MINUTES OF March 14, 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: Chris Hoy, City of Salem
Commissioner Danielle Bethell, Marion County
Mayor Cathy Clark, City of Keizer
Councilor Christopher Lopez, City of Monmouth
Councilor Kathy Martin-Willis, City of Independence
Leilani Slama, Chief Communications and Community Relations Officer, Salem Health
Rhonda Wolf, CEO, United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley
Christy Perry, former Superintendent representing the Salem-Keizer School District
Dan Clem, Executive Director, Union Gospel Mission
Renee Pfeffer, Navigator, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
Nicole Utz, Housing Administrator, Salem Housing Authority
Ian Dixon-McDonald, Vice President of Programs, Marion Polk Food Share; Co-Chair, CoC Collaborative Committee
Jimmy Jones, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MWVCAA)
Eric Enderle, Veteran Services Officer, Polk County Veteran Services
Amber Brady for David Zepeda
Trisha Kumar for Josie Silverman-Mendez, Willamette Health Council

MEMBERS ABSENT
Josie Silverman-Mendez, Deputy Director, Willamette Health Council
David Zepeda, Subject Matter Expert
Tribal Councilwoman Lisa Leno, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Zaira Flores Marin, PacificSource Community Solutions
Adam Mennig, Director, Academic Development, Chemeketa Community College; Co-Chair, CoC Collaborative Committee
Jason Icenbice, Executive Director, Marion County Housing Authority (MCHA)
Christian Edelblute, Executive Director, West Valley Housing Authority

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STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT
Ashley Duda
Ashley Hamilton, MWVCAA
Brian
Carol Christ Dallas
Christine Sommer, MCHA
DJ Vincent, CATP
Elaine Lozier, MWVHA Executive Director
Elliott Lapinel, Performance and Evaluation Committee
George Martin, Homebase
Jan Calvin, MWVHA Consultant
Jodi Russell
Joy Dickinson, Dickinson Consultants
Judy Smith, Home Share OR
Councilor Julie Hoy, City of Salem
Linda Hansen, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG) Admin Support Coordinator
Lynelle
M Ball
Michael Linda
Michael Livingston, Performance and Evaluation Committee
Mickey
Rachel McKee
Robert Davies
Sarah Owens, CANDO Neighborhood Association
Sarah White
Tim Weese
Trisha Kumar
Tricia Frizzell, Salem Health
Councilor Virginia Stapleton, City of Salem

WELCOME
Chair Gordon called the joint meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. The presence of a quorum for the MWVHA and ORS 190 Board was noted.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: By Hoy, **SECONDED** by Slama, to **APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED.**
(1) agenda
(2) 02/8/2024 joint board meeting minutes
(3) accept the resignation of Andrea Soemadi (Easterseals) from the Coordinated Entry Committee;
(4) accept Backbone's recommendation to remove Rory L. and Aiden S from Backbone; and
(5) appoint Wyatt Sloan (Easterseals) to the Coordinated Entry Committee.
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Bethell, Clark, Lopez, Martin-Willis, Slama, Wolf, Perry, Clem, Pfeffer, Brady.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elliott Lapinel: Former HMIS Systems Administrator is concerned that his concerns aren't reaching the Board. He feels that he has found errors with numerous clients removed from the by-name list.

Michael Livingston, Performance & Evaluation Committee (P&E): Made the recommendation to give a member of the P&E Committee a HMIS license and access to data. Both the committee and the City of Salem have requested licenses, but said that he had heard that staff will recommend against granting those licenses.

Chair Gordon commented he would invite a conversation with the P&E chair.

COORDINATED ENTRY UPDATES

Lozier and Martin, who works with Homebase and is consulting to help with the coordinated entry transition, spoke about the upcoming changes to the system. By June 30 2024, MWVCAA will no longer be managing coordinated entry for the area. There are several different options for running coordinated entry. Due to the transition, a decentralized model is necessary for the time being. A two-cohort approach is planned, with three agencies undergoing training first, with a larger group being trained later through an open application process and targeted recruitment. Lozier is currently working with MWVCAA to arrange a training for assessors, looking at hiring coordinated entry support staff and meeting with the Coordinated Entry Committee to discuss decision points.
Chair Gordon thanked MWVCAA for their help over the past years with coordinated entry and appreciates those in the first cohort for their willingness to serve in this way.

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

Lozier recommended against the board making a decision about the Church at the Park's (CATP) Polk County proposal at this meeting. DJ Vincent, CATP Pastor and Director, presented a timeline for rural Polk County projects and responded to several questions about the number of beds at the home in Dallas and other clarifications. Vincent feels that the home could be

divided into a duplex that houses up to 12 people in two different units plus additional trailers sited on the property. Calvin responded to Vice-Chair Hoy's question about any commitments to Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) regarding the number of rural shelter beds and stated that there weren't any specific rural commitments. Calvin also stated that the money needs to be fully spent by June 30, 2025. Vincent proposed a second site in Monmouth which could serve about 20 people, thus serving two rural communities. Calvin outlined the Board's decision points regarding potentially approving a change in the scope of work for the CATP Dallas site and the new Monmouth site as well as other options for the funds. Chair Gordon suggested making a decision on this topic at the April Board meeting.

