Joint Meeting Minutes of:

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

Meeting Time & Location(s):
October 24, 2024
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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: City of Salem, Mayor, Chris Hoy
City of Independence, Councilor, Kathy Martin-Willis
City of Keizer, Mayor, Cathy Clark
City of Monmouth, Councilor, Christopher Lopez
City of Salem, Councilor, Micki Varney
CoC Collaborative Committee, Co-Chair, Sheltering Silverton, Sarah White
CoC Collaborative Committee, Co-Chair, MCHA, Christine Sommers
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Tribal Councilwoman, Lisa Leno
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), Navigator, Renee Pefeffer *
Marion County, Commissioner, Danielle Bethell
Marion & Polk Counties CCO, Director, Zaira Florés Marin
Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action, Deputy Executive Director, Ashley Hamilton
Salem Health, Director of Community Outreach, Tricia Frizzel for Leilani Slama
Salem Housing Authority, Housing Administrator, Nicole Utz
Salem-Keizer School District 24J, Former Superintendent, Christy Perry
Subject Matter Expert, Amber Brady * for David Zepeda *
Polk County Veteran Services, Veteran Services Officer, Eric Enderle
Union Gospel Mission, Executive Director, Dan Clem
United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley, CEO, Rhonda Wolf
Willamette Health Council, Deputy Director, Josie Silverman-Méndez

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marion County Housing Authority, Executive Director, Jason Icenbice
Salem Health, Chief Comms. & Cmty. Relat. Officer, Leilani Slama
CoC Collaborative Committee Member, David Zepeda *
West Valley Housing Authority, Executive Director, Christian Edelblute

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MWVHA STAFF

Admin. & Comm. Specialist, Cassie Bay*
Consultant, Jan Calvin
Executive Director, Elaine Lozier

GUESTS PRESENT

City of Monmouth, City Councilor, John Oberst
Curandi Human Service Network, Director of Community Integration, Chris Barber
Member of the public, Elliott Lapinel
Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, ARCHES Associate Director, Tim Weese
Salem-Keizer School Dist. 24J, Executive Director of Strategy and Analytics, Jonathan McIlroy
Salem Housing Authority, Director of Development and Strategy, Jessica Blakely
Shangri-La, Director of Operations, Robin Winkle

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.

ALLIANCE BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 1

DISCUSSION

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Chair Gordon removed agenda item one for the board to consider separately. Gordon clarified that all agenda items after agenda item "G" are MWVHA orders.

Lopez proposed a discussion to clarify a pathway to add new members to MWVHA-190 Entity Board of Directors to be added to the agenda.

Gordon proposed adding Lopez's requested item to agenda item "J"(other business) on the agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSENT AGENDA ITEM B1 (AGENDA) BY: HOY

Seconded by Clark.
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 2 – 5

2. 9/19/2024 joint board meeting minutes
3. Accept the resignation of Shawntell Black (Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, MWVCAA) from PIT Count Workgroup and Erin Benjamin (Church at the Park, CATP) from PIT Count Workgroup, Coordinated Entry Committee, and HMIS Users Workgroup;
4. Appoint Laura Al-Muhtaseb (Marion County Housing Authority, MCHA), Sara Quick (Salem Housing Authority, SHA), Eric Davis (J.D. Health and Wellness), and Sara Webb (MWVCAA) to PIT Count Workgroup; and
5. Appoint Sarah White (Sheltering Silverton), Samantha Dompier (CATP), and Eric Davis (J.D. Health and Wellness) to the Health and Safety Committee.

MOTION TO APPROVE MWVHA CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS B2 – B5 BY: **BETHELL**

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

ORS 190 CONSENT AGENDA

1. Business Associates Agreement (BAA) with Brown and Brown Health Insurance Brokerage;
2. Internal Fraud and Ethics Policy; and
3. Cash Match Letter for HUD CoC Program NOFO Planning Grant.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORS 190 CONSENT AGENDA BY: HOY

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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None

ALLIANCE BUSINESS/ACTIONS

HUD COC BUILDS GRANT-EVERGREEN PROJECT

PRESENTATION

Salem Housing Authority (SHA), Jessica Blakley, presented the Evergreen Project. She outlined the project aimed at redeveloping a property owned by Northwest Human Services (NWHS).

DISCUSSION:

Questions were posed regarding transition plans for any current residents, with assurances given on relocation processes, emphasizing tenant needs.

MOTION TO APPROVE HUD COC BUILDS GRANT – EVERGREEN PROJECT **BY:**LOPEZ

Seconded by: Martin-Willis
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: Hoy and Varney

HUD COC PROGRAM NOFO

Chair Gordon recused himself and passed the gavel to Vice-Chair, Hoy who led the Alliance action item.

