MINUTES OF February 9, 2023
MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND
ORS 190 ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JOINT (HYBRID) MEETING
Marion County Commissioners' Board Room
555 Court Street NE, Salem
and via Zoom

MWVHA BOARD
MEMBERS PRESENT
CHAIR: Commissioner Jeremy Gordon, Polk County
Amber Brady for David Zepeda, Subject Matter Expert
Mayor Cathy Clark, City of Keizer
Councilor Shannon Corr, City of Independence
Matt Lawyer for Commissioner Danielle Bethell, Marion County
Tribal Councilwoman Lisa Leno, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Councilor Christopher Lopez, City of Monmouth
Elaine Lozier, Community Health Coordinator, Marion-Polk CCO, PacificSource
Christy Perry, Superintendent, Salem-Keizer School District
Renee Pfeffer, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
Kristin Retherford for Mayor Chris Hoy, City of Salem
Leilani Slama, Chief Communications and Community Relations Officer, Salem Health
Rhonda Wolf, CEO, United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley
Ian Dixon-McDonald, Vice President of Programs, Marion Polk Food Share; Co-Chair, CoC Collaborative Committee
Eric Enderle, Veteran Services Officer, Polk County Veteran Services
Adam Mennig, Director, Academic Development, Chemeketa Community College; Co-Chair, CoC Collaborative Committee
Jimmy Jones, Executive Director, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
Nicole Utz, Housing Administrator, Salem Housing Authority

MEMBERS ABSENT
Commissioner Danielle Bethell, Marion County
Dan Clem, Executive Director, Union Gospel Mission of Salem
Mayor Chris Hoy, City of Salem
Kloi Spencer, Chair, Youth Action Board/Backbone
Commissioner Colm Willis, Marion County
Christian Edelblute, Executive Director, West Valley Housing Authority
Jason Icenbice, Executive Director, Marion County Housing Authority

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Mayor Chris Hoy, City of Salem

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT
Jan Calvin, MWVHA Consultant
Janet Carlson, MWVHA Consultant
Erika Conjugacion, CP3, Oregon Department of Human Services
Ian Costello, Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)
Najia Hyder, CP3 (Children's Public Private Partnership)
Peter Sprengelmeyer, ORRAI, Oregon Department of Human Services
Ashley Hamilton, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
Elliott Lapinel, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
Michael Livingston, CANDO Neighborhood Association
Dr. Ella Taylor, Willamette Education Service District
Nicole Thomas, Word's Out PR

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Gordon called the joint meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. The presence of a quorum was noted.

CONSENT AGENDA
Chair Gordon reviewed the list of Consent Agenda items.

MOTION: By Mayor Clark, **SECONDED by** Ms. Wolf, to **APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED.**

1. **AGENDA**
2. **1/12/2023 JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
3. **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ACTION'S APPLICATION FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES GRANT**
4. **APPOINT CHRIS HOY AND JEREMY GORDON TO THE MAY CONFERENCE PLANNING WORKGROUP**
5. **APPOINT YEUDIEL ALVAREZ-FLORES, DE MUNIZ RESOURCE CENTER; RAYMOND POWERS, VETCARE; STEPHANIE GILBERT, POLK COUNTY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH; AND ERIN MCDERMOTT, COMMUNITY ACTION VETERAN SERVICES TO THE HMIS USERS WORKGROUP**
6. **REVISIONS TO THE RAPID REHOUSING STANDARDS**
7. **REVISIONS TO THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING STANDARDS**
8. **CHARTER AMENDMENT TO UPDATE THE REFERENCES TO THE RAPID REHOUSING STANDARDS AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING STANDARDS TO REFLECT THE REVISED STANDARDS APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 9, 2023.**

Discussion: Janet Carlson invited additional board members to volunteer for the May 16 Conference Workgroup.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Clark, Corr, Lawyer, Lopez, Lozier, Pfeffer, Perry, Retherford, Slama, Wolf.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

ORS 190 ENTITY BUSINESS
Commissioner Gordon reviewed the business items.

1) Approve a data disclosure agreement (MOU) with the Oregon Department of Human Services.

MOTION: By Mayor Clark, **SECONDED by** Superintendent Perry, to **APPROVE THE AGREEMENT, AS PRESENTED.**
Discussion: Ms. Carlson introduced guests present at the meeting to describe the agreement. Jan Calvin stated the agreement was in support of the Keeping Families Together initiative that is being replicated in Marion County. The initiative is focused on reunification for families involved with the child welfare system. She noted that the Alliance board provided a letter of support more than a year ago for the project.

Ian Costello stated that he appreciated the board providing the time to present about the project and that he is working in three communities, including Marion County. The initiative recognizes that housing is a key factor in family stability and the intersection of homelessness and child welfare is important to understand. Families are not necessarily asked about housing when they are involved with the child welfare system; nor are they asked about child welfare when involved with housing services. In addition, families may not want to disclose information about either circumstance (lack of housing or child welfare) because they are fearful about losing their children. By putting Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data and child welfare data together, it will provide a much clearer picture about how these systems interact – around system access, outcomes, racial and ethnic disparities and, through housing families, a better understanding of how the system can be built up and changed to serve everyone in the community.

Commissioner Gordon asked if board members had questions. Councilor Lopez thanked Mr. Costello for his explanation. He asked about the Alliance's authority to share the data. Ms. Calvin responded that each agency that enters data into HMIS signs an agency participation agreement that allows data to be shared for research purposes. In addition, an agreement between Oregon Housing & Community Services and Wellsky, the HMIS vendor, likewise allows data sharing for research purposes. Councilor Lopez asked for clarification about whether the project is solely considered research. Mr. Costello replied that because the project is in the beginning stages, it is solely a research project. He hopes that more can be done in the future, but there will need to be much more conversation before that can happen.

Councilor Lopez thanked Mr. Costello for his response and then asked a question about data integrity and the security of the data. Erika Conjugacion replied that ODHS will receive the data from HMIS, analyze the data, and make sure data is de-identified. Any data that is shared will be aggregate data. Those steps are outlined in the agreement. Mr. Costello added that all the data that is de-identified will stay with ODHS/ORRAI. Once the analysis is conducted, row level data that could identify a household would not be shared; only summaries and aggregate data would be shared. Councilor Lopez reiterated his concerns about the safety and security of personal data and his desire that the providers that are generating the data do not have concerns. Peter Sprengelmeyer assured Councilor Lopez that all of his concerns were being addressed and that once the analysis was complete, ODHS would be destroying the data, so that personally identifiable data would not be available. Councilor Lopez asked if those points were laid out in the agreement. Mr. Sprengelmeyer affirmed that each of the stipulations were laid out in the agreement, including secure transfer, de-identification, limited access, security of the data set, and destruction of the data. He added that ODHS was working on an advanced agreement that had even greater detail for future use. Councilor Lopez thanked Mr. Sprengelmeyer and his colleagues for the work that has gone into the agreement and his appreciation for the project's goals.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Clark, Lawyer, Leno, Lopez, Perry, Retherford. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSTAINED:** Corr.

2) Approve an updated banking resolution.

MOTION: By Mayor Clark, **SECONDED by** Councilor Lopez, to **APPROVE THE BANKING RESOLUTION 2023-02, AS PRESENTED.**
Discussion: Ms. Carlson noted that the banking resolution is the same document as has been approved by the board twice previously, other than adding Commissioner Gordon as ORS 190 Entity Board President.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Clark, Corr, Lawyer, Leno, Lopez, Perry, Retherford. **OPPOSED:** None.
ABSTAINED: None.

3) Approve a contract with Lisa Trauernicht to support the May 16 affordable housing conference.