Long Term Rental Assistance Program (LTRA): SB5511 created a LTRA program to help those who had been housed through the Executive Order. Calvin shared background on the allocation, the plan, the 13 people in the LTRA Workgroup, and the timeline. There will be a process to recommend an LTRA Administrator, handled by a Review and Recommendations (R&R) Committee.

MOTION: By Hoy, **SECONDED** by Pfeffer, to **APPROVE THE TIMELINE FOR COMPLETING THE LOCAL LTRA COMMUNITY PLAN.**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Bethell, Clark, Lopez, Martin-Willis, Slama, Wolf, Perry, Clem, Pfeffer, Brady.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
MOTION: By Hoy, **SECONDED** by Clark, to **APPROVE THE PROPOSED PROCESS FOR IDENTIFYING THE LTRA PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, INCLUDING THE SCORING TOOL.**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Bethell, Clark, Lopez, Martin-Willis, Slama, Wolf, Perry, Clem, Pfeffer, Brady.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
MOTION: By Bethel, **SECONDED** by Clark, to **APPOINT BRENT DEMOE, AMBER BRADY, JAYNE DOWNING, IAN DIXON-MCDONALD, RENE PFEFFER, ADAM MENNING AND JACKIE LEUNG TO AN R & R COMMITTEE.**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Bethell, Clark, Lopez, Martin-Willis, Slama, Wolf, Perry, Clem, Pfeffer, Brady.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
MOTION: By Bethel, **SECONDED** by Pfeffer, to **APPOINT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ACT AS THE APPEALS COMMITTEE.**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Bethell, Clark, Lopez, Martin-Willis, Slama, Wolf, Perry, Clem, Pfeffer, Brady.

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

MOTION: By Hoy, **SECONDED** by Perry, **FOR THE ORS 190 ENTITY TO RATIFY THE CONTRACTS WITH OREGON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR LTRA.**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Bethell, Clark, Lopez, Perry.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

The Oregon Rehousing Initiative, formerly known as Special Purpose Appropriation (SPA): Calvin outlined recommendations. Chair Gordon asked for clarification on whether people were still eligible for interim housing and Calvin said that they were. Sarah White requested more transparency regarding eligibility and process for placement. The availability of assessments with the new coordinated entry process is important. A community plan needs to be developed. The recommendation was made to issue a low barrier RFP for renewal and new applications.

MOTION: By Perry, **SECONDED** by Hoy, to **APPROVE DIVERSIFIED STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTING OREGON REHOUSING INITIATIVE (ORI)**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Bethell, Clark, Lopez, Martin-Willis, Slama, Wolf, Perry, Clem, Pfeffer, Brady.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
MOTION: By Hoy, **SECONDED** by Perry, to **APPROVE CONTENT OF SPA/ORI PLANNING TEMPLATE.**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Bethell, Clark, Lopez, Martin-Willis, Slama, Wolf, Perry, Clem, Pfeffer, Brady.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
MOTION: By Mayor Hoy, **SECONDED** by Clark, to **APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY TIMELINE AND APPROACH TO RFP FOR RENEWAL AND NEW APPLICATIONS.**
Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Bethell, Clark, Lopez, Martin-Willis, Slama, Wolf, Perry, Clem, Pfeffer, Brady.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR APPOINTMENT
Chair Gordon shared his appreciation for the exiting co-chairs' service to the Collaborative Committee. Sarah White with Sheltering Silverton is excited to work with Christine Sommer to co-chair the Collaborative Committee.
MOTION: By Bethell, **SECONDED** by Pfeffer, to **APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SARAH WHITE AND CHRISTINE SOMMER AS CO-CHAIRS FOR THE COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE.**

Discussion: None.
Motion carried.
IN FAVOR: Gordon, Hoy, Bethell, Clark, Lopez, Martin-Willis, Slama, Wolf, Perry, Clem, Pfeffer, Brady.
OPPOSED: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Dickinson stated that the goal is to clarify the mission, vision and guiding principles and strategies of the organization. She reviewed the progress to date. A survey is being sent to the Collaborative Committee. The retreat will be on April 5 at the Willamette Education School District, in person if at all possible. Lozier mentioned that four Backbone leadership have also been invited to the retreat. Calvin suggested inviting Noelle Caroll from Polk County Health Services and Vice-Chair Hoy suggested including Gretchen Bennett.

JURISDICTIONAL/ORGANIZATION UPDATES

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

Zoom chat conversation from March 14 meeting.

