MINUTES OF September 19, 2024

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 Micki Varney, City of Salem
Matt Lawyer for Commissioner Danielle Bethell, Marion County
Mayor Cathy Clark, City of Keizer
Councilor Christopher Lopez, City of Monmouth
Councilor Kathy Martin-Willis, City of Independence
Christy Perry, former Superintendent representing the Salem-Keizer School District
Dan Clem, Executive Director, Union Gospel Mission
Tribal Councilwoman Lisa Leno, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Renee Pfeffer, Navigator, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
Leilani Slama, Chief Communications and Community Relations Officer, Salem Health
Josie Silverman-Méndez, Deputy Director, Willamette Health Council
Nicole Utz, Housing Administrator, Salem Housing Authority
Amber Brady for David Zepeda, Subject Matter Expert
Sarah White, Co-Chair, CoC Collaborative Committee
Jason Icenbice, Executive Director, Marion County Housing Authority (MCHA)
Eric Enderle, Veteran Services Officer, Polk County Veteran Services

MEMBERS ABSENT
Commissioner Danielle Bethell, Marion County
Rhonda Wolf, CEO, United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley
Zaira Flores Marin, PacificSource Community Solutions
Christine Sommer, MCHA, Co-Chair, CoC Collaborative Committee
David Zepeda, Subject Matter Expert
Rhonda Wolf, CEO, United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley
Christian Edelblute, Executive Director, West Valley Housing Authority
Jimmy Jones, Executive Director, MWVCAA

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STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT
Elaine Lozier, MWVHA Executive Director
Linda Hansen, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG) Admin Support Coordinator
Amber Mathiesen, MWVCOG Finance Director
Devan Esch, REDW Principal
Josh Quinn, REDW Audit and Assurance Manager
Joanathan Mcilroy, Salem Keizer Public Schools Executive Director of Strategy and Analytics
Laury Hall, MWVCAA
Sara Webb, MWVCAA
Tricia Frizzell, Salem Health
Chris Barber, Curandi

WELCOME
Vice Chair Hoy 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.

ALLIANCE BOARD CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION: By Clem, **SECONDED** by Clark, **APPROVE THE ALLIANCE ACTION BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.**
1. Agenda;
2. 08-01-2024 joint board meeting minutes
3. 08-08-2024 special joint board meeting minutes
4. 08-21-2024 joint board meeting with Collaborative Committee
5. Accept the resignation of Michael Livingston from the Performance and Evaluation Committee;
6. Appoint Jared Valet (MWVCAA), Mercedes Thorington (MWVCAA), Eli Calvillo (Youth Era) and Faye Sanders (Youth Era) to the HMIS Users Workgroup;
7. Appoint McRae Carmichael (MWVCOG), Melissa Anderson (Oregon Health Authority), Nancy Pine (VetCare), Angela Roman (unaffiliated), Ian Dixon-McDonald (Marion-Polk Food Share), Amber Duncan (Salem Comprehensive Treatment Center), Michael Nolley (unaffiliated), Sarah White (Sheltering Silverton), T.J. Putnam (Family Promise), Stephen Goins (Northwest Human Services), Carol McKiel (City of Monmouth), Ari M (Backbone), Ah'ana R (Backbone), River W (Backbone), Mayra G (Backbone), and Samantha N (Backbone) to the Review & Recommendations Committee on pages 30-48); and

8. Approve the letter of support for Community Education and Business Leaders' application to the Meyer Memorial Trust for expansion of Neighborhood Family Councils.
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Varney, Lawyer, Clark, Lopez, Martin-Willis, Perry, Clem, Leno, Pfeffer, Slama, Silverman-Méndez, Flores Marin.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

ORS 190 ENTITY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

Lopez and Gordon mentioned potential conflicts of interest with a couple of items on the ORS 190 Board Consent Agenda and Perry asked a question about one of the items, so the decision was made to consider the items individually.
MOTION: By Clark, **SECONDED** by Perry, to **RATIFY THE LETTERS OF INTENT FOR THE COC PROGRAM NOFO, AS PRESENTED.**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Hoy, Lawyer, Clark, Martin-Willis, Perry, Leno.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** Gordon, Lopez.

MOTION: By Martin-Willis, **SECONDED** by Gordon, to **APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH CHURCH AT THE PARK FOR CONTINUED SERVICES INITIATED BY THE GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY ORDER.**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Hoy, Lawyer, Clark, Martin-Willis, Perry, Leno, Gordon, Lopez.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

MOTION: By Clark, **SECONDED** by Martin-Willis, to **RATIFY THE AMENDMENT WITH MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FOR CONTINUED SERVICES INITIATED BY THE GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY ORDER.**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Hoy, Lawyer, Clark, Martin-Willis, Perry, Leno.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** Gordon, Lopez.

MOTION: By Perry, **SECONDED** by Gordon, to **APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH MARIANNE BRADSHAW TO SUPPORT THE POINT-IN-TIME COUNT.**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Hoy, Lawyer, Clark, Martin-Willis, Perry, Leno, Gordon, Lopez.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

MOTION: By Martin-Willis, **SECONDED** by Clark, to **APPROVE THE CASH MATCH LETTERS FOR HMIS AND CE RENEWAL AND EXPANSION GRANT APPLICATIONS.**
Discussion: None.

Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Hoy, Lawyer, Clark, Martin-Willis, Perry, Leno, Gordon, Lopez.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

FY 2023-2024 AUDIT PRESENTATION & ORS 190 ACTION TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT
Devan Esch, REDW Principal and Josh Quinn, REDW Audit and Assurance Manager walked through the audit, complimenting Kyle Robertson, MWVCOG Senior Accountant on his drafting of the financial statements. Nothing of material substance was found. Lozier shared that the accounting was transferred to QuickBooks this year.
MOTION: By Gordon, **SECONDED** by Clark, to **ACCEPT THE AUDIT, AS PRESENTED.**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Hoy, Lawyer, Clark, Martin-Willis, Perry, Leno, Gordon, Lopez.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

PERFORMANCE & EVALUATION TASKFORCE APPOINTMENT ALLIANCE ACTION
Appoint Dan Clem (UGM), Jeremy Gordon (Polk County), Leilani Slama (Salem Health), Aryn Walker (Marion County), Josie Silverman-Méndez (Willamette Health Council), and Margie Lowe (Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub) to the Performance and Evaluation Taskforce
MOTION: By Perry, **SECONDED** by Clem, to **APPOINT THE PEOPLE NAMED ABOVE TO THE PERFORMANCE & EVALUATION TASKFORCE.**
Discussion: There was a timeline question with a request for a staff report prior to the first meeting of the taskforce in October or November.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Varney, Lawyer, Clark, Lopez, Martin-Willis, Perry, Clem, Leno, Pfeffer, Slama, Silverman-Méndez, Flores Marin.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION/MULTI AGENCY COORDINATION (MAC) GROUP UPDATES & ORS 190 ACTION
Lozier presented an update on Long Term Rent Assistance (LTRA), requested input on approach, and a recommendation to approve contract with MWVCAA. After providing background information, Lozier presented on funding considerations and recommended approaches to fulfill commitments made through the Board and State-approved LTRA Plan. Lozier sought feedback on approaches and recommended approval of contract with MWVCAA to continue serving the 100 clients rehoused during the Emergency Order. White stated that families with children need help and that places need to be accessible throughout the area. Lopez and Gordon stated organization conflicts.
3. Advancing equity and reducing barriers. Gordon and Lopez declared a conflict and didn't participate in the conversation.

Lozier summarized her recommendations
MOTION: By Perry, **SECONDED** by Clark, to **APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH THE MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FOR HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES ROLE.**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Hoy, Lawyer, Clark, Martin-Willis, Perry, Leno.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** Gordon, Lopez.

JURISDICTIONAL/ORGANIZATION UPDATES

- Perry introduced Jonathan Mcilroy, Salem Keizer Public Schools Executive Director of Strategy and Analytics who will be taking over the SKPS position on the Board.
- Silverman-Mendez shared that they are wrapping up the 3rd component of the Regional Health Assessment.
- White shared that they moved 9 people into permanent housing and that Silverton's Mayor is retiring from his day job and might be more involved with the Alliance in the future.
- Utz stated that new fair market rents for the area will be posted soon on the Salem Housing website. They receive about 700 phone calls a day.
- Hoy let the group know that the Rivenwood Apartments are opening and that a lot is going on with housing in Salem.
- Lopez stated that Monmouth has hired Rochelle Roaden as its new City Manager and is working on an economic impact study.
- Clem shared that One Table Salem, a large resource fair, will take place on October 5.
- Gordon let people know about the Falls City Resource Center Open House coming up.
- Martin-Willis shared that she is struggling with the pushback from people who don't want to allow even one night of camping in Independence.
- Clark mentioned that the Rec Grange is available for youth and young adults.
- Lozier shared that the 2nd Annual Vision Dinner will be November 1 at the Keizer Civic Center, benefitting Soaring Heights Recovery Home.

OTHER BUSINESS
None.

Zoom chat conversation from September 19 meeting.

14:55:30 From Elaine Lozier : Hello everyone! We will get going in a few minutes.
14:55:41 From Christopher Lopez (he/him) : Sounds great, thank you!
14:57:31 From Christopher Lopez (he/him) : Please accept my apologies for attending virtually, I've been ill this week and while I'm mostly better I didn't want to risk spreading it.
14:58:00 From Elaine Lozier : Replying to "Please accept my apo..."

No problem, Councilor Lopez!

14:59:00 From Christopher Lopez (he/him) : Reacted to "No problem, Councilo..." with 👍
15:01:39 From LRSLAM : I really like the new format of the agenda, Elaine!
15:04:29 From Elaine Lozier : Replying to "I really like the ne..."

Thank you for the feedback!
15:18:33 From Elaine Lozier : FYI, the MWVHA Annual Financial Report was sent out with the meeting packet, but it not included in the packet.
16:13:07 From Matt Lawyer, Senior Policy Analyst, Marion County : since there are no additional actions, I need to run. Association of Oregon Counties conference this week. Lots to do. Thank you!
16:21:58 From Sarah White : Forgot to mention that Silverton just signed an MOU with Hacienda for a 36 unit low-income housing project on public land.
16:22:14 From Elaine Lozier : Reacted to "Forgot to mention th..." with 🎉
16:26:09 From Nicole Utz, Salem Housing Authority : Reacted to "Forgot to mention th..." with 🎉
16:26:23 From Christy Perry : Reacted to "Forgot to mention th..." with 🩶
16:26:30 From Christy Perry : Reacted to "I really like the ne..." with 🩶
16:27:39 From Josie Silverman-Mendez (she/her), Willamette Health Council : All, I need to roll off. Thanks for a productive meeting!

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Gordon adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

Jeremy Gordon, MWVHA Chair & ORS 190 Entity President — Date: 10-24-24

Attested:

Elaine Lozier, MWVHA Executive Director — Date: 10-24-24