

MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Collaborative Committee Agenda

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

10:00 am - 11:30 am

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TIME	AGENDA ITEM	FACILITATOR
10:00	Welcome 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
10:05	Agenda and Meeting Minutes (Page 2)	Christine
10:10	New Collaborative Committee Co-Chair Brenda Newey (UGM, Simonka House)	Brenda
10:20	YYA Charter and Goals (Page 8) Action: Approve YYA goals to advance for Board of Directors review	YYA Leadership
10:35	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.	Brenda
10:45	Collaborative Committee Survey – Organizational Needs Assessment Summary and discussion of results	MWVHA Staff
11:05	Shelter Updates (capacity, warming, eligibility, etc.)	Christine
11:15	Housing Pathways Updates (eviction prevention, rapid rehousing, housing authorities, permanent supportive housing, etc.)	Brenda
11:25	Supportive Services Updates (behavioral health, re-entry, Medicaid, etc.)	Christine
11:30	Adjourn Meeting	Christine

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Meeting Minutes of:

MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE (MWVHA) COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Date & Time:

May 21, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Zoom

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT

Co-Chair, Marion County Housing Authority, Christine Sommer
Catholic Community Services, Jill Sorensen
Catholic Community Services/St. Joseph, Maureen Casey
Center for Hope & Safety, Ashley Carson
Center for Hope & Safety, Sara Brennan
Center for Hope & Safety, Tara Stephen
Church at the Park, Helena Jones
Curandi, Chris Barber
Family Promise, Doug Odell
Marion Co Housing Authority, Lou Bergerson
Marion County HHS, Division Director, Naomi Hudkins
Marion County HHS, Housing Services, Kathy Henderson
Marion County, Steve Dickey
Marion Polk Early Learning Hub, Tracy Lopez Mendoza
MWVCAA-ARCHES, RRH-Polk, Petra Jauregui
MWVHA, Executive Director, Misty Bolger
NW Human Services, HOAP, Peter Buekea
NW Human Services, Kristine Kuenz-Barber
Oregon Department of Human Services, Janet Scott
Pacific Source, Christina McCollum
Polk County Behavioral Health, Alba Garcia
Polk County Community Member
Polk County Family & Community Outreach, Ryan Pollard
Resource Consultant
Salem Housing Authority, Ana Brase
Salem Leadership Foundation, Robert Garcia
Shangri-La, Erika Bush

Sheltering Silverton, Sarah White
 UGM, Simonka House, Brenda Newey
 Unaffiliated, Mark Wigg
 Yakima Valley Farmworkers Clinic, Lisa Clark

WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Christine Sommer. Attendees were asked to type their name, email, and organization in the chat box. New attendees were invited to introduce themselves.

Mark Wigg requested to share some information at the start of the meeting. The chair acknowledged this and said they would come back to Mark after introductions.

KUDOS/COMMENTS OF APPRECIATION

Kathy Henderson from Marion County Health and Human Services gave kudos to the Oregon Department of Human Services for organizing a 300-person resource fair. She mentioned that Lainie was particularly busy running the event.

Kristen from Northwest Human Services offered two kudos:

1. A shout-out to Haley for opening Stormies Place, which she described as a great space for youth in the area.
2. Recognition for Cornerstone and Applegate Terrace for opening a new property in West Salem, which she noted would be another great addition to helping the community.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 30 , 2025 MEETING MINUTES BY STEVE DICKEY

Seconded by: Chris Barber

In favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

SARAH WHITE CO-CHAIR RESIGNATION & SUCCESSION PLANNING

The chair announced that Sarah White had decided to step down as co-chair due to capacity reasons. He expressed emotional gratitude for Sarah's contributions, describing her as an amazing co-chair and human. The collaborative extended their gratitude for Sarah's time, effort, and energy put into the meetings.

The chair then opened nominations for a new co-chair. Requirements for the position were outlined:

- Must come from a nonprofit agency
- Two-year commitment

- Monthly meetings to plan and organize with the chair, Misty and Cassie

It was noted that Mariah from Seeds of Faith had shown interest in learning more about the position.

