Joint Meeting Minutes of:

MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE (MWVHA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS;
ORS 190 ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Location(s):
February 19, 2025
Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Government
100 High St SE, Salem, OR 97301
And
Via teleconference (Zoom)

MWVHA BOARD

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair, Polk County, Commissioner, Jeremy Gordon
Vice Chair, Marion County, Commissioner, Danielle Bethell
City of Independence, City Councilor, Kathy Martin-Willis (Alt – Shannon Corr)
City of Keizer, City Councilor, Soraida Cross
City of Monmouth, City Councilor, Christopher Lopez (Alt– John Oberst)
City of Salem, Mayor, Julie Hoy
City of Salem, City Councilor, Shane Matthews
CoC Collaborative Committee, Co-Chair, Christine Sommer
CoC Collaborative Committee, Co-Chair, Sarah White
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Tribal Council Member, Lisa Leno
Mid-Willamette Valley Comm Action Agency, Deputy Executive Director, Ashley Hamilton
PacificSource Comm Solutions Dir, Marion & Polk Counties CCO, Zaira Flores Marin (Alt– Skye Hibbard-Swanson)
Salem Health, Chief Comms and Cmty Relations Officer, Leilani Slama (Alt– Tricia Frizzel)
Salem Housing Authority, Housing Administrator, Nicole Utz
Salem-Keizer School District 24J, Former Superintendent, Christy Perry (Alt– Jonathan McIlroy)
Union Gospel Mission, Executive Director, Dan Clem
United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley, CEO, Rhonda Wolf

MEMBERS ABSENT

City of Independence, City Councilor, Kathy Martin-Willis
CoC Collaborative Committee, Subject Matter Expert, David Zepeda
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, LEAD Navigator, Renee Pfeffer
Marion County Housing Authority, Executive Director, Jason Icenbice
PacificSource Community Solutions Director, Marion & Polk Counties CCO, Zaira Flores Marin (Alt – Skye Hibbard-Swanson
Polk County Veteran Services, Veteran Services Officer, Eric Enderle
Salem Health, Chief Communications and Community Relations Officer, Leilani Slama
West Valley Housing Authority, Executive Director, Christian Edelblute
Willamette Health Council, Deputy Director, Josie Silverman-Méndez

ORS 190 ENTITY BOARD

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City of Monmouth, City Councilor, Christopher Lopez (Alt– John Oberst)
City of Salem, Mayor, Julie Hoy
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Tribal Council Member, Lisa Leno
Salem-Keizer School District 24J, Former Superintendent, Christy Perry

MEMBERS ABSENT

City of Independence, City Councilor, Kathy Martin-Willis

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT

Center for Hope and Safety, Ashley Carson
Center for Hope and Safety, Sara Brennen
City of Independence, Shannon Corr
City of Keizer, Mayor, Cathy Clark
City of Monmouth, John Oberst
Marion County, Heather Inyama
MWVCAA, Breezy Poynor
MWVHA, Cassie Bay
MWVHA, Emily Mewbourn
MWVHA, Jan Calvin
MWVHA, Misty Sorte
Pacific Source, Skye Hibbard-Swanson
Salem Health, Tricia Frizzel
Salem Keizer School District 24J, Johnathan McIlroy

WECOME

Chair Gordon called the joint meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.. The presence of a quorum for the MWVHA and ORS 190 Board was noted.

ALLIANCE BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. 2/13/25 Agenda;
2. 1/09/25 joint MWVHA-ORS 190 Entity Board of Directors mtg. minutes;
3. Resignation of Dominique Schoessler (Shangri-La) from HMIS Users Workgroup;
4. Appointment of Erika Bush (Shangri-La) to HMIS Users Workgroup;
5. Letter of support for WestCare SSVF program grant application;
6. Letter of support for WestCare GPD-CM CTI program grant application; and
7. Appointment of Danielle Bethell to MWVHA Vice-Chair officer position by Chair Gordon.

MOTION TO APPROVE MWVHA CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY: CLEM

Seconded by: Wolf
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

ORS 190 CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. 1/30/25 joint CoC Executive Committee-ORS 190 Entity minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MWVHA CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY: BETHELL

Seconded by: Lopez
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ALLIANCE/ORS 190 BUSINESS

LTRA HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

PRESENTATION

Calvin provided updates to the Long-Term Rental Assistance (LTRA) program:

LTRA Policies
Proposed changes to LTRA policies including updated utility allowance schedules, unit habitability inspection options, clarification on household composition changes, and intake process updates.

Supportive Services providers and contract caps
Addition of 37 households to receive supportive services from Center for Hope and Safety, Sable House, and Shangri-La, with rent paid through LTRA.

Contract Template Amendment
Proposed contract template for supportive services providers.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Bethell asked about metrics for measuring success of supportive services and ensuring households transition to other resources when appropriate. Jan noted current limitations but said project monitoring would address this in the future.

