Joint Meeting Minutes of:

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

Meeting Location(s):
February 12, 2026
Marion County Commissioner's Office
555 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301
And
Via teleconference (Zoom)

MWVHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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 Councilor, Christopher Lopez
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, Brenda Newey
CoC Collaborative Committee, Subject Matter Expert, Toni Maries
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, LEAD Navigator, Mareis Dickerson
Marion County Housing Authority, Alt. Christine Sommer
Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, Alt. Shelaswau Crier
Northwest Human Services, Chief Executive Officer, Kim Leathley
PacificSource, Director, Marion & Polk Counties CCO, Zaira Flores Marin
Salem Health, Director, Community Outreach, Tricia Frizzell
Salem Housing Authority, Housing Administrator, Nicole Utz
Salem-Keizer School District 24J, Superintendent, Andrea Castañeda
Willamette Health Council, Deputy Director, Josie Silverman-Méndez
Youth Action Board, Alt. Aruna Sunflower

MEMBERS ABSENT

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Tribal Council Member, Lisa Leno
Polk County Veteran Services, Veteran Services Officer, Eric Enderle
Union Gospel Mission, Vacant
West Valley Housing Authority, Executive Director, Christian Edelblute

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STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT

Center for Hope and Safety, Ashley Carson
Center for Hope and Safety, Sara Brennan
Church at the Park, Josh Erickson
Church at the Park, Sam Dompier
City of Keizer, Mayor, Cathy Clark
Easterseals, James Ackland
Easterseals, Matt Sorenson
Ideal Option, Josh Lair
League of Women Voters, Cheryl Gribskov
Marion County Health and Human Services, Naomi Hudkins
Marion County Health and Human Services, Christina Bertschi
MWVHA, Cassie Bay
MWVHA, David Peak
MWVHA, Executive Director, Misty Bolger
Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (OR 505), Brooke Matthews
United Way, SafeSleep, Lynelle Wilcox
Westcare, Roy McClain

WELCOME

Chair Jeremy Gordon called the Joint Meeting of the MWVHA Board of Directors and the ORS 190 Entity Board to order at 3:00 p.m. and confirmed that Oregon Public Meeting Law notice requirements had been met.

ALLIANCE BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

2. (3:05) ALLIANCE BOARD CONSENT AGENDA — CHAIR GORDON

ACTION: Approval of:

a. Agenda;
b. 2026.01.08_Joint_MWVHA_BOD-ORS190_Meeting_Minutes (pages 06-16);
c. Appoint Trisha Kumar (Willamette Health Council) to the Health and Safety Committee;
d. Accept resignation of Josie Silverman-Mendez (Willamette Health Council) from the Health and Safety Committee.

Chair Gordon requested that the agenda be pulled from the consent agenda for separate consideration. He requested an amendment to the order of agenda items, specifically to discuss the Oregon Rehousing Initiative items first. Misty Bolger followed with a request to have the letters of support items be moved to the beginning of the agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED MADE BY: **BETHELL**

Seconded by: Lopez
In favor: Gordon, Bethell, Corr, Cross, Lopez, Hoy, Matthews, Maries, Dickerson, Leathley, Flores Marin, Frizzell, Castañeda, Silverman-Méndez, Sunflower
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

MOTION TO APPROVE REMAINING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY **LOPEZ**

Seconded by: Hoy
In favor: Gordon, Bethell, Corr, Cross, Lopez, Hoy, Matthews, Maries, Dickerson, Leathley, Flores Marin, Frizzell, Castañeda, Silverman-Méndez, Sunflower
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

Representatives from Easterseals and WestCare (dba VetCare) provided information about their veteran service programs and requested letters of support from the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance.

Easterseals operates the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program and the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP), which provide housing stabilization services and employment assistance for veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

WestCare Oregon, dba as VetCare, operates the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program, the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) and the Grant and Per Diem (GPD) program, which provides transitional housing and supportive services for veterans.

Both organizations requested letters of support from the local Continuum of Care as part of their federal program requirements. Draft letters of support were included in the board meeting packet for review.