Brenda from Union Gospel Mission nominated herself. She provided background on her 17 years of experience with the organization, including her roles in running the work program and as HMIS administrator. Brenda expressed her passion for housing issues, particularly for mothers and children.

The chair stated that the nominations (Brenda and Mariah) would be taken to the Homeless Alliance for a final decision.

MWVHA LEADERSHIP & FY 25-26 BUDGET UPDATES

Misty Bolger, the Executive Director for the Homeless Alliance, provided updates on the organization's transition:

- Due to funding uncertainties, two positions (HMIS lead and coordinated entry specialist) will be laid off effective June 30th.
- The organization is working to create efficiencies, including putting trainings online.
- They are striving to maintain and expand services despite these changes.
- Misty requested patience and understanding during this transition period.

SHELTER UPDATES

Helena from Church of the Park announced that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for their Monmouth shelter would be on June 10th, with the shelter expected to open shortly after. She shared an RSVP link for the event in the chat.

Brenda from Union Gospel Mission reported that their shelter was currently full. She explained their process for managing availability:

- People seeking shelter should call by 8:00 PM.
- If space becomes available, they call people back immediately.
- They maintain a daily list and contact people in order as spaces open up.

The chair requested that Brenda share the shelter's contact number in the chat.

HOUSING PATHWAYS UPDATES

The chair, Christine Sommer shared an update on behalf of Marion County Housing Authority:

- They acquired a new 37-unit property called Spruce Terrace in Mount Angel.

- Some units will be opening up as current occupants have given notice.
- This brings their total to 12 properties.

Anna Brase, Salem Housing Authority, introduced herself as the new property management coordinator for PSH sites, transitioning from her previous outreach role.

Ryan Pollard, Polk County Family & Community Outreach, provided updates for Rural Polk County:

- Rapid rehousing: 15 new households housed in the past month.
- Eviction prevention funding available through June 30th.
- Transportation funds available for those experiencing literal homelessness in Rural Polk County, to help with vehicle repairs (excluding vehicle purchases).
- He offered to share contact information in the chat for accessing these services.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES UPDATES

Alba Garcia from Polk County Behavioral Health announced that they have reopened outpatient mental health services and substance use treatment for Polk County residents with OHP. She offered to share website information in the chat for registration details and office locations.

Naomi Hudkins , the new division director of housing at Marion County Health and Human Services, introduced herself. She mentioned ongoing efforts to apply for more grant funds for the HRSN program and continuing to build and provide more support.

Ryan Pollard announced the start of Rent Well classes in Polk County, beginning June 10th. He described the program as helping prevent evictions, teaching budgeting, and how to work with landlords. Graduates receive a certification that can be used on housing applications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve , Marion County, mentioned that his organization is also embarking on their 5-year plan and will be looking to engage community members for input and data gathering.

The chair reiterated her gratitude to Sarah White for her service as co-chair and encouraged attendees to thank her if they see her.

The meeting was adjourned, with the chair noting that a notice for the next meeting would be sent out in the coming weeks. She also mentioned that she would be in touch with Brenda and Mariah regarding the co-chair nominations.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

00:04:55 Doug Odell (he/him): Doug Odell - Family Promise

00:05:14 Sara Brennan: Sara Brennan, Center for Hope & Safety

00:05:26 Steve Dickey, Marion County: Steve Dickey, Marion County Community Services, sdickey@co.marion.or.us

00:05:38 Roberto Garcia SLF: Roberto Garcia Salem Leadership Foundation

00:06:22 Ryan Pollard - Polk County Family & Community Outreach: Ryan Pollard - Polk County Family & Community Outreach - pollard.ryan@co.polk.or.us

00:07:03 Lou Bergerson MCHA: I believe this is my second meeting, but Lou Bergerson Case Manager with Marion County Housing Authority 😊

00:07:11 Kathy Henderson, she/her: Kathy Henderson, Marion County Health and Human Services - Housing Services, khenderson@co.marion.or.us

