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: We will always need Jayne :)

00:17:45 Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton: Reacted to "We will always need ..." with ❤️

00:17:45 tara.stephen: Reacted to "We will always need ..." with ❤️

00:17:49 Sara Brennan, CHS (she/her): Reacted to "We will always need ..." with ❤️

00:17:53 Kristin Kuenz- Barber NWHS: Reacted to "We will always need ..." with ❤️

00:18:00 Jan Calvin: Reacted to "We will always need ..." with ❤️

00:18:03 Sara Brennan, CHS (she/her): Sara Brennan, Center for Hope & Safety

00:18:05 Janet Scott: Reacted to "We will always need ..." with ❤️

00:18:11 ChrisBarber: Reacted to "We will always need ..." with ❤️

00:18:36 Jayne Downing, (she/her) Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to " We will always need ..." with ❤️

00:18:44 Steve Dickey, Marion County: Thank you Jayne for all you have done for our community and the lives that have been changed over the years!

00:18:51 Jan Calvin: Welcome Ashley!!

00:18:51 Jayne Downing, (she/her) Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to " Thank you Jayne for ..." with ❤️

00:18:56 Marianne Bradshaw: Thank you, Jayne! We will miss you! Welcome, Ashley! Looking forward to working with you!

00:18:58 Alba Garcia (she/her)- Polk County BH: Reacted to " Thank you Jayne fo..." with ❤️

00:19:01 Steve Dickey, Marion County: Welcome Ashely!

00:19:14 Jayne Downing, (she/her) Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to " Thank you, Jayne! We..." with ❤️

00:19:37 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to " Welcome Ashley!!" with ❤️

00:19:42 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to " Thank you, Jayne! We..." with ❤️

00:19:45 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to " Welcome Ashely!" with ❤️

00:20:29 Christina McCollum: Thank you Jayne for all you do!

00:20:46 Jayne Downing, (she/her) Center for Hope & Safety: Thank you Sarah - We love working with you and Sheltering Silverton!!

00:20:59 Kat Fox: Thank you @Elaine Lozier for all you have done over this past year supporting our community.

00:21:00 ChrisBarber: Elaine was amazing in the time she was here!

00:21:09 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to " Thank you @Elaine Lo..." with 🙌

00:21:13 Jayne Downing, (she/her) Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to " Thank you @Elaine Lo..." with 🙌

00:21:15 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to " Elaine was amazing i..." with 🙌

00:21:16 Kristin Kuenz- Barber NWHS: Reacted to "Elaine was amazing i..." with ❤️

00:21:17 Jayne Downing, (she/her) Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to "Elaine was amazing i..." with ❤️

00:21:20 Alba Garcia (she/her)- Polk County BH: Reacted to "Elaine was amazing..." with ❤️

00:21:57 Marianne Bradshaw: Thank you, Elaine! You are so appreciated!

00:24:33 Jayne Downing, (she/her) Center for Hope & Safety: Thank you Lynelle - it was hard to be a shelter program operating during the pandemic. Glad the Shelter group was helpful!

00:24:35 Marianne Bradshaw: SafeSleep just had its 5 year anniversary! Thanks to Lynelle and team for so many safe nights.

00:24:48 Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton: Reacted to "SafeSleep just had i..." with ❤️

00:25:12 tara.stephen: Reacted to "SafeSleep just had i..." with ❤️

00:25:38 Elaine Lozier: Reacted to "SafeSleep just had i..." with ❤️

00:26:26 Janet Scott: Reacted to "SafeSleep just had i..." with ❤️

00:28:01 Joy Dickinson:joy@dickinsonconsultants.com

00:29:04 Jan Calvin: The wording of the mission is different here. Was "To develop a..."

00:32:35 Elaine Lozier: Replying to "The wording of the m..."

I believe this was altered as a result of the retreat conversations. Joy and I will connect and review 🙄

00:32:51 Robert Garcia: Reacted to "I believe this was a..." with 👍

00:35:19 Robert Garcia: I love that it specifies "Tribal Nations".

00:35:29 Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton: Reacted to "I love that it speci..." with ❤️

00:37:17 Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton: And please know our goal is to make this meeting relevant and useful to everyone. If you have ideas for agenda items, working groups, etc., we'd love to hear them. sarah@shelteringsilverton.org

00:37:58 Jayne Downing, (she/her) Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to "And please know our ..." with 👍

00:41:42 Peter Buekea: Thank you. I have nothing to add at this point in time.

