Joint Meeting Minutes of:

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

Meeting Location(s):
June 12, 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, Shannon Corr
City of Keizer, City Councilor, Soraida Cross
City of Monmouth, City Manager, Alt. Rochelle Roaden
City of Salem, Mayor, Julie Hoy
City of Salem, City Councilor, Shane Matthews
CoC Collaborative Committee, Co-Chair, Christine Sommer
Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, Executive Director, Ashley Hamilton
PacificSource, Marion/Polk CCO Director, Zaira Flores Marin
Salem-Keizer School District 24J, Superintendent, Andrea Castañeda
Willamette Health Council, Deputy Director, Josie Silverman-Méndez

MWVHA BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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
Union Gospel Mission, Executive Director, Dan Clem
West Valley Housing Authority, Executive Director, Christian Edelblute
Polk County Veteran Services, Veteran Services Officer, Eric Enderle
Salem Health, Chief Communications and Community Relations Officer, Leilani Slama
Salem Housing Authority, Housing Administrator, Nicole Utz

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STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT

UGM, Simonka House, Brenda Newey
Church at the Park, DJ Vincent
City of Keizer, Mayor, Cathy Clark
City of Silverton, Mayor, Jason Freilinger
Curandi, Chris Barber
KMUZ Media Host, Melanie Zermer
Marion County Board of Commissioners, Heather Inyama
MWVCAA, Sara Webb
MWVHA, Admin & Comm, Cassie Bay
MWVHA, Data Analyst, David Peak
MWVHA, Executive Director, Misty Bolger
Soaring Heights Recovery Homes, Eric Rasor

WELCOME

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 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

a) Agenda;
b) April 30th, 2025, Joint MWVHA Board of Directors-ORS190 Entity & Collaborative Committee Meeting Minutes;
c) May 8, 2025, Joint MWVHA Board of Directors – ORS190 Entity Meeting Minutes;
d) Accept the resignation of Eric Davis (JD Wellness) from the Health and Safety Committee as well as the Point in Time Workgroup; and
e) Accept the appointment of Alba Garcia (Polk County Behavioral Health) to the Health and Safety Committee and the Health & Safety Committee Gaps Analysis RFP Workgroup.

MOTION TO APPROVE MWVHA CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY: **MAYOR HOY**

Seconded by: Roaden
In favor: Gordon, Bethell, Corr, Cross, Roaden, Hoy, Matthews, Flores Marin, Castañeda & Silverman-Méndez
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MWVHA-ORS190 FY 25-26 BUDGET

Misty Bolger presented the FY 2025-2026 budget, describing it as a conservative "gap budget" with the intention of having a supplemental budget when additional funds become available. She highlighted the following points:

1. Four of the five grants supporting staff and operations are ending in June which will impact current staffing levels.
2. The Alliance will be laying off 2 FTE positions, but efforts are being made to ensure no interruption of essential functions or duties.
3. The general fund is used for costs not covered by grants, such as legal fees, publication notices, and audits.
4. Some funding continues, including the HUD planning grant and rollover funds from various sources.
5. The budget eliminates all non-essential expenses and does not fund contracted services except for the Council of Governments, legal counsel, and human resources.

Misty also discussed steps forward, including implementing grant tracking software, increasing transparency with the finance department, and seeking efficiency in service delivery.

During the discussion, concerns were raised about the contingency fund being restricted. Castañeda suggested moving the contingency funds to their correct expense lines to avoid potential issues with budget law. After deliberation, the board decided to reconvene to make necessary adjustments to the budget.

MOTION TO MOVE CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO CORRECT BUDGET LINE AND APPROVE IN A SPECIAL ORS 190 MEETING MADE BY: **CASTAÑEDA**

Seconded by: Corr
In favor: Castañeda**,** Gordon, Corr, Cross, Roaden, Hoy,
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

DISCUSSION

Flores Marin emphasized the need for increased attention to Alliance finances, given the current state of the budget. Gordon suggested the possibility of expanding the role of the Executive Committee to include financial oversight.

MOTION: TO DIRECT STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ESTABLISHING A FINANCE COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE OVERSIGHT OF ALLIANCE FINANCE OPERATIONS MADE BY: **FLORES MARIN**

Seconded by: Roaden
In favor: Gordon, Corr, Cross, Roaden, Hoy, Matthews, Flores Marin, Castañeda & Silverman-Méndez
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) - COC SUPPORT

Sarah Webb from Community Action Agency presented the request for CoC approval of their 2025-2027 ESG activities in Marion and Polk Counties. She explained that the funds would be used for day center services and rapid rehousing assistance. Councilor Corr asked if outreach services were extended to rural Polk County and Webb clarified that they provide regular street outreach in Polk County, including rural areas.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CHAIR GORDON TO SIGN APPROVAL OF 25-27 ESG ACTIVITIES PRESENTED BY MWVCAA MADE BY: **CORR**

Seconded by: Roaden
In favor: Gordon, Corr, Cross, Roaden, Hoy & Castañeda
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

HUD GRANT AGREEMENT DISCUSSION (CONTINUED)

The board discussed the HUD grant agreement, focusing on concerns about new conditions related to gender ideology and immigration status. Misty reported that legal counsel (addendum #1) had reviewed the agreement and determined that the risk of signing was low.

The main points of discussion were:

1. The condition regarding the promotion of gender ideology is unlikely to affect current operations.
2. There is no conflict between state and federal immigration laws.
3. The Alliance is not required to check citizenship status or run names through databases.
4. The funds won't be used for promoting any specific ideology.
5. The Alliance's anti-discrimination policy remains in effect.

Flores Marin expressed discomfort with some of the new provisions but acknowledged the importance of the funding for the community.

ORS 190 MOTION: TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE HUD GRANT AGREEMENT, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IF FEDERAL POLICIES CHANGE, THE CONTRACT WILL BE REVISITED MADE BY: **CORR**

Seconded by: Roaden
In favor: Gordon, Corr, Cross, Roaden, Hoy, Castañeda
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

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Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

WOODBURN LETTER OF INTEREST

Bolger explained the process for adding new members to the Alliance and the ORS 190 Entity. The board discussed the request from Woodburn to join as well as interest from Silverton and NWHS. Key points of the discussion included:

- The need to determine membership dues.
- The process for amending the charter and intergovernmental agreement.
- The importance of reviewing the board makeup and new member process more holistically.
- Considering how to incorporate smaller organizations and providers in the governance structure.

MOTION: TO DIRECT STAFF TO EXPLORE NEXT STEPS FOR WOODBURN AND SILVERTON'S MEMBERSHIP REQUESTS AND DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP MADE BY: **CORR**

Seconded by: Roaden
In favor: Gordon, Corr, Cross, Roaden, Hoy, Matthews, Flores Marin, Castañeda & Silverman-Méndez
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR NOMINATION

Brenda Newey (UGM, Simonka House) introduced herself to the board, sharing her background of working with homeless women and children for 18 years at Simonka Place. She expressed her passionate interest in serving as Co-Chair of the Collaborative Committee.

ALLIANCE MOTION: TO APPROVE BRENDA NEWEY'S APPOINTMENT AS CO-CHAIR OF THE COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE MADE BY: **HOY**

Seconded by: Corr
In favor: Gordon, Corr, Cross, Roaden, Hoy, Matthews, Flores Marin, & Silverman-Méndez
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT - LTRA

Bolger provided an update on landlord engagement events, mentioning partnerships with various agencies to host events in both rural and urban areas of Marion and Polk counties. She noted that they distributed books on new inspection standards to landlords and purchased rent barrier reduction books for Polk County.

LONG TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Bolger reported that they are working with OHCS on rollover funding and have secured an advancement. She also noted that upcoming meetings are scheduled with agencies holding LTRA contracts to help ensure budget stability over the next several months.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Misty provided updates on various topics:

- The OHCS monitoring report is still under review.
- Alliance is receiving support from an OHCS technical assistant consultant, Rex Porter.
- They are working with the COG to review general fund and grant expenditures.
- Efforts are ongoing to obtain HUD contracts, with a potential September start date.
- Internal changes are being made to maintain essential functions with reduced staff.
- Thank you cards for departing staff members, Ashleigh and Nathanial, were circulated for board members to sign.

JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Several updates were shared:

The chair acknowledged the difficult budget season and expressed hope for future funding.

Councilor Corr (Independence) thanked the city manager and DJ for their work on opening a new shelter facility.

