MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Health & Safety Committee
Tuesday, August 25th, 2026, 1:00–2:00 pm
Agenda

Zoom:
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TIME	AGENDA ITEM	FACILITATOR
1:00	**Welcome & Committee Business** • Please enter your name and organization in the chat • Welcome guests • Approve **July 2026** minutes	Krista
1:05	**Committee Leadership and Member Update** • Housing Sector Co-Chair: Members will nominate and vote to recommend a Housing Sector Co-Chair to the Board for appointment. **Members may nominate themselves or another eligible Housing Sector member.** • The MWVHA Board approved the appointment of Naomi Hudkins, Marion County Health & Human Services, to fill vacant Housing Sector seat.	Emily
1:25	**Environmental Scan Pilots & ADA Resource Guide Update** • Emily will provide updates on the Environmental Scan pilots and development of the ADA Considerations for Behavioral Concerns in Housing and Shelter Settings resource guide.	Emily
1:30	**Salem Area Resource Lists** Presenter: Lynelle Wilcox, Safe Sleep • Lynelle will share information on developing short, accessible resource lists for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including gaps with 211 and options for getting resource information directly to people who need it.	Krista
1:55	**Partner Updates/Action Items/Dismiss Meeting**	Krista

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Health & Safety Committee Roster

Member	Agency Affiliation	Sector
Alba Garcia	Polk County Behavioral Health	Health
Ashley Carson	Center for Hope and Safety	Housing
Chris Barber	Curandi	Health
Housing Co-Chair OPEN	**Housing Co-Chair**	**Housing**
Denyc Boles	Salem Health	Health
Josh Erickson	Church at the Park	Housing
Kellee Borsberry	NWHS	Health
Krista Lovaas (Co-Chair)	**WVP**	**Health**
Logan Garcia	Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency	Housing
Lynelle Wilcox	Safe Sleep United	Housing
Nicole Utz	Salem Housing Authority	Housing
Sarah White	Sheltering Silverton	Housing
Trisha Kumar	Willamette Health Council	Health
Eli Kinsley	Bridgeway Community Health	Housing
Naomi Hudkins	Marion County Health & Human Services	Housing

Updated August 2026

Meeting Minutes of:

MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE (MWVHA) HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date & Time:
July 28th, 2026,
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Curandi, Chris Barber

Salem Health, Denyc Boles

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, Logan Garcia

WHC, Kumar, Trisha

NWHS, Kellee Borsberry

Co-Chair WVP, Krista Lovaas

SafeSleep United, Lynelle Wilcox

Center for Hope and Safety, Ashley Carson

Bridgeway Health, Eli Kinsley

Polk County, Alba Garcia

Salem Housing Authority, Nicole Utz-**Proxy Sarah Murray**

MEMBERS ABSENT

Church at the Park, Josh Erickson

Sheltering Silverton, Sarah White

MWVHA STAFF PRESENT & GUESTS

MWVHA, Emily Mewbourn

MWVHA, Steve Replogle

WELCOME & COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Co-Chair Krista Lovaas opened the meeting at 1:06 pm.
The meeting opened, and attendees were asked to enter their names and organizations in the chat. Once a quorum was reached, the **June 2026** meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Chris Barber and seconded by Krista Lovaas.

MOTION TO APPROVE June 2026 **MEETING MINUTES** by Chris Barber

Seconded by: Krista Lovaas **Unanimous:** No **Opposed:** None **Abstentions**: Trisha Kumar and Alba Garcia

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Recruitment Efforts

Christina Bertschi's departure from Marion County left the Housing Sector Co-Chair and a housing-sector committee seat vacant. The Co-Chair position will remain open until the next meeting to allow members time to consider nominations.

The committee recommended Naomi Hudkins, Marion County Health and Human Services, to fill the vacant housing-sector seat. The recommendation will move to the Board for final approval.

MOTION TO Recommend Naomi Hudkins by Trisha Kumar

Seconded by: Chris Barber **Unanimous:** Yes **Opposed:** None **Abstentions**: None

Committee members were encouraged to share recommendations and assist with recruitment efforts.

Environmental Scan Pilot Updates

The committee received an update on the Environmental Scan recommendations and six pilot projects. Development work is underway to further develop the pilots for Board consideration, beginning with the Lived Experience Advisory Panel.

The committee also discussed follow-up with Environmental Scan participants, including plans to share a community-facing information sheet with recommendations and next steps.

ADA Considerations for Behavioral Concerns in Housing and Shelter Settings:

The committee reviewed a draft resource guide addressing ADA and disability-related considerations in housing and shelter settings. The resource was developed in response to questions about how disability protections and reasonable accommodations apply when providers are also managing behavioral concerns, safety, and the needs of other shelter residents.

Committee members discussed the challenges shelters face when making these decisions, particularly when behaviors may be related to a disability or mental health condition. The discussion also highlighted the need for practical guidance around documentation, reasonable accommodation, safety concerns, and when to take action based on an individual's behavior.

The resource is still in draft form and would need to undergo legal review before being finalized or distributed. The committee also discussed the possibility of bringