MINUTES OF November 9, 2023

MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE (MWVHA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ORS 190 ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOINT MEETING
Hybrid meeting: MWVCOG Conference Room 100 High St SE, Salem, OR 97301 and via Zoom

MWVHA BOARD
MEMBERS PRESENT
CHAIR: Commissioner Jeremy Gordon, Polk County
VICE CHAIR: Mayor Chris Hoy, City of Salem
Councilor Shannon Corr, City of Independence
Mayor Cathy Clark, City of Keizer
Councilor Christopher Lopez, City of Monmouth
Tribal Councilwoman Lisa Leno, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Leilani Slama, Chief Communications and Community Relations Officer, Salem Health
Rhonda Wolf, CEO, United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley
Dan Clem, Executive Director, Union Gospel Mission
Christine Sommer for Jason Icenbice, Marion County Housing Authority
Ashley Hamilton for Jimmy Jones, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MWVCAA)
Nicole Utz, Housing Administrator, Salem Housing Authority
Amber Brady for David Zepeda, Subject Matter Expert

MEMBERS ABSENT
Commissioner Danielle Bethell, Marion County
David Zepeda, Subject Matter Expert
Ian Dixon-McDonald, Vice President of Programs, Marion Polk Food Share; Co-Chair, CoC Collaborative Committee
Kloi Spencer, Chair, Backbone (CoC's Youth Action Board)
Renee Pfeffer, Navigator, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
Zaira Flores Marin, PacificSource Community Solutions
Adam Mennig, Director, Academic Development, Chemeketa Community College; Co-Chair, CoC Collaborative Committee
Christy Perry, former Superintendent representing the Salem-Keizer School District
Jason Icenbice, Executive Director, Marion County Housing Authority
Christian Edelblute, Executive Director, West Valley Housing Authority
Eric Enderle, Veteran Services Officer, Polk County Veteran Services

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STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT
Tricia Frizzell, Salem Health
Jan Calvin, MWVHA Consultant
Deanna Gwyn, City of Salem Councilor
Linda Hansen, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG) Admin Support Coordinator
Elaine Lozier, MWVHA Executive Director
Sam Dompier, Church at the Park
Judy Smith, HomeShare Oregon
Brook B
Councilor Judy Hoy, City of Salem
Lisa Trauernicht, LisaMostly Consulting

WELCOME
Chair Gordon called the joint meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The presence of a quorum for the MWVHA and ORS 190 Board was noted. He shared that the Executive Committee had discussed how to improve the Board meetings, which included a Consent Agenda for the ORS 190 entity. By request, an item may be pulled out of the Consent Agenda for discussion. The group chat function will be returned to Zoom, with the chat saved with the minutes. Gordon also encouraged people to attend in person if possible.

CONSENT AGENDA
Chair Gordon requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
MOTION: By Mayor Hoy, **SECONDED** by Mayor Clark, to **APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED.**
(1) agenda
(2) 10-19-23 joint board meeting minutes
(3) accept the resignation of Dan Clem (Union Gospel Mission) from the Performance & Evaluation Committee, Danielle Bethell (Marion County) from the Point-In-Time Workgroup, Alisa Nelson (Mid- Willamette Valley Community Action Agency) from the HMIS Users Workgroup
(4) Appoint Jamie Knueppel (Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency) to the HMIS Users Workgroup
(5) re-appoint Chase B., Domonique G., Mayra G., Ari M., Isaiah M., Evelyn N., Kloi S, and Spencer W. to Backbone (Youth Action Board).
Discussion: None.

Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Corr, Clark, Lopez, Leno, Slama, Wolf, Sommer, Hamilton, Utz, Brady.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

ORS 190 ENTITY CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Gordon requested a motion to approve the ORS 190 Entity Consent Agenda.
MOTION: By Mayor Hoy, **SECONDED** by Leno, to **APPROVE THE ORS 190 ENTITY CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED.**
(1) ratify letter terminating IGA with Polk County for fiscal services related to the governor's emergency order
(2) contract amendment with OHCS to increase the contract amount by $850,000 and increase the Rapid Rehousing goal by 24 households
(3) consider approval of contract amendments with Sable House, Sheltering Silverton and Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency for Rapid Rehousing efforts
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Corr, Clark, Leno. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSTAINED:** Lopez.

ORS 190 ENTITY AGENDA

Consider approval of contract amendment with Church at the Park. Lozier explained the proposed contract amendment with the shelter now being for individuals and families and an adjusted timeframe with the target opening date amended to May 1, 2024.
MOTION: By Mayor Hoy, **SECONDED** by Councilor Corr, to **APPROVE THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH CHURCH AT THE PARK AS AMENDED.**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Corr, Clark, Leno, Lopez. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

WILLAMETTE HEALTH COUNCIL ALLIANCE BOARD MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATION

Gordon explained that the WHC would like to join the MWVHA Board of Directors with Josie Silverman-Mendez serving as the designated representative. She has previously been active with the MWVHA.
MOTION: By Mayor Clark, **SECONDED:** by Clem, **TO APPROVE THE WILLAMETTE HEALTH COUNCIL BE ADDED TO THE MWVHA AND THAT JOSIE SILVERMAN MENDEZ SERVE AS THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.**
Discussion: Mayor Clark appreciates Josie Silverman-Mendez returning to the MWVHA as a subject matter expert.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Corr, Clark, Lopez, Leno, Slama, Wolf, Sommer, Hamilton, Utz, Brady.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

ANNUAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Gordon introduced Lisa Trauernicht, MWVHA Consultant, to make a presentation about the Annual Needs Assessment. This assessment is required by HUD to identify community needs related to housing and homelessness and is intended to inform strategic planning. The assessment utilized both quantitative data (e.g., HMIS) and qualitative data (e.g., key informant interviews) to show community needs.

Clem said that the reality on the streets is that drugs and fentanyl play a huge part and that recovery from addiction is an important part of the equation.

GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND MULTI AGENCY COORDINATION (MAC) GROUP UPDATES

Calvin said that providers are finetuning projections as things need to be turned in quickly to the State. Work needs to take place to see how the long term rental assistance program will take place locally.

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT CONSIDERATIONS

Lozier discussed options for the 2024 Unsheltered PIT count. She shared three possible paths along with the pros and cons.

Lozier's recommendation was to not conduct a 2024 unsheltered count given concerns about integrity of data and methodology. She suggested budgeting for future annual count and having a methodology responsive to communities needs across the region. Lozier shared significant concerns about a lack of necessary training for volunteers and staff to conduct the unsheltered PIT Count in a trauma informed manner. The suggestion was made to use HMIS data for real time information that was more humanizing.

MOTION: By Councilor Lopez, **SECONDED:** by Wolf, **TO NOT CONDUCT A 2024 UNSHELTERED PIT COUNT**

Discussion: Need to start now to plan for the 2025 Unsheltered PIT Count.

Motion carried.

IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Corr, Clark, Lopez, Leno, Slama, Wolf, Sommer, Hamilton, Utz, Brady.

OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

JURISDICTIONAL/ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Mayor Clark: Miracle of Lights will start December 1 in the Gubser neighborhood. Donations to Marion Polk Food share will be collected. Volunteers are needed at the collection site.

Wolf told the group Safe Sleep is nearing the completion of their renovation, providing 50 beds for women in need. This was part of the EO grant. Broke ground on the senior cottages on Market Street.

Gordon: WOU has an event November 15 to bring awareness about homelessness.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

Zoom chat conversation from November 9 meeting.

Shannon Corr

32:13
SC
Any chance we can invest in an OWL so we can see who in the room is speaking?

Judy Smith

32:43
JS
Great suggestion Shannon

Jan Calvin

37:42
JC
Shannon - COG just bought an owl :)

Judy Smith

43:44
JS
I would love to get more information on the 'Affordable Housing Conference

Judy Smith

49:30
JS
Home Share Oregon is a great option for people who cannot afford market rate apartments

Jan Calvin

50:43
JC
https://mwvhomelessalliance.org/shaping-the-future-conference/

Tricia Frizzell - Salem Health

53:52
TF
Its important to distinguish between minor youth and transitional aged youth (18 - 24) in our language, services and data. Is that taken into account through the assessment?

Jan Calvin

53:55
JC
CAA HOME Youth Services operates Taylor's House (10 beds) for youth under 18. CATP's new 38-bed micro-shelter village serves 18-24
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Shannon Corr

55:33
SC

Lisa can you point me in the direction of more info on Home Share Oregon?

Judy Smith

56:01

JS

The link for the affordable housing conference is for the 2023 event. Is there a link for 2024?

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Elaine Lozier

57:27

EL

Judy, that was a one-time conference, so we only have information for 2023.

Judy Smith

58:07

JS

Thanks Elaine. I think I learned about it two days after it happened. I hope they do it again

Jan Calvin

01:05:53

JC

Homelessness, particularly long-term unsheltered homelessness also contributes to mental health problems and substance use disorders.

Judy Smith

01:06:07

JS

What is unclear, is whether the mental health challenges happen before someone becomes unhoused, which can be true - but being unhoused can cause mental health challenges as well. I appreciate the compassion expressed that we need to be aware that not all mental health issues are the same.

Judy Smith

01:08:50

JS

How can you strategically assist an underserved population unless you know who they are in your particular community?

Judy Smith

01:18:28

JS

I have found that 70% of our participants - both home providers and home seekers - are over the age of 60. Primarily women

Shannon Corr

01:30:06

SC

I would not be able to be a co-chair this year.

Tricia Frizzell - Salem Health

01:44:52

TF

Another aspect to consider is that in 2024 the Community Health Needs Assessment will be conducted (this is a collaborative effort). The survey questions are being developed now. There is an opportunity to ensure 1-2 housing questions are included. This could provide basic data to be added to the Youth Count, HMIS etc.

Judy Smith

02:00:07

JS

I need to move on to my next commitment. Thanks for your work to support your community. You are appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Gordon adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Jeremy Gordon, MWVHA Chair & ORS 190 Entity President — Date: 12-14-23

Attested:

Elaine Lozier, MWVHA Executive Director — Date: 12-14-23