MOTION MADE BY **LOPEZ**
SECONDED BY **CORR** TO:

Approve SSVF letter of support for Easterseals

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

In favor: Gordon, Bethell, Corr, Cross, Lopez, Hoy, Matthews, Maries, Dickerson, Leathley, Flores Marin, Frizzell, Castañeda, Silverman-Méndez, Sunflower
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

MOTION MADE BY **CORR**
SECONDED BY **LOPEZ** TO:

Approve HVRP letter of support for Easterseals

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

In favor: Gordon, Bethell, Corr, Cross, Lopez, Hoy, Matthews, Maries, Dickerson, Leathley, Flores Marin, Frizzell, Castañeda, Silverman-Méndez, Sunflower
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

MOTION MADE BY **LOPEZ**
SECONDED BY **CORR** TO:

Approve SSVF, HVRP & GPD letters of support for Westcare dba Vetcare

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

In favor: Gordon, Bethell, Corr, Cross, Lopez, Hoy, Matthews, Maries, Dickerson, Leathley, Flores Marin, Frizzell, Castañeda, Silverman-Méndez, Sunflower
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

OREGON REHOUSING INITIATIVE

Chair Gordon introduced the agenda item regarding the Oregon Rehousing Initiative (ORI) budget and contracts.

Executive Director Misty Bolger summarized materials included in the board packet and Director's memo, which provided background on the ORI program, current provider contracts

and potential options for administering the next contract period. The packet included historical contract information, program performance data and a memo outlining a possible option to open the ORI funding to a competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process.

At the beginning of the discussion, the Board was provided with additional information received from Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) clarifying the agency's expectations regarding the ORI funds. The communication from OHCS indicated that the intent of the funding was to deploy resources quickly to house households experiencing homelessness and that the recommended approach was to renew contracts with existing providers in order to avoid delays in implementation.

Board members discussed the clarification from OHCS and acknowledged that the guidance differed from one of the options outlined in the materials previously distributed to the Board. As a result, discussion regarding opening the funding to a competitive process did not proceed and the Board instead focused its discussion on the renewal of existing contracts and the timely deployment of ORI resources.

During the discussion, Board members raised questions regarding program data included in the meeting materials and how program outcomes were represented. Members discussed the importance of ensuring that performance information is reviewed through established Continuum of Care processes and that program data is interpreted accurately.

Written public comment submitted by Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MWVCAA) was shared with the Board during the meeting. The comments raised concerns regarding the interpretation of program performance data and noted that a known HMIS reporting issue related to the housing move-in date field may affect how certain outcomes appear in reports.

Board members discussed the importance of maintaining provider trust, ensuring accurate data interpretation and supporting timely implementation of housing resources within the community. The discussion reflected the need to balance transparency, accountability and the urgency of deploying housing assistance.

MOTION MADE BY **CROSS**
SECONDED BY **MATTHEWS** TO:

Pause on the Oregon Rehousing Initiative agenda item and call for a special meeting in a couple of weeks.

DISCUSSION:

Several board members expressed support for the motion while emphasizing the importance of minimizing delays so that ORI funds could be deployed as quickly as possible. One board member requested that staff provide additional clarification regarding the program data and HMIS reporting referenced in the meeting materials and public comments, noting that the Board would benefit from a clearer understanding of how the data was generated and interpreted.

Board members also discussed whether delaying the decision could impact households currently waiting for housing resources. An ORI grant recipient clarified that households previously committed under the existing ORI allocation had already been housed and that new households would be drawn from the Coordinated Entry list once additional resources became available. Staff indicated that a short delay would likely not result in significant harm but emphasized the importance of moving forward once the Board had sufficient information.

Board members discussed the timing of the delay, with several members expressing a preference to reconvene as soon as possible. The motion was modified with the agreement of the motion maker and seconder to schedule a special meeting as soon as practicable.

The Chair restated the motion as delaying the decision on the ORI contracts and scheduling a meeting as soon as possible to continue consideration of the item. The motion was then put to a vote.

VOTE

In favor: Gordon, Bethell, Corr, Cross, Hoy, Matthews, Maries, Dickerson, Leathley, Flores Marin, Frizzell, Castañeda, Silverman-Méndez, Sunflower
Opposed: None
Abstentions: Lopez

PUBLIC COMMENT

Written comments from Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency were submitted to the Board raising concerns regarding the interpretation of program data and HMIS reporting. Board members acknowledged the comments and continued discussion of the ORI funding options.

Lynelle Wilcox provided public testimony against opening

LTRA COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE

Executive Director, Misty Bolger presented an update on the Long-Term Rental Assistance (LTRA) Community Plan. Approximately $249,000 in unallocated funds remain after continuation contracts. Staff recommended developing a competitive RFP process to solicit project proposals aligned with community needs, particularly supportive services. The board considered a motion authorizing the Executive Director to recruit a review committee, develop scoring criteria, and prepare an RFP and implementation timeline for board review at the March meeting.