MOTION TO APPROVE LTRA POLICY UPDATES, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROVIDERS AND CONTRACT CAPS AND CONTRACT TEMPLATE MADE BY COUNCILOR CORE

Seconded by: Clem
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: Lopez

PRESENTATION

Calvin continued sharing updates on the LTRA programs and proposed the ORS 190 Entity approve the MWVCAA contract amendment to increase funding and change the start date.

MOTION TO APPROVE LTRA POLICY UPDATES, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROVIDERS AND CONTRACT CAPS, CONTRACT TEMPLATE, AND CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION MADE BY **COUNCILOR OBERST**

Seconded by: Bethell
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: Lopez

TRAINING & TECHNICVAL ASSISTANCE RFP

UPDATE

Calvin provided updates on the Training and Technical Assistance RFP and recommended the following:

1. Appointing Hannah Shooting Bear, Brianna Hatchell, Megan Perez, Luis Nunez, Jackie Leung, Dolores Segura, and Helena Jones to the Training & Technical Assistance Review & Recommendations Committee.
2. Lowering the required number of review members on the Review and Recommendation Committee from six to four due to potential conflicts of interest and the tight timeline.
3. Appoint the CoC Executive Committee as the Appeals Committee for this project.

MOTION TO APPROVE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RFP AGENDA ITEMS 1-3 AS PRESENTED BY: **BETHELL**

Seconded by: Lopez
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

LTRA FUNDED EQUITY ANALYSIS

UPDATE

Calvin presented on proposed equity analysis funded by LTRA:

- Comparison study of racial disparities from February 2023 to present

- Creation of short-term ad hoc equity work group to guide analysis
- Analysis to examine equity/disparities in referrals, assessments, housing enrollment, move-in dates, and retention

DISCUSSION

Dan Clem asked questions about how improvements in disparities would be measured and concerns about potential bias in assessment tools.

MOTION TO CREATE AD HOC EQUITY WORK GROUP AND APPROVE PROPOSED CHARTER MADE BY: **COMMISSIONER BETHELL**

Seconded by: Lopez
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

ORS 190 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

NOMINATIONS

Chair Gordon opened nominations for ORS 190 President. Lopez nominated Commissioner Bethell. No other nominations were made

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMISSIONER BETHELL AS ORS 190 VICE PRESIDENT BY CONSENSUS MADE: **BY LOPEZ**

Seconded by: Hoy
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR ROLE

RECOMMENDATION:

Gordon provided information on the Board Administrator role and recommended approving Misty Sorte, MWVHA Executive Director, as Board Administrator for ORS 190 Entity.

MOTION TO APPOINT MISTY SORTE AS BOARD ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE ORS 190 ENTITY MADE **BY: BETHELL**

Seconded by: Hoy
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Commissioner Bethell highlighted House Bill 3079 in the Oregon legislature, which directs a study on youth homelessness funding. She encouraged board members to review and submit testimony.

Chair Gordon mentioned a film screening on senior homelessness at Western Oregon University that evening.

Councilor Lopez noted a positive Statesman Journal article about the Point-in-Time count and David's House in Monmouth.

Jan Calvin shared that Brianna Hatchell, appointed to the R&R committee, was profiled in the Salem Reporter regarding her journey to sobriety through the Marion County LEAD program.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

15:00:35 From Councilor Shannon Corr, Independence to Homeless Alliance(direct message) : I'm going to be off camera for a bit. eating lunch.

15:01:15 From John Oberst, Monmouth Council; Lopez alternate to Homeless Alliance(direct message) : There is an echo (echo, echo), in here (here, here).

15:01:18 From Soraida Cross to Homeless Alliance(direct message) : My votes will be via chat in hospital

15:01:48 From Soraida Cross to Homeless Alliance(direct message) : Soraida Cross here

15:06:57 From Homeless Alliance to Soraida Cross(direct message) : Replying to "My votes will be via..."

ok sounds good

15:09:18 From Soraida Cross to Homeless Alliance(direct message) : I will turn on volume as needed and to vote thank you

15:18:19 From Councilor Shannon Corr, Independence to Homeless Alliance(direct message) : Thanks for the links. Very helpful!

15:18:34 From Homeless Alliance to Councilor Shannon Corr, Independence(direct message) : Reacted to "Thanks for the links..." with 👍

15:33:03 From Homeless Alliance to Christy Perry, on behalf of Salem-Keizer Public Schools(direct message) : Johathan just logged on FYI:)

15:37:22 From Christy Perry, on behalf of Salem-Keizer Public Schools to Homeless Alliance(direct message) : Thank you! He will take over after this vote.

15:37:29 From Homeless Alliance to Christy Perry, on behalf of Salem-Keizer Public Schools(direct message) : Reacted to "Thank you! He will t..." with 👍

15:37:51 From Ashley Carson, Center for Hope & Safety to Homeless Alliance(direct message) : Thank you!

15:38:27 From John Oberst, Monmouth Council; Lopez alternate to Homeless Alliance(direct message) : Thank you all; signing off!

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gordon adjourned the board meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Jeremy Gordon, MWVHA Chair & ORS 190 President — Date: 3-13-25

Misty Sorte, MWVHA Executive Director — Date: 3.13.25