Prior notice was given by Lopez as he recused himself and designated John Oberts to address MWVHA action items related to NOFO on behalf of the City of Monmouth.

PRESENTATION

Calvin presented an overview on FY24 CoC project applications and prioritized list for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that is due to HUD on October 31, 2024. Staff requested approval for consolidated application, planning grant application and prioritized list to move forward and meet HUD deadlines.

DISCUSSION

Concerns were raised focused on the continued need for transparent tracking and the ability to review funding source outcomes of the projects. There was a detailed discussion regarding accountability and expectation alignment with HUD. Additional questions and clarifications were addressed catering to distinctions between types of projects and scoring methodologies for new versus renewal initiatives as well as the next steps for the unfunded renewals.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION, PLANNING GRANT AND PRIORITIZED LIST BY: CHRISTY PERRY

Seconded by: Martin Willis
In favor: Unanimous

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Opposed: None
Abstentions: Gordon and Silverman-Méndez

ORS 190 BUSINESS/ACTIONS

HUD COC PROGRAM NOFO

Vice-President Hoy continued to lead the ORS 190 action item.

Prior notice was given by Lopez as he recused himself and designated John Oberts to address MWVHA action items related to NOFO on behalf of the City of Monmouth.

PRESENTATION

No additional presentation, action required is the same presentation for the Alliance HUD COC Program NOFO previously presented by Calvin

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION, PLANNING GRANT AND PRIORITIZED LIST BY: CLARK

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

EO 23-02 MAC GROUP UPDATES

Chair Gordon resumed chair responsibilities.

PRESENTATION

Calvin shared details of ongoing project construction and anticipated completion timeframes. Additional updates covered dashboard tracking and conflicting public statistics on homelessness rehousing achievements.

DISCUSSION

Comments regarding the board and community partner's exhausted time and efforts on halted initiatives were stated. MWVHA Executive Director advised that the alliance could look for ways to implement certain aspects of the plan going forward and reiterated funding not guaranteed.

JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION UPDATES

DISCUSSION

Representatives shared updates across multiple jurisdictions discussing housing initiatives, shelter expansions and collaborative efforts towards accommodating diverse community needs.

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OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

Board members discussed the current selection process to become a MWVHA board member. Suggestions to revisit the eligibility requirements, so they are clearer and easier for interested parties to join were made. Concerns regarding equity and intended ambiguity to keep eligibility factors broad were shared.

A consensus was made for the Chair, MWVHA Executive Director and anyone else interested to draft a memo agenda for the Collaborative Committee to consider amending the charters.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

MWVHA

Welcome everyone! We will get started shortly.

Martin-Willis (City of Independence)

I don't see Polk County Fleeing DV, what's the reason for that?

Lozier (MWVHA)

Kathy, we see your question. Mayor Hoy will ensure your question is answered!

Martin-Willis (City of Independence)

Thx

Hamilton (MWVCAA)

Of the Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects, how many can serve rural Polk/Marion?

Hamilton (MWVCAA)

Yes! thank you!

Winkle (Shangri-La)

What happens to the HH in the unfunded renewals?

Lozier (MWVHA)

HH stands for households

Perry (Salem-Keizer School District 24J)

Oops sorry, I hear her now.

Winkle (Shangr-La)

Shangri-La's unfunded renewal will include 28 households, which is very unfortunate for our community.

Perry (Salem-Keizer School District 24J)

Elaine and Jan - such a heavy lift!!! Nice work.

Perry (Salem-Keizer School District 24J)

@Elaine Lozier - I have to jump off and Jonathan will vote. If needed.

1 Reply

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Oberst (City of Monmouth)

I think my work here is finished, so I will slip out the door as quietly as possible!

Wolf (United Way of the Mid)

I need to jump off and go to another meeting. Have a great afternoon everyone!

Amber (Uniting Efforts)

I've got to go and I believe we've covered the most important part of the agenda.. you're all appreciated and it's always a pleasure! Thank you everyone!

Hamilton (MWVCAA)

I have to jump off. I didn't get to say it, but thank you Elaine, Jan, and staff for making it through another NOFO season. That is no small feat and I hope you get some well deserved time off.

Martin-Willis (City of Independence)

Jan has had her hand up for quite a while...

Florés-Marin (Pacific Source)

For a sneak peak, Click here to watch the traile(r)

Showings

Salem Cinema: 11/12 evening (Free tickets available on their website) this being targe for community members as this is limited seating

Chemeketa: 11/13 (Free tickets available through C@P website

Times are 9 and 12 with the doors opening an hour early to allow for networking and for people to get refreshments that are being provided by PSCS and ODHS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gordon adjourned the board meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Jeremy Gordon, MWVHA Chair & ORS 190 Entity President — Date 11-14-24

Elaine Lozier, MWVHA Executive Director — Date 12-12-24

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