MOTION: By Mayor Clark, **SECONDED by** Councilor Lopez, to **APPROVE THE CONTRACT, AS PRESENTED.**
Discussion: Ms. Carlson noted that the board already approved a contract with Della Shanley, Upstage Events, to serve as the event planner for the May conference. This contract with Ms. Trauernicht will be to interface with Ms. Shanley on behalf of the Alliance and to conduct certain tasks not included in Ms. Shanley's scope of work, such as conference registration. The contract runs through June 30, is for up to 150 hours, or $12,750, and is supported by the City of Salem grant to produce the conference. Councilor Corr asked about whether the contractor was selected through a competitive process. Ms. Carlson explained that the event planner contract for Upstage Events was selected through quotes, per the ORS 190 Entity purchasing rules. This contract was selected as a sole source contract because of Ms. Trauernicht's unique experience and familiarity with the Alliance and the need to expedite the contract work. She added that the Alliance purchasing rules allow for direct contracting, without quotes, for contracts under $10,000. However, this contract is slightly above that threshold. Councilor Corr expressed her desire for competition in the future. Mayor Clark noted that any changes to the purchasing rules would be a policy discussion. Commissioner Gordon noted that the policy could be reviewed at any point, should that be the desire of the ORS 190 Entity board.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Clark, Corr, Lawyer, Leno, Lopez, Perry, Retherford. **OPPOSED:** None.
ABSTAINED: None.

4) Approve an agreement with Northwest Human Services to support the Youth Action Board/Backbone.

MOTION: By Councilor Lopez, **SECONDED by** Mayor Clark, to **APPROVE THE AGREEMENT, AS PRESENTED.**
Discussion: Ms. Carlson noted that Northwest Human Services has graciously agreed to staff the Youth Action Board/Backbone for no compensation, including providing agendas and minutes, coordinating meetings, and more generally supporting the youth members. The contract allows Northwest Human Services staff to be reimbursed for meeting costs, which are primarily food for the youth members. The term of the agreement is through October 23, 2023, which is when the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) planning grant expires. Northwest Human Services will be coming back at that time to report on whether they are willing to continue providing these services. Councilor Corr asked about Youth Action Board involvement in the decision to involve Northwest Human Services in staffing the meetings. Ms. Calvin replied that the contract continues the continuity of staff for the Youth Action Board. Councilor Lopez responded that Amanda Foster from Northwest Human Services has been fantastic, that the youth members clearly enjoy working with her, that Ms. Foster was involved with the Youth Action Board for quite some

time before this contract was moved forward, and that she is a known entity to the youth members. Superintendent Perry asked that, in future contracts, the nomenclature "Backbone" be added and expressed concerns about the Northwest Human Services policy that does not allow staff to have cell phones to communicate with the youth members. Superintendent Perry asked how the Alliance could help. Ms. Calvin replied that there are recent conversations occurring about creating an exception to the policy so that Ms. Foster can have a separate cell phone. Ms. Wolf described the recent Connections meeting where three Alliance board members met with Backbone members at the Ike Box. She stated that the gathering was wonderful, that the youth members are funny, caring, and deep – it was a delightful time. She encouraged others to attend future gatherings. Mr. Lawyer expressed concerns about the reimbursements not being capped in the contract. Ms. Carlson explained that generally reimbursement requests have been $77 per meeting, with two meetings per month. However, there may be other expenses that arise, making a cap difficult to calculate. Mayor Clark noted that the contract allows reimbursement only for actual meeting expenses and requires receipts. The approval process for such expenses requires prior approval by the Board Administrator who also approves reimbursement requests before forwarding to COG Finance for payment. Councilor Lopez encouraged flexibility with the policy, citing as an example the Backbone team building outing where party decorations were purchased. Flexibility is a great thing in supporting Backbone's work.

Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Clark, Corr, Lawyer, Leno, Lopez, Perry, Retherford. **OPPOSED:** None.
ABSTAINED: None.

5) Approve a contract with Oregon Housing & Community Services (OHCS) for CoC capacity building.

Item 5 was again deferred since the contract was not ready yet. Ms. Carlson noted that a document was included in the meeting materials that outlines the Capacity Grant plan. Ms. Calvin went over the document. The first element is public access to data. A data dashboard is being developed and should be completed this spring. Other plan elements include increasing capacity for data literacy, data visualization, and data training. Ms. Carlson added that conversations were occurring with OHCS about whether funds could be carried forward into the next biennium, given delays with the contract.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elliott Lapinel introduced himself as an HMIS Data System Administrator for the OR-504 Continuum of Care. He said that the HUD standard is for one full-time system administrator per 75 users; our CoC has more than twice that number of users. He stated that the CoC's data reporting is weak; that committees are not empowered to fulfill their duties; and communication is poor. He added that most of the data reporting work is done by others and expressed a desire for consistency. He then expressed concerns about the Capacity Grant plan, including purchasing Freshdesk and creating the proposed data dashboard. Mr. Lapinel stated that Built for Zero data and Stella P need to be shared more broadly and gave examples where he believed data had been misinterpreted or in error. He recommended that he be assigned as staff to the HMIS Users Workgroup, the Performance & Evaluation Committee, and the Built for Zero Committee.