00:07:18 Petra Jauregui: Petra Jauregui-MWVCAA Arches
petra1.jauregui@mwvcaa.org

00:07:22 Erika Bush: Erika Bush- Shangri-La Housing Resource Specialist -
Erika.bush@shangrila-or.org

00:07:30 Brenda: Brenda Newey UGM Simonka Place

00:07:49 Kristin Kuenz-Barber NWHS: Kristin Kuenz Barber; NWHS

00:08:02 ChrisBarber: CHris Barber, Curandi

00:08:15 Jodi Russell: Jodi Russell, Polk County interested community member

00:08:22 Hope Browning: Hope Browning, Resource Consultants

00:08:31 Janet Scott: Janet Scott, Oregon Dept of Human Services

00:08:41 Tara Stephen, Center for Hope & Safety: Tara Stephen, Center for Hope & Safety

00:09:04 Tracy Lopez-Mendoza - MPELH: Tracy Lopez, Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub

00:09:09 Anna B: Anna Brase- Salem Housing Authority Property Management Coordinator at our Permanent Supportive Housing Sites-
abrase@salemhousingor.com

00:10:14 Homeless Alliance: Great to see you Jodi! Welcome

00:10:32 Homeless Alliance: Really glad to have you here Kathy!

00:11:10 Homeless Alliance: Hi Hope! Welcome, we are happy to have you here.

00:11:59 Hope Browning: Hope Browning, 719-651-9848 - hope@resourceconsultants.org

00:12:19 Homeless Alliance: Be sure to add your name and organization to the Chat for minutes!

00:12:43 Alba Garcia (she/her): Alba Garcia (she/her)- Polk County Behavioral Health

00:13:14 mark wigg: mark_wigg@hotmail.com

00:13:14 Sara Brennan: GREAT TOUR at Stormie's Place!

00:15:50 Steve Dickey, Marion County: Thank you Sara, I'm sure we will stay in communication about future projects you have in the works.

00:16:20 sarahwhite: Thank you, Christine! I've really appreciated my time working with you and the Alliance. I have gnarly pink eye today or I'd be on video. Nobody needs to see that.

00:16:22 Jodi Russell: My email is jlrussell09@gmail.com. I forgot to include it in my intro.

00:23:41 Helena Jones - C@P: Ribbon Cutting & Open House for Monmouth Adult Shelter: June 10th

00:25:18 Brenda: Phone number for Simonka Place 503-362-7487

00:26:16 Anna B: Yes, I am here!

00:28:40 Ryan Pollard - Polk County Family & Community Outreach: Polk Community Resource Center # 503-751-1644

00:29:30 Ryan Pollard - Polk County Family & Community Outreach: ^ Eviction Prevention funds, Transportation funds

00:30:27 Alba Garcia (she/her): <https://www.co.polk.or.us/bh/new-clients>

00:34:37 mark wigg: nhudkins? title and contact info please

ADJOURNMENT

CO-Chair Christine adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

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Youth and Young Adults Subcommittee

CHARTER

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Youth and Young Adults (YYA) Subcommittee is to end homelessness for youth in Marion and Polk counties, using the following collective goals:

- ~~1. Develop a Coordinated Entry System for youth that blends into the system for adults.~~
- ~~2. Expand street level and other forms of community outreach to better engage youth experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.~~
- ~~3. Establish a Host Home program that fits the needs in communities in the Marion Polk county region.~~
- ~~4. Improve local youth data, starting with the Point In Time (PIT) Count in January 2020.~~
- ~~5. Advocate for the use of and funding for evidence-based practices addressing youth homelessness.~~

- 1. Amplify and Develop voices of youth and young adults with lived experience.**
- 2. Utilize community partnerships to expand street-level and other forms of outreach, events and collaboration.**
- 3. Advocate for the application of data and evidence-based practices in funding decisions.**
- 4. Expand access and improve collaboration and use of the youth Coordinated Entry System.**
- 5. Improve local youth data by gathering and sharing with community partners.**

The Youth and Young Adults Subcommittee is authorized by the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance's CoC Collaborative Committee.