MOTION MADE BY **BETHELL**
SECONDED BY **HOY** TO:

- Authorize Executive Director to recruit review and recommendation committee members to be adopted by the March board meeting;
- Authorize Executive Director to create an RFP for LTRA projects that fit the allowable costs and criteria to be finalized at the March board meeting;
- Approve creation of RFP implementation plan; and

- Approve Executive Director to work with OHCS on the timeline and update process for changes to the LTRA community plan and to make changes in line with the LTRA RFP process.

DISCUSSION:

Board members asked how the community planning results were going to be communicated to the Board. Bolger shared that the initial elements would be presented at the March meeting and that the full plan would likely not be finalized until the April Board meeting.

VOTE

In favor: Gordon, Bethell, Corr, Cross, Lopez, Hoy, Matthews, Maries, Dickerson, Leathley, Flores Marin, Frizzell, Castañeda, Silverman-Méndez, Sunflower
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

STATEWIDE SHELTER PROGRAM/REGIONAL COORDINATOR

Executive Director Misty Bolger provided an update on the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Statewide Shelter Program Regional Coordinator designation, noting that the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance and Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency were identified as the top two applicants for the Marion and Polk region and will advance to a second round of evaluation. The next phase includes an interview with OHCS leadership, submission of up to five letters of support and reference checks related to fiscal compliance, HMIS reporting and grant management, with interviews scheduled for March 2, 2026 and letters due February 24, 2026. Bolger explained that if selected, the Alliance would enter into a five-year contract with OHCS to administer shelter program funds, providing stable administrative funding and potential staffing expansion. If not selected, the Alliance would continue operating as the Continuum of Care through the ORS 190 entity and maintain its direct OHCS contract of approximately $295,000 through June 30, 2027, though future administrative funding opportunities may be limited.

MOTION MADE BY **BETHELL**
SECONDED BY **CROSS** TO:

Enter into next phase of the Statewide Shelter Program, Regional Coordinator application process.

DISCUSSION

Lopez recused himself from the discussion due to his employer being MWVCAA. Crier brought up a point and requested MWVCAA to be removed from the letterhead due to the agency being unable to vote on the matter. Chair Gordon recommended removing organizations from the MWVHA letter head.

VOTE

In favor: Gordon, Bethell, Corr, Cross, Hoy, Matthews, Maries, Dickerson, Leathley, Flores Marin, Frizzell, Castañeda, Silverman-Méndez, Sunflower

Opposed: None
Abstentions: Lopez

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HMIS POLICY & PROCEDURE AND AGENCY AGREEMENT TEMPLATE

Chair Gordon introduced the item regarding approval of the HMIS Policies and Procedures and the HMIS Agency Agreement template. Executive Director Misty Bolger provided an overview, explaining that the documents formalize requirements for agencies participating in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and align local practices with HUD data standards, privacy requirements and participation expectations. The policies outline data quality, privacy and security requirements, while the agency agreement establishes the terms under which participating providers access and use the system.

MOTION MADE BY **BETHELL**
SECONDED BY **LOPEZ** TO:

Approve the HMIS Policy & Procedures as well as the HMIS Agency Agreement Template.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE
In favor: Gordon, Bethell, Corr, Cross, Lopez, Hoy, Matthews, Maries, Dickerson, Leathley, Flores Marin, Frizzell, Castañeda, Silverman-Méndez, Sunflower
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

SUBGRANTEE MONITORING CALENDAR & PLAN

Bolger explained that a more detailed plan will be presented at the next meeting.

COALITION CYBER SECURITY POLICY

Chair Gordon introduced the Coalition Cybersecurity Policy, and Executive Director Misty Bolger provided a brief overview of the proposed policy. Board members raised questions regarding risk management details and requested additional information before taking action. Following discussion, members agreed to defer consideration of the policy to the next meeting to allow time for further review and clarification.

