

MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2020

**MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MWVCOG Conference Room
100 High Street SE, Suite 200
Salem, Oregon**

MEMBERS PRESENT

CHAIR: Mayor Cathy Clark, City of Keizer

VICE CHAIR: Council President Chris Hoy, City of Salem

Commissioner Colm Willis, Marion County

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

Leilani Slama, Vice President, Community Engagement, Salem Health (by phone)

Commissioner Lyle Mordhorst, Polk County (by phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Jan Calvin, MWVHA Consultant

Janet Carlson, MWVHA Consultant (by phone)

Carla Munns, MWVHA Consultant

Renata Wakeley, Acting Executive Director, MWVCOG

Denise VanDyke Admin. Specialist II, MWVCOG

Jane Vetto, Marion County

Dan Atchison, City of Salem

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. The presence of a quorum was noted. Introductions were made around the room for the benefit of those on the phone.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Ms. Calvin gave some background on the letter request from the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency for Foster Youth to Independence Initiative.

MOTION: By Councilor Hoy, **SECONDED** by Ms. Wolf, to **APPROVE THE LETTER OF SUPPORT, AS PRESENTED.**

Motion carried.

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

ORS 190 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA)

Mayor Clark thanked Dan Atchison and Commissioner Willis for their work on the draft IGA. Ms. Carlson also thanked Mr. Atchison for his work on the IGA and on the agreement for Salem to accept the grant funds from the Community Business and Education Leaders Collaborative on behalf of the MWVHA. Ms. Carlson referred to the issue brief provided in the agenda packet, noting the staff recommendation is on page 7. Input has been received from some, but not all, parties. Mr. Atchison has helped work towards consensus and incorporate the various suggestions and requests into the draft IGA

document. The process needs to be determined as to how to get this IGA ready before the next board meeting, if possible.

Discussion ensued regarding the content of the draft IGA document. Mr. Atchison stated that it is his understanding that parties are looking at an ORS 190 entity to determine if this is the appropriate and/or only choice. Creating a neutral entity with wide representation is vital. The question was raised whether Salem-Keizer School District (SKSD) is able to do ordinances, with the concern that no legal barriers be created that will prevent them from becoming a member. Ms. Carlson stated that at the meeting with attorneys, there were a number of legal options available for joining an ORS 190 entity and that another option is for the IGA to be done first with willing parties and add those that need more time later.

Corrections/changes desired in the IGA draft document include:

- F. and h. in the “whereas” section should be corrected, as they currently indicate that the COG has been compensated for services provided. The purpose of setting up an ORS 190 entity is partly to be able to compensate the COG.
- Draft language provided by Marion County should be incorporated to clarify that the intent is to form an ORS 190 entity in the relatively near future.
- Draft language provided by SKSD for item 5.1 is acceptable, but the language provided for item 7 is not.
- 3.g. needs to be changed to end the sentence “... Collaborative Applicant for the Alliance.” And delete the remainder of the original sentence.

The question of whether the COG will be the fiscal agent or can be allowed to accept funds from non-governmental entities needs input from Bill Monahan, COG General Counsel. Next steps should be that legal staff make sure all are in agreement and continue discussion of the IGA at the board meeting on March 12.

MARCH MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Munns reviewed the draft agenda for the March 12 MWVHA Board of Directors meeting. There will be changes in membership for some committees, and some committees will have charters ready for ratification. Other charters will have to wait. Ms. Calvin discussed the strategic plan, referring to the handout provided. The strategic plan was last updated in 2018. She will bring a version to the March 12 meeting with probable changes noted. The plan will be discussed at the March and April meetings. The work plan pieces dovetail with the CoC work. Staff encouraged service providers to attend the meetings to hear the discussion on the work plan. Ms. Calvin will include some data and metrics in the information she brings to the meetings. Recently, she learned that the data available from HUD includes five years of trend data. HMIS can provide some context for those numbers. One of the things we want to know is where people who have left programs have gone – if they are in permanent housing, just left the program, or moved from the area. Ms. Munns reported on some preliminary Point-in-Time (PIT) count information from the Challenge to End Youth Homelessness. Dutch Bros has volunteered to provide locations throughout the state for the count and will provide free coffee to homeless participants. There is a higher count of homeless youth in our region this year and we need to figure out why. The numbers indicate a number 2.4 times higher for youth than indicated in last year’s data. There are a number of possible reasons, including more effort put into the count, more trust from youth resulting in more youth participating, or simply more homeless youth.

MEETING SCHEDULE

A meeting schedule for the Board of Directors for the rest of the year was provided in the agenda packet. After some discussion, it was determined that the Executive Committee meetings should be approximately ten days prior to the board meetings. COG staff will draft a list of meeting dates and email

it out to the Executive Committee members. It was mentioned that Kim Parker-Llerenas has a standing conflict with the board meeting dates, so it was decided to extend an invitation for her to attend the Executive Committee meetings.

COMMITTEE CHAIR STANDING AGENDA ITEM

Ms. Calvin explained that this is a placeholder item for committees to provide information to or request assistance from the Executive Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Janet Carlson, MWVHA Consultant