Joint Meeting Minutes of:

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

Meeting Location(s):
December 12, 2024
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
City of Independence, Councilor, Kathy Martin-Willis (Designated Alternate – Shannon Corr)
City of Keizer, Mayor, Cathy Clark
City of Monmouth, Councilor, Christopher Lopez
City of Salem, Councilor, Micki Varney
CoC Collaborative Committee, Co-Chair, MCHA, Christine Sommer
CoC Collaborative Committee, Co-Chair, Sheltering Silverton, Sarah White
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Tribal Councilwoman, Lisa Leno
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), Navigator, Renee Pfeffer *
Marion County, Commissioner, Danielle Bethell
Marion County Housing Authority, Executive Director, Jason Icenbice
Marion & Polk Counties CCO, Director, Zaira Flores Marin
Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action, Deputy Executive Director, Ashley Hamilton
Salem Health, Chief Comms. & Cmty. Relat. Officer, Leilani Slama
Salem Housing Authority, Housing Administrator, Nicole Utz
Salem-Keizer School District 24J, Former Superintendent, Christy Perry, (Designated Alternate Jonathan McIlroy)
United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley, CEO, Rhonda Wolf
Willamette Health Council, Deputy Director, Josie Silverman-Méndez

MEMBERS ABSENT

VICE CHAIR: City of Salem, Mayor, Chris Hoy
City of Independence, Councilor, Kathy Martin-Willis
CoC Collaborative Committee Member, Subject Matter Expert, David Zepeda*
Polk County Veteran Services, Veteran Services Officer, Eric Enderle
Salem-Keizer School District 24J, Former Superintendent, Christy Perry
Union Gospel Mission, Executive Director, Dan Clem
West Valley Housing Authority, Executive Director, Christian Edelblute

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ORS 190 ENTITY BOARD

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STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT

City of Independence, Councilor, Shannon Corr
City of Silverton, Mayor, Jason Freilinger
Curandi, Chris Barber
ICF, Brittani Mazo
Marion County Sheriff's Office, LEAD Program, Deputy Joshua Tribby
MWVHA, Administrations and Communications Specialist, Cassie Bay *
MWVHA, Consultant, Jan Calvin
MWVHA, Consultant, Marianne Bradshaw
MWVHA, Executive Director, Elaine Lozier
SafeSleep, Volunteer, Kathleen Thorpe
SafeSleep, Homeless Advocate, Lynelle Wilcox
Salem Health, Tricia Frizzel
Salem-Keizer Public Schools, Executive Director of Strategy & Analytics, Jonathan McIlroy
Sheltering Silverton, Alicia
Unaffiliated, Elliott Lapinel
Unaffiliated, Michael Livingston

WELCOME

Chair Gordon called the joint meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.. The presence of a quorum for the MWVHA and ORS 190 Board was noted.

ALLIANCE BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Agenda;
2. 11/14/2024 joint board meeting minutes
3. Unsheltered PIT Count Methodology
4. Updated Conflict of Interest Policy
5. Updated public records policies

DISCUSSION

None

MOTION TO **APPROVE** MWVHA CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY: **CLARK**

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

ORS 190 CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

1. 12/03/2024 joint Executive Committee-ORS 190 Entity meeting minutes

DISCUSSION

None

MOTION TO **APPROVE** ORS 190 ENTITY CONSENT AGENDA ITEM BY: **BETHELL**

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

DISCUSSION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency Executive Director, Jimmy Jones and Shangri-La Operations Manager, Robin Winkle submitted prior written public comment in response to MWVHA's handling of the HUD NOFO process and Priority Listing that resulted in an adverse impact to Shangri-La's Permanent Supportive Housing program.

Wilcox also expressed concerns about the impact on the Shangri-La residents and emphasized the importance of maintaining funding for these types of programs to continue operating.

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HUD NOFO COMPETITIVE PROCESS RESULTS

Calvin shared slides and explained, chronologically, the decisions and pathways the Alliance took to establish and approve the scoring criteria for the 2024 HUD NOFO. She shared that the board moved to allow new programs to compete against renewal programs with equal weight. She emphasized that the approved process was a HUD model.

Various board & staff members acknowledged the oversight and offered recommendations and suggested needs to mitigate multiple areas of concern that may have led to the oversight.