Flores Marin provided an update on efforts to improve crisis response in the community following a recent incident, mentioning upcoming meetings with OHA to address gaps in behavioral health support during mass crisis events.

Eric Rasor from Soaring Heights Recovery Homes was acknowledged for the growing services they provide to the community.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

00:31:52	Cassandra Bay:	Hi Heather, are you attending for Commissioner Bethell today?
00:37:49	Shane Matthews - City of Salem:	Shane Matthews - City of Salem
00:37:49	Josie Silverman-Mendez (she/her), Willamette Health Council:	Josie Silverman-Mendez, Willamette Health Council
00:37:50	Zaira Flores Marin:	Zaira Flores Marin, PacificSource Community Solutions
00:37:50	Andrea Castañeda:	Andrea Castaneda, Salem-Keizer Public Schools
00:37:52	ashley.hamilton:	Ashley Hamilton - MWVCAA
00:37:55	Heather Inyama (MC BOC):	Heather Inyama, MC Board of Commissioners Office
00:38:04	Danielle Bethell, Commissioner:	Danielle Bethell, Vice Chair & Marion County Commissioner
00:38:25	Jason Freilinger, Silverton Mayor:	Guest: Jason Freilinger, Mayor of Silverton
00:48:33	Danielle Bethell, Commissioner:	Hi Brenda!!! Sadly I have to jump off early today. (I am heading over to testify at the legislature) I am excited you are going to be considered for the co-chair role for the Collab Comm!! You have my vote. 🙄 Thank you for being willing to serve and support.
01:14:35	Danielle Bethell, Commissioner:	I am sorry all. I have to head over to testify at the legislature, so I am signing off.
01:14:42	Zaira Flores Marin:	Reacted to "I am sorry all. I ha..." with 👍
01:20:28	ashley.hamilton:	Thank you!
01:20:39	Zaira Flores Marin:	thanks Sara

01:34:18 ashley.hamilton: Depending on the grant, folks do have to "report" their preferred gender - but even then it can say "client choices not to report". Same for Sexual Orientation. YHDP grants are held to collecting both.

01:34:28 Andrea Castañeda: I feel comfortable with this.

01:53:45 ashley.hamilton: Thank you everyone. I have to sign off due to a meeting conflict. Have a wonderful remainder of your day.

01:53:52 Zaira Flores Marin: Reacted to "Thank you everyone. ..." with 💔

02:01:55 Andrea Castañeda: All - I am at a bus yard and my battery has about 10 minutes left. If my computer dies, will we lose quorum?

02:02:57 Zaira Flores Marin: maybe we need to create a policy and procedure, to avoid changing the charter?

02:03:03 Homeless Alliance: We will still have quorum. Thank you!

02:05:22 Cathy Clark: Adding more government entities like cities was open for all who were interested

02:05:33 Josie Silverman-Mendez (she/her), Willamette Health Council: Reacted to "Adding more governme..." with 👍

02:06:00 Andrea Castañeda: Reacted to "We will still have q..." with 👍

02:06:40 Zaira Flores Marin: good point

02:10:12 Andrea Castañeda: Thanks everyone. I am going to sign off. Sorry to leave a little early.

02:10:19 Zaira Flores Marin: I like how the timing of this convo aligns with the revision of the charter

02:10:22 Zaira Flores Marin: Reacted to "Thanks everyone. I a..." with 💔

02:12:17 Jeremy Gordon: Reacted to "I like how the tim..." with 💔

02:14:23 Christine : Excellent !! Thank you

02:18:23 Brenda: Thank you for this opportunity here is my email bnewey@ugmsalem.org my direct line phone number is 971-720-1859.

02:19:37 Zaira Flores Marin: Reacted to "Thank you for this o..." with 💔

02:23:11 Zaira Flores Marin: Zaira.floresmarin@pacificsource.com

02:24:38 Josie Silverman-Mendez (she/her), Willamette Health Council: Zaira, if you see a role of the Health & Safety Committee to play in your future convos, pls let me know

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gordon adjourned the board meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Jeremy Gordon
Jeremy Gordon (Jul 18, 2025 15:29 PDT)

07/18/2025

Jeremy Gordon, MWVHA Chair & ORS 190 Entity President — Date

Misty Bolger
Misty Bolger (Jul 21, 2025 11:33 PDT)

07/21/2025

Misty Bolger, MWVHA Executive Director — Date

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