Commissioner Gordon stated he would follow up with Mr. Lapinel and invited other board members to participate. Mayor Clark clarified that Mr. Lapinel is employed by the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency and suggested that the board work with Jimmy Jones and the structure within the agency. Councilor Corr and Councilor Lopez offered to help. Mr. Jones said that he would review Mr. Lapinel's comments.

Michael Livingston said that as a member of the Performance & Evaluation Committee, he has an interest in the capacity building item on the agenda. He said that he agreed that the Alliance is not making the most effective use of its assets in this area: HMIS data quality and completeness and associated reports. He added that he believes Mr. Lapinel should be included in the staffing of the Performance & Evaluation Committee, its Data Workgroup, and other relevant committees. Mr. Livingston commented that he doesn't believe capacity building requires additional staff time or expense, and that the June deadline is arbitrary. He encouraged the board to "take the time we need to get it right."

GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Commissioner Gordon introduced the topic and described a recent meeting with Oregon Housing & Community Services and the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, and an upcoming meeting with the same parties convened by the Continuum of Care for the Marion-Polk region. He stated that the CoC Governance Charter allows the Executive Committee to be delegated authority with time-sensitive situations. There is much we don't know yet. He described the representation that the state agencies are requiring on the MAC Group. Ms. Carlson noted that identification of the MAC Group membership is due to the state on February 17 and the plan must be completed by March 10. She stated that if authority is delegated to the Executive Committee, notices can be provided to the full board, but that a quorum can be accomplished with a majority of the Executive Committee members. She described the phases of the process which include the compressed planning process, which was discussed, but followed by an implementation process that involves an even broader group of people. Ms. Calvin added that the Collaborative Committee will be gathering input at its meeting next week related to information needed for the region's plan.

> **MOTION:** By Councilor Lopez, **SECONDED by** Superintendent Perry, to **DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING THE GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR THE TIME BEING.**
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> Discussion: Councilor Lopez said he recognized that it is less than ideal to delegate authority, but he appreciates how this has been packaged and the proactive stance, and he recognizes this is one of those times when we must be nimble. He added that his desire to remain in the communications loop.
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> **Motion carried.**
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> **IN FAVOR:** Gordon, Brady, Clark, Corr, Lawyer, Leno, Lopez, Lozier, Pfeffer, Perry, Retherford, Slama, Wolf. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

PIT COUNT UPDATE

Commissioner Gordon noted that a final report written by Ms. Trauernicht was included with the board materials. Councilor Corr encouraged board members to review the report and stated that she and Commissioner Bethell are working on a continuity plan for next year's event. The workgroup co-chairs are also collating provider and volunteer feedback about experiences with the PIT Count. Councilor Corr noted a couple of issues, the first being feedback that Monday was a warm night, but it was cold on Tuesday, and that people were then difficult to find on Wednesday. The second issue was concerns about the reasons for not receiving the data until March. Commissioner Bethell and Councilor Corr will be meeting with stakeholders on February 23 and will present a straw man, with a three-way lens: urban, rural, and youth. They are hoping to get committee chairs for each of those areas, which would reduce the workload for a consultant. Councilors Bethell and Corr will provide a more extensive debrief at a future board meeting. Commissioner Gordon stated that he was impressed with the effort, including that of the PIT Count Workgroup, and thanked everyone involved.

Councilor Lopez asked about increasing communication with partner agencies, grocery stores, and the like. He said that he volunteered for the PIT Count and attended Polk County's Community Connect Day.

He heard anecdotally that people experiencing homelessness were asked to "move along" by law enforcement, code enforcement, and ODOT in the days prior to the PIT Count. He wants to make sure that is addressed in future years. He added that the three grocery stores in the two communities "know everybody" and outreach could help with communication. Councilor Corr added the goal of increasing communication, including boosting social media posts. She gave a shout out to service providers and added that the Community Connect event was a huge success.