Some of those recommendations/suggestions were:

- Consider having the Collaborative Committee advise the board on improving the scoring rubrics.
- Consider separating the scoring process for new and renewing applications.
- Establish a way to hear service provider input prior to making decisions.
- Follow, the existing, customized model: Review & Recommend.
- Utilize Gaps & Needs assessments to inform the strategic plan.
- Adhere to strategic plan when making decisions.
- Allow additional time to consider unintended consequences.
- Identify funding sources (collectively) while ensuring multiple sources work together and align with the strategic plan.
- Establish a robust system of awareness – A data set that expresses the needs of the service providers and solutions to the community members.
- Establish a more stable system of care for PSH funding source

Calvin shared that each of the Shangri-La households impacted by the 2024 NOFO Priority Listing will likely be securing, or have already secured, alternative funding/housing programs to meet their housing needs and displacement will be prevented.

LONG TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LTRA)

Calvin presented an update on the Long Term Rent Assistance (LTRA) program. She provided background on new resources and outlined the program structure. Next steps were reviewed which included enrolling additional qualified households and expanding provider partnerships.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTION TRANSITION UPDATE

HIRING PROCESS

Gordon provided updates on the progress the hiring committee has made. He notified the group of the need for a future public meeting that will allow for public comment on hiring procedures, standards and policy directives. Additionally, he shared that deliberations regarding the candidates would be done in an executive session to protect applicant privacy.

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CURRENT STATE OF THE ALLIANCE

Lozier presented information regarding the Alliance's current state, including its finances, contractual obligations and opportunities.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE JEREMY GORDON TO SERVE AS THE COC'S APPROVING OFFICIAL FOR ELOCCS BY **BETHELL**

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

CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH DICKINSON CONSULTANTS

Lozier presented a proposed contract amendment for Joy Dickinson to provide additional support during the executive director transition.

Bethell expressed concerns about the cost and structure of the contract. The board agreed to revisit the topic after the concerns regarding the cost structure and scope of work are addressed.

EO/MAC

UPDATES

NONE

DISCUSSION

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES/OTHER BUSINESS

UPDATES

Elections for board officers will be held in January.

Required annual charter reviews are coming up.

Potentially reconsider the structure of the Collaborative Committee to include community co-chairs as voting members.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

00:21:04	Conference Room:	We'll get going in just a few minutes.
00:23:17	Christopher Lopez:	Reacted to "We'll get going in j..." with 👍

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00:55:33 Josie Silverman-Mendez (she/her), Willamette Health Council: @Zaira Flores Marin, PacificSource, the Health & Safety Committee would benefit from that HRSN overview too.

00:56:33 Zaira Flores Marin, PacificSource: Replying to "@Zaira Flores Marin,..."

that is on our radar as well, we gave a high level presentation prior to it going live, but lots has changed since (still changing)!

00:56:43 Josie Silverman-Mendez (she/her), Willamette Health Council: Reacted to "that is on our radar..." with 👍

01:06:16 lynelle: Reacted to "@Zaira Flores Marin,..." with 👍

01:35:24 ashley.hamilton: For point three, there may be alt avenues to accomplish this. NEON for example was recently awarded to create a Marion/Polk CHW training hub in 2025.

01:38:27 Josie Silverman-Mendez (she/her), Willamette Health Council: Replying to "For point three, the..."

That's good to know, Ashley. WHC also has a THW Alliance that supports CHW (and other THW types) training efforts locally.

01:39:43 Zaira Flores Marin, PacificSource: OHA also issued a grant to get more community members trained to be qualified healthcare interpreters, this has helped to expand the number of interpreters (beyond healthcare) in our communities. There are resources there, it just needs some strategy and collaboration

01:41:27 ashley.hamilton: That's great! Sounds like more great opportunities for the Health & Safety Committee!

02:21:20 Jan Calvin: Should it be hourly, rather than monthly?

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gordon adjourned the board meeting at 5:02 p.m.

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Jeremy Gordon
Jeremy Gordon (Jan 26, 2025 20:25 PST)

01/26/2025

Jeremy Gordon, MWVHA Chair & ORS 190 Entity President

Date

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Date

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