Joint Meeting Minutes of:

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

Meeting Location(s):
March 13, 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 – Alternate: Shannon Corr
City of Keizer, City Councilor, Soraida Cross
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
Salem Health, Chief Communications and Community Relations Officer, Leilani Slama
Salem Housing Authority, Housing Administrator, Nicole Utz
Salem-Keizer School District 24J, Former Superintendent, Christy Perry – Alternate Jonathan McIlroy
Union Gospel Mission, Executive Director, Dan Clem
Willamette Health Council, Deputy Director, Josie Silverman-Méndez – Alternate: Trisha Kumar

MEMBERS ABSENT

City of Independence, City Councilor, Kathy Martin Willis – Alternate: Shannon Corr
City of Monmouth, City Councilor, Christopher Lopez
CoC Collaborative Committee, Subject Matter Expert, David Zepeda
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Tribal Council Member, Lisa Leno
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, LEAD Navigator, Renee Pfeffer
Marion County Housing Authority, Executive Director, Jason Icenbice
Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, Executive Director, Ashley Hamilton
PacificSource Community Solutions Director, Marion & Polk Counties CCO, Zaira Flores Marin
Polk County Veteran Services, Veteran Services Officer, Eric Enderle
Salem-Keizer School District 24J, Former Superintendent, Christy
United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley, CEO, Rhonda Wolf
West Valley Housing Authority, Executive Director, Christian Edelblute
Willamette Health Council, Deputy Director, Josie Silverman-Méndez

ORS 190 ENTITY BOARD

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Salem-Keizer School District 24J, Former Superintendent, Christy Perry
City of Independence, City Councilor, Kathy Martin-Willis

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT

Church at the Park, DJ Vincent
City of Keizer, Mayor, Cathy Clark
Marion County, Heather Inyama
MWVCAA, Robert Marshall
MWVHA, Cassie Bay
MWVHA, Misty Sorte
MWVHA, Consultant, Jan Cavin
NWHS, Kimberly Leathley
Oregon Travel Information Council, Cheryl Gribskov
Salem Health, Tricia Frizzel
Willamette Valley Health, Trisha Kumar

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

a. Agenda;
b. 2/19/2025 joint board meeting minutes;
c. Accept the resignation of Matthew Herbert(Church at the Park) and Andrea Soemadi (Easterseals) from Coordinated Entry;
d. Accept the resignation of Dominique Daniel from Backbone;
e. Appoint Kathryn Sommer from Church-at-the-Park to the Coordinated Entry Committee; and
f. Letter of Support for Westcare Oregon, DBA VETcare Oregon; HVRP Grant Renewal.

MOTION TO APPROVE ALLIANCE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY: CLEM

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

ORS 190 CONSENT AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ORS 190 ACTION – BUDGETARY OBLIGATIONS

Sorte presented the budget calendar for fiscal year 2025-2026 and discussed the appointment of budget committee members. She mentioned that the COG finance department would help finalize details and expressed excitement about the people who agreed to be on the committee and noted there would be multiple meetings in April to allow for discussion and feedback before going to the board.

Chair Jeremy Gordon noted that this was the first time they had a full slate of lay member budget committee members, which he considered fantastic.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY BETHELL:

1. Adoption of FY 25-56 Budget Calendar;
2. Appointment of Misty Sorte as Budget Officer; and
3. Appoint the 25-26 Budget Committee members (**see table on next page**).

ORS 190 Entity
Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance Budget Committee

Position	ORS 190 Board Members	Title	Agency	Terms End
1	Danielle Bethell	Commissioner	Marion County	6/30/25
2	Soraida Cross	City Councilor	City of Keizer	6/30/28
3	Kathy Martin-Willis	City Councilor	City of Independence	6/30/25
4	Jeremy Gordon	Commissioner	Polk County	6/30/25
5	Julie Hoy	Mayor	City of Salem	6/30/28
6	Lisa Leno	Tribal Council Member	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	6/30/28
7	Christopher Lopez	City Councilor	City of Monmouth	6/30/28
8	Christy Perry	Former Superintendent	Salem-Keizer School District	6/30/28