Mayor Clark stated that her social media was well embedded with the PIT Count and gave a shout out for the communications and outreach efforts. She commented that it is not realistic to suspend enforcement and that there needs to be more conversation about that. Councilor Lopez clarified that he was not suggesting that enforcement be suspended, but rather desired improved communication and collaboration.

Elaine Lozier raised the issue of training for volunteers about survivors of sex trafficking, noting that survivors were encountered during the PIT Count. Ms. Lozier recommended that the Center for Hope & Safety and Safety Compass provide a training, potentially during a Collaborative Committee meeting, on that topic. Councilor Corr added that the workgroup likewise recommended more specialized trainings for PIT Count volunteers.

YHDP REVIEW PROPOSAL

Commissioner Gordon asked that the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Review item be moved up on the agenda, noting that Dr. Taylor is present and that Superintendent Perry wanted to speak on the issue. He asked Superintendent Perry to start the discussion. Superintendent Perry described the Backbone process. She met with some of the youth initially and learned that the youth members wanted to meet the evaluators before making a decision. Then, at the January 23 Backbone meeting, Backbone members spent the first hour developing interview questions, followed by a 45-minute interview with Dr. Taylor and Amber Ryerson. When a misunderstanding was clarified around not needing to choose between the two evaluators, the Backbone members expressed relief. Following the interview, there was unanimous agreement to move this forward. Backbone members wanted to be sure that the people who came to talk to them would really listen and accept feedback if the youth felt they were being spoken over. Dr. Taylor agreed that she would make sure the final product represented their voice. Superintendent Perry asked that the documents use the nomenclature "Backbone." Dr. Taylor thanked the board for the opportunity to provide the proposal. She stated that meeting with Backbone was a phenomenal opportunity and appreciated the interview questions. She noted that she wants to make sure everyone's voice is included in the multiple methods of gathering information about the proposal process. She invited questions from board members. Commissioner Gordon stated his appreciation to Dr. Taylor for the proposal, that this is an opportunity for the Alliance, and that we all have the same goal in mind which is to serve youth experiencing homelessness. He expressed confidence that the next YHDP process and implementation will be better informed because of this process evaluation.

MOTION: By Mayor Clark, **SECONDED by** Superintendent Perry, to **APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH WILLAMETTE EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT.**
Discussion: Superintendent Perry added that she had great learnings about how to work with Backbone, and that it's okay to go slow rather than go fast, along with giving them space and listening intently. Ms. Slama thanked Superintendent Perry for her reflections and advice, and for taking the time for Backbone to feel heard. She is looking forward to the process with Dr. Taylor and her team.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Clark, Corr, Lawyer, Leno, Lopez, Perry, Retherford. **OPPOSED:** None.
ABSTAINED: None.

STAFFING PROPOSAL UPDATE

Commissioner Gordon provided a brief update, noting that Scott Dadson was not present. He noted that there was not a specific workgroup recommendation and referred board members to a memo on page 45 of the board packet, along with a draft position description. The workgroup has been discussing higher level Executive Director duties, Board Administrator duties outlined in the ORS 190 bylaws, charter, and administrative duties. One question for consideration is " where would this person live?" -- with the ORS 190 or with another organization?

Mayor Clark commented that in the position description, under the illustrative examples of work, there were responsibilities for at least two FTE. She said she was not sure that the position description is a realistic expectation of one person and described the two sets of work as (1) administrative/management and (2) technical: reporting, data, capacity building, and interface with the service providers. She posed the question: Is this really one person, and where do we need to hire first? Mayor Clark added that she was not comfortable with the ORS 190 Entity hiring an employee, stating that the organization was a policy organization and lacked the capacity, such as human resources and a facility, to be able to house employees.