MOTION MADE BY **CORR**
SECONDED BY **BETHELL** TO:

Table the policy until the next Board meeting in March.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

In favor: Gordon, Bethell, Corr, Cross, Hoy, Matthews, Lopez, Maries, Dickerson, Leathley, Flores Marin, Frizzell, Castañeda, Silverman-Méndez, Sunflower
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

HR LETTER OF INTENT

Executive Director Misty Bolger introduced the HR services item and presented a comparison sheet outlining the proposed services, noting that the vendor, Bambi, operates on a month-to-month model and does not provide a formal contract. Board member Bethell expressed concern that the Board could not proceed without a contract or similar binding agreement outlining terms and obligations. Following additional discussion regarding procurement and risk considerations, the Board agreed to table the item until the next meeting to allow staff to follow up on the concerns raised and provide additional information.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Misty Bolger provided the following updates to the Board:

Grant and Funding Updates: Bolger reported on current grant activity and upcoming funding opportunities, including updates related to Continuum of Care funding and ongoing coordination with HUD and Oregon Housing and Community Services.

Program and Contract Updates: Staff continue working on contract implementation and coordination with partner agencies to ensure program compliance and effective service delivery.

Planning and System Coordination: Bolger noted ongoing work with community partners to improve coordination across programs and strengthen system planning efforts within the region.

Data and Monitoring: Updates were provided regarding HMIS data quality efforts and system monitoring activities aimed at improving reporting and performance tracking.

General Organizational Updates: Bolger shared brief updates on internal operations, staffing considerations and ongoing administrative work supporting Alliance programs and initiatives.

The report was provided for informational purposes and no action was taken by the Board.

JURISDICTIONAL/OTHER UPDATES

A City Councilor reported that the City of Monmouth approved a request from David's House to increase the capacity of its youth transitional housing program from five to ten youth participants. The update was provided for informational purposes.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

01:11:07 lynelle: I have public comment fir this topic

01:14:46 Shannon Corr, Independence: Reacted to "I have public commen..." with ❤️

01:46:06 Jeremy Gordon (he/him): Cassie, can you ensure the comments/excel document from Jimmy Jones, and any other written comment, is included in the minutes of this meeting? thx

01:51:23 Commissioner Danielle Bethell: Did we vote on letters of support after hearing from them? I've already forgotten. 😑

01:51:40 Homeless Alliance: That was done at the beginning of the meeting

01:55:08 Shannon Corr, Independence: I have to leave at 5. I had asked to see the cybersecurity policy before it came to the board. I only saw Wed... and have not had time to review the contractor's functionality. I have concerns about the 3rd party process in their Coalition Control platform. Can we push this off until the next mtg?

01:57:08 Tricia Frizzell:Apologies, I need to hop off. I look forward to follow up meetings.

01:57:20 Kim Leathley, NWHS: @Homeless Alliance - there is a typo in the date (says 2025)

01:59:14 Jeremy Gordon (he/him): Reacted to "@Homeless Alliance -..." with 👍

01:59:23 Commissioner Danielle Bethell: Reacted to "I have to leave at 5..." with 👍

02:00:21 Homeless Alliance: Reacted to "@Homeless Alliance -..." with 👍🏻

02:02:03 Commissioner Danielle Bethell: Can we PLEASE put items for INFO only after items of action?

02:02:12 Shannon Corr, Independence: Reacted to "Can we PLEASE put it..." with ❤️

02:03:55 Homeless Alliance: Reacted to "Can we PLEASE put it..." with 👍🏻

02:12:38 Shannon Corr, Independence: There is no SoS listing for Bambee in Oregon. The state cannot do business with an entity that is not registered. I think we should follow suit.

02:13:05 Josie Silverman-Mendez (she/her), Willamette Health Council: I need to roll off. I will keep an eye out for the special meeting invite.

02:13:10 Jeremy Gordon (he/him): Reacted to "I need to roll off. ..." with 👍

02:14:03 Shannon Corr, Independence: Neither is there one for BambooHR

02:15:37 Kim Leathley, NWHS: @Homeless Alliance - Misty - Bambee has Legal Documents, Terms and Conditions - see "terms of service" (and privacy policy etc.) which for these types of business entities is very common - these are effectively their contract terms Legal Documents. What is may or may not have is performance goals - you may need to check on that.

02:16:58 Shannon Corr, Independence: Their website says they are HQ'ed in LA. They are not registered with the California SoS.

02:19:19 Kim Leathley, NWHS: I have to transition to my phone.

02:20:29 Kim Leathley, NWHS: Actually, I need to sign off. Thank you all.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gordon adjourned the board meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Jeremy Gordon, MWVHA Chair & ORS190 President	Date
Misty Bolger, MWVHA Executive Director	Date