15:01:33 From Elaine Lozier : We will get started shortly
15:03:53 From Sarah Owens she/her CANDO : Sarah Owens, CANDO
15:05:30 From Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance to Elaine Lozier(Direct Message) : Dan Clem is having trouble getting in
15:06:46 From Amber / Uniting Efforts : I can't seem to hear anything
15:07:13 From Amber / Uniting Efforts : Never mind, maybe no one was talking... lol sorry
15:20:55 From Danielle Bethell, Marion County to Elaine Lozier(Direct Message) : please send me the coordinated entry power point. THanks
15:36:29 From Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance to Elaine Lozier(Direct Message) : You've said "Collaborative Committee" a couple times now. Do you mean CE Committee?
15:36:42 From Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance to Elaine Lozier(Direct Message) : You caught it :)
15:36:53 From Elaine Lozier to Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance(Direct Message) : Replying to "You caught it :)"

Thank you!
15:37:03 From Elaine Lozier to Danielle Bethell, Marion County(Direct Message) : Replying to "please send me the c..."

Will do!

15:37:49 From Danielle Bethell, Marion County to Elaine Lozier(Direct Message) : Replying to "please send me the c..."

Thanks and also...I couldn't get my hand up fast enough, the cost/budget is something I am very interested in, going forward.
15:38:28 From Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance to Elaine Lozier(Direct Message) : I need screen share
15:55:57 From Elaine Lozier to Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance(Direct Message) : Do you want to share screen again with their request?
15:56:38 From Elaine Lozier to Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance(Direct Message) : I can make it so that Chair Gordon can see hands
16:05:52 From Irslam : Will we be provided with a copy of these slides?
16:06:15 From Elaine Lozier : Yes, I will send them out tomorrow with the Coordinated Entry slides as well
16:11:16 From Christopher Lopez (he/him) to Elaine Lozier(Direct Message) : Unfortunately, I have to leave for another meeting. Thank you for all you do!
16:17:35 From Carol Christ Dallas : Michael LInd from Dallas asked me to ask:
1. What will the CATP DO about the obstacles with the Dallas Transitional Housing Project?
2. What will the MWCCAA DO about the obstacles?
3. What will PATHS DO about the obstacles?
16:19:05 From Elaine Lozier to Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance(Direct Message) : Can you present so that they can see the names of the R&R committee members?
16:26:59 From Rhonda Wolf-United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley : I need to jump off but want to make sure there are no other action items.
16:27:50 From Irslam : Sorry I have to drop off. Tricia will you be my proxy?
16:27:55 From Elaine Lozier : Thanks for checking, Rhonda! We have 2 more action items, but we will have quorum still. Take care.
16:28:08 From Rhonda Wolf-United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley : Thank you.
16:28:11 From Tricia Frizzell - Salem Health : yes, Leilani
16:30:38 From Ian Dixon-McDonald : I have to go as well. I wanted to say that as the outgoing co-chair of the Collaborative Committee I strongly support the two nominated individuals to be the new co-chairs. It's been a pleasure to be able to serve the Alliance in this way, and play a small part in moving forward the work to end homelessness. I plan to stay involved in the Alliance. Thanks All!
16:30:58 From Danielle Bethell, Marion County : Reacted to "I have to go as well..." with 🩶
16:31:09 From Chris Hoy : Reacted to "I have to go as well..." with 🩶
16:31:16 From Elaine Lozier : Thank you, Ian! We appreciate your service so much!

16:31:47 From Ian Dixon-McDonald : Reacted to "Thank you, Ian! We a..." with 👍
16:44:17 From Joy Dickinson to Elaine Lozier(Direct Message) : Can you allow me to share?
16:44:50 From Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance : Ian served 4 years; Adam served 2 years. Prior to Adam, Kim Parker-Llerenas served 2 years.
16:47:11 From Christy Perry : I'm so sorry, I need to jump in 5 minutes.
16:47:29 From Elaine Lozier : Thanks for being here, Christy!
16:51:37 From Danielle Bethell, Marion County to Elaine Lozier(Direct Message) : Maybe put that survey back at the top of our inboxes..
16:51:56 From Elaine Lozier to Danielle Bethell, Marion County(Direct Message) : Will do-it will be in the Friday update tomorrow
16:52:02 From Danielle Bethell, Marion County to Elaine Lozier(Direct Message) : Reacted to "Will do-it will be i..." with 👍
16:53:05 From Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance to Elaine Lozier(Direct Message) : Did Christine and Sarah get the chance to answer the survey yet? Since there's more time, I'm sure you will include them. :)
16:53:32 From Elaine Lozier to Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance(Direct Message) : Yes! They both answered. Ian and Adam also responded.
16:54:30 From Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance to Elaine Lozier(Direct Message) : Great. and not so great, because that means only 6 other board members ..... so far
16:55:03 From Elaine Lozier to Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance(Direct Message) : I know. I sent several reminders. I am re-sending it tomorrow.
16:56:00 From Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance to Elaine Lozier(Direct Message) : I suggest you take the time to write individual emails
16:56:11 From Elaine Lozier to Jan Calvin, OR-504, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance(Direct Message) : I did 😊
16:59:50 From Amber / Uniting Efforts : It's always pleasure everyone! Thank you

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Gordon adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Jeremy Gordon, MWVHA Chair & ORS 190 Entity President

4-11-24
Date

Attested:

Elaine Lozier, MWVHA Executive Director

4/11/24
Date