Commissioner Gordon responded that he had a conversation with Mr. Dadson housing the position and COG and that Mr. Dadson replied that the position would report to the COG executive director, subverting the Alliance board to an advisory role. Any decision the Alliance would make vis a vis COG would need to be approved by the COG board. He suggested a solution may be a more intensive management contract with COG, placing employee benefits and other items with the COG, the governance structure could remain with the Alliance board. Commissioner Gordon agreed with Mayor Clark that the duties are more than one person, adding that executive assistance support and some consultant work will still be needed. There is a lot to work out.

Councilor Lopez expressed his appreciation for the benefits and drawbacks highlighted in the discussion for the different structures, agreeing that the duties would require than one position, that some level of consultant work and additional support will need to be built into the staffing plan. He stated that he believes the position would need to report to the Alliance board and not to the COG. When asked a clarifying question by Superintendent Perry, Councilor Lopez replied that how the position spends and executes policy decision would need to flow directly to the board, and not through COG. For payroll, health care, and other employment details, Alliance could look to COG for support.

Mayor Clark described how, prior to the creation of the Alliance when the COG supported the Mid-Willamette Homeless Alliance, the coordinator Ali Treichel took direction from the five-jurisdiction board on work projects and reported to the MWHI board. However, day-to-day supervision, along with payroll, benefits, and so on, were through the COG. She added that this would not be a new thing if the Alliance wanted to use that model again.

Councilor Corr stated her agreement that the position should be housed and supported at the COG and report to the Alliance board. She asked about drafting an agreement between the Alliance and COG that would outline that specific information. Commissioner Gordon replied that the management contract is where the rubber meets the road.

Commissioner Gordon asked if there was any opposition or concerns about having COG occupy this role, adding that he didn't believe that the ORS 190 Entity taking care of everything was feasible. He noted that other members of the ORS 190 had not expressed interest in housing the position.

Mayor Clark pointed out that the Council of Governments already has systems in place for federal grant

reporting. The position could share resources in the COG office with other positions, rather than the position working in isolation. Ms. Carlson added that her concerns about bifurcating the organization's administration and its financial system, which is entwined in COG, including the organization's bank account and federal authority to drawdown HUD funds.

Mayor Clark requested that two position descriptions – one administrative and one at a more executive level – be brought back to the board, so the decision can be made about which position would be hired first. Commissioner Gordon expressed his agreement. Mayor Clark asked if a motion was needed or if the decision had been made by consensus. Commissioner Gordon stated he believed there was consensus to bring the board feedback back to the workgroup and hoped that a more substantive proposal would be available for board consideration in March. He thanked the board members for their patience and noted that the COG has been experiencing some difficulties, and that Mr. Dadson is on task.

JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Mayor Clark invited board members to attend the Council of Governments annual meeting and dinner in Newberg.

Mr. Jones reported that Community Action will be able to close on a second Project Turnkey later this month at 1875 Fisher Road with about 100 beds. Services will be provided in early to mid-April. Community Action will hold an event at Central High School about the services to be provided at a new youth shelter in Monmouth, financed through the YHDP grant. Mr. Jones noted that several new housing units are being developed through a grant from the Oregon Health Authority. The City of Salem Navigation Center is close to completion and everyone will be invited to events on March 21 and 23. The anticipated opening of the Navigation Center will be the end of March or beginning of April. He acknowledged DevNW as a partner for Evergreen Veteran apartments at 905 Cottage Street, with a groundbreaking on February 21. He expressed appreciation for the letter of support provided by the Continuum of Care for shelter beds to close the gap.

Councilor Corr noted that the event in Monmouth is the first formal community event. It will be held on February 16 at 6 PM in the library at Central High School. She stated that there was another informal event at The Gate and that community responses have been positive and invited everyone to support this effort. She noted the micro-shelter tour at Grand Ronde tomorrow afternoon and asked for an update at the next board meeting.

Ms. Wolf stated that United Way had the opportunity to partner with Polk County in the development of the first transitional shelter in Dallas and congratulated Polk County on the new facility. Commissioner Gordon added that it is spacious, and the county will be partnering with DHS Self-Sufficiency and their navigation team for stabilization services.

Nicole Utz gave an update for Salem Housing Authority. She stated that there will be a grand opening event for Yaquina Hall on April 5. The agency is working on a move-in process and will begin leasing up in early May. The walls are going up on Sequoia Crossing.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Gordon adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.