00:43:46 Jan Calvin: Review and inform data analysis

00:45:55 Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton: Under section B makes sense to me

00:46:14 Jan Calvin: Ensure invitation and inclusion of CoC participation that is reflective of the community

00:46:36 Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton: Reacted to "Ensure invitation an..." with 👍

00:49:39 Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton: I agree!

00:50:16 Jan Calvin: Create centralize resources and provide training for our region's service providers

00:50:50 Jan Calvin: Yes, there is a list

00:52:06 Jan Calvin: in the Consolidated Application.

00:52:16 Peter Buekea: Yes, trainings would be nice to have. To standardize things like data collection, etc., it'd be nice to be trained the same way as all community partners.

00:52:18 Marianne Bradshaw: The first Collaborative Committee meeting I attended a few years ago included a training on principles of trauma-informed care and it was super helpful to me! I think this is a great venue to include trainings

00:52:52 Jan Calvin: HUD policies (e.g., shelters not separating families, equal access, VAWA transfer policy...)

00:53:06 lynelle: Reacted to "HUD policies (e.g., ..." with 👍

00:55:48 Jan Calvin: Link is the co-chairs

00:56:26 Joy Dickinson: Joy@dickinsonconsultants.com

00:57:22 Jan Calvin: Nice job, Joy!

00:57:28 Jayne Downing, (she/her) Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to "Nice job, Joy!" with ❤️

00:58:38 Marianne Bradshaw: <https://marion-polk.pointintime.info/>

00:59:15 Joy Dickinson: Reacted to "Nice job, Joy!" with ❤️

01:06:09 Cassie Stafford | she, her WESD: Sarah - if you are interested or need any support working with school districts, don't hesitate to reach out to me
Cassie.stafford@wesd.org In particular I oversee our Attendance work and students experiencing homelessness is a focal population that school districts are prioritizing. Would

love to connect you to our regional Community of Practice and coaches who go out into districts.

01:06:29 Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton: Reacted to "Sarah - if you are i..." with ❤️

01:07:09 Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton: Replying to "Sarah - if you are i..."

Thank you, Cassie!

01:07:24 Cassie Stafford | she, her WESD: Reacted to "Thank you, Cassie!" with 👍

01:07:45 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: I really enjoyed it the year I did it - learned so much. Had incredible conversations. The app was easy to use. Wear warm clothes and shoes that are waterproof!

01:08:13 Kat Fox: It was a really special place to connect- everyone we spoke to shared stories, they were so thankful- I hope to participate in my community in January.

01:08:24 Jan Calvin: Reacted to "It was a really spec..." with ❤️

01:08:30 Jan Calvin: Reacted to "I really enjoyed it ..." with 👍

01:08:30 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to "It was a really spec..." with ❤️

01:08:38 Kat Fox: Reacted to "I really enjoyed it ..." with ❤️

01:08:44 Jayne Downing, (she/her) Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to "I really enjoyed it ..." with ❤️

01:09:33 Ian Dixon- McDonald: I've helped with the PIT Count. Struck by the graciousness and willingness to share from our unsheltered neighbors. Highly recommend, especially for someone who doesn't regularly work with unsheltered folks to increase our understanding.

01:09:51 Jan Calvin: Reacted to "I've helped with the..." with 👍

01:09:54 Jeremy Gordon (he/him): Reacted to "I've helped with the..." with 👍

01:09:55 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to "I've helped with the..." with ❤️

01:09:59 Alba Garcia (she/her)- Polk County BH: Reacted to "I've helped with t..." with ❤️

01:10:16 Ian Dixon- McDonald: Reacted to "It was a really spec..." with ❤️

01:10:17 Ian Dixon- McDonald: Reacted to "I really enjoyed it ..." with 👍

01:10:51 Jan Calvin: Bring a neighbor or someone who is not involved in this work really opens eyes!

01:11:00 Robert Garcia: Reacted to "Bring a neighbor or ..." with 👍

01:11:14 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to "Bring a neighbor or ..." with 🏆

01:11:20 Jayne Downing, (she/her) Center for Hope & Safety: From my experience, the most important thing is how we approach and ask the questions. Being gentle and patient. We are asking really personal questions.

01:11:48 Jeremy Gordon (he/him): Reacted to "From my experience, ..." with 👍

01:11:53 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to "From my experience, ..." with 👍

01:15:39 Ian Dixon- McDonald: Reacted to "From my experience, ..." with 👍

01:15:57 Alba Garcia (she/her)- Polk County BH: Reacted to "From my experience..." with 👍

01:18:17 lynelle: Reacted to "Bring a neighbor or ..." with 👍

01:19:04 Jan Calvin: Great work, Marianne!