Position	Citizen Members	Title	Agency	Terms End
1	Dan Clem	Exec Director	Union Gospel Mission	6/30/25
2	Bri Hatchel	CRM, CHW	Soaring Heights	6/30/30
3	Hannah Shooting Bear	Sioux Tribe Member	Indigenous Now Oregon	6/30/30
4	Jenny Sheldon	Regional Director	Crossroads Communities	6/30/30
5	Jackie Leung	Executive Director	Micronesian Islander Communities	6/30/30
6	Cathy Clark	Mayor	City of Keizer	6/30/30
7	Christine Sommer	HCV Program Manager	Marion County Housing Authority	6/30/30
8	Sam Dompier	Chief Dev. Officer	Church at the Park	6/30/30

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

ORS 190 ACTION – LTRA – TA CONRACT

Sorte provided an update on the training and technical assistance proposal for culturally specific organizations. She explained that they received only one application from MWVCAA. The recommendation committee met and provided 10 recommendations for improvement. After meeting with Community Action and the R&R Committee, Sorte modified the proposal to create a curriculum that the Alliance would own and promote collaborative efforts with service providers in the future.

Sorte presented the contract, noting a change in the deadline from June to May. She explained that all that MWVCAA and the Review and Recommendation Committee were okay with the proposed modifications made by Sorte.

The revised proposal reduced the grant amount from the original $24,995.30 to $6,298.00. Misty explained that this change would allow the Alliance to have a more robust, community-informed curriculum that could be used over time.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY BETHELL:

Award contract to Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action for training and technical assistance to culturally specific organizations with the end date of May 31, 2025.

Seconded by: Hoy
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None (Lopez absent)

ALLIANCE AND ORS 190 UPDATES

STAFF REPORT

Misty Sorte provided a staff report, highlighting her first month in the position. She expressed confidence in the alliance's direction and commitment to transparency and accountability. Key points from her report included:

1. Understanding the community through improved data completeness and tracking;
2. Developing and improving the coordinated entry system of care and services;
3. Maximizing resources and increasing participation in the COC;
4. Creating standard operating procedures for staff to ensure continuity of services;
5. Plans to hire a committee and performance support specialist to assist with public meeting standards and sub-grantee monitoring; and
6. Reminder about outstanding membership dues for some organizations.

Sorte also mentioned that the strategic plan would be presented in full at the next board meeting and encouraged board members to review it before then.

EO/MAC

Jeremy brought attention to the Executive Order and asked if any board members had any questions or comments on the provided report.

No one responded.

JURISDICTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

The board discussed an issue of insurance requirements for housing providers, particularly for transitional housing type providers like Soaring Heights (located in Keizer). Bethell raised concerns about liability insurance requirements in some jurisdictions and mentioned working with Representative Mannix on potential legislation to address this issue.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY CLEM:

Designate the MWVHA Executive Committee to consider support for an upcoming legislative bill related to insurance barriers for citing facilities.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Several announcements and updates were shared:

1. Commissioner Bethell invited everyone to the ribbon cutting for Pacific Station on March 19, 2-3 PM, at 1240 Highland Avenue Northeast in Salem.
2. Commissioner Bethell announced the Marion County State of the County event on April 9 at the Salem Convention Center.
3. DJ Anderson provided an update on the Dallas and Monmouth projects, mentioning successful family placements and ongoing coordination efforts.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

00:44:15 read.ai meeting notes: Chris and Matt added read.ai meeting notes to the meeting.

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00:47:31 Homeless Alliance: read stop

01:14:29 Councilor Corr, Independence: There are people not in the room... need to keep an eye on us. Jan had her hand up.

01:14:38 Kimberly Leathley (She/Her) Northwest Human Services: Good afternoon! My name is Kim Leathley, and began my service as CEO of Northwest Human Services back in Septmeber. I'm on a journey of learning more about our partners and important community connections so I am sitting in to learn more about MWVHA! I am happy to share anything we learn from the interviews with community partners (insights into gaps/needs etc.). For those particpating in our Northwest Human Services process, thank you!

01:19:10 Councilor Corr, Independence: Has any entity paid up already or is everyone outstanding?

01:31:40 sarahwhite: Thank you, D.J.

01:31:44 sarahwhite: I second that!

01:40:44 sarahwhite: Our policy cost $38k for a $238k grant

01:45:25 Kimberly Leathley (She/Her) Northwest Human Services: Thank you!

01:45:35 Trisha Kumar:Sorry to leave the party!

01:45:37 Trisha Kumar:Thanks!

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gordon adjourned the board meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Jeremy Gordon, MWVHA Chair & ORS 190 Entity President

4-10-25
Date

Misty Sorte, MWVHA Executive Director

4.11.25
Date