01:19:19 Joy Dickinson: Reacted to "Great work, Marianne..." with 🙌

01:19:24 lynelle: Reacted to "From my experience, ..." with ❤️

01:19:35 lynelle: Reacted to "Great work, Marianne..." with 👍

01:19:37 Marianne Bradshaw: mpbradshaw503@gmail.com

01:19:39 Homeless Alliance: Reacted to "Great work, Marianne..." with 👍

01:20:14 Marianne Bradshaw: Thanks, all, for your sharing your PIT experiences!

01:20:38 Marianne Bradshaw: <https://marion-polk.pointintime.info/>

01:20:47 Christina Bertschi, MCHHS Housing Programs: I need time

01:21:21 Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton: Elaine will be humming the Jeopardy them song while we all sign up!

01:21:29 Jeremy Gordon (he/him): Reacted to "Elaine will be hummi..." with 😄

01:21:32 Kristin Kuenz- Barber NWHS: Reacted to "Elaine will be hummi..." with 🤔

01:21:39 Robert Garcia: Robert Garcia

01:21:58 Christina Bertschi, MCHHS Housing Programs: Do you use the link above to sign up for the training? Where do we find the Zoom link to attend?

01:23:31 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: All signed up! ✅ :)

01:24:12 Alba Garcia (she/her)- Polk County BH: Alba Garcia- signed up

01:24:17 Sammy Basu: Previously signed up.

01:24:33 Renee Hancock: Signed up

01:25:59 ChrisBarber: Signed UP

01:27:06 Elaine Lozier: Just noting that Jeremy is talking about the CoC Governance Charter which is broader than the Collaborative Committee. The one Joy reviewed with you was just for the Collaborative Committee.

01:27:27 Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton: Thank you, Elaine, for the clarification!

01:28:43 lynelle: I would LOVE our members to be voting members of the board!

01:28:52 Kristin Kuenz- Barber NWHS: Reacted to "I would LOVE our mem..." with 👍

01:29:31 Marianne Bradshaw: Reacted to "I would LOVE our mem..." with 👍

01:30:57 Peter Buekea: Reacted to "I would LOVE our mem..." with 👍

01:33:48 Christina Bertschi, MCHHS Housing Programs: HHS- Housing@co.marion.or.us or email me directly CBertschi@co.marion.or.us

01:33:50 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: Sending save the date now - for Jayne's retirement party!

01:33:57 Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton: Reacted to "Sending save the dat..." with ❤️

01:34:07 Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton: Replying to "Sending save the dat..."

Thank you, Ashley!

01:34:20 Elaine Lozier: Reacted to "Sending save the dat..." with ❤️

01:35:56 Jeremy Gordon (he/him): Thank you, Robin and others for ensuring these PSH folks remain served

01:36:05 Jayne Downing, (she/her) Center for Hope & Safety: Reacted to "Thank you, Robin and..." with ❤️

01:36:08 Homeless Alliance: Reacted to "Thank you, Robin and..." with 👍

01:36:10 Alba Garcia (she/her)- Polk County BH: Reacted to "Thank you, Robin a..." with ❤️

01:36:12 Elaine Lozier: Reacted to "Thank you, Robin and..." with ❤️

01:36:33 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: Thank you!

01:36:34 Peter Buekea: thank you!

01:36:38 Jeremy Gordon (he/him): thanks!

ADJOURNMENT

CO- Chair White adjourned the meeting at 11:30a.m.

Collaborative Committee Charter Review
Edits as of December 2024

A. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the CoC Collaborative Committee is to assist the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance Board of Directors in accomplishing the responsibilities of the Continuum of Care, as outlined in Article IV of the CoC Governance Charter. CoC Collaborative Committee duties include the following:

- a. Recommend individuals who are homeless or have been homeless within the past seven years to serve on the CoC Board pursuant to Article II.A of the CoC Governance Charter;
- b. Review, update, and recommend the written selection process for CoC board member appointments, described in Article IV.B.3 of the CoC Governance Charter, at least once every five (5) years;
- c. Meet at least annually in conjunction with the CoC Board to conduct general CoC business pursuant to Article II.A of the CoC Governance Charter; and
- d. Provide input to the Performance and Evaluation Committee, or its equivalent, on its recommendations to the CoC Board to improve system performance, pursuant to Article II.E of the CoC Governance Charter.

e. Create centralized resources and provide training for our region's service providers (e.g. Fair Housing Council Training, Domestic Violence Survivorship Training, Trauma-informed care, HUD policies).

f. Review and inform The Alliance's data collection and analysis.

g. Actively increase participation in the CoC, ensuring invitation and inclusion of CoC participation that is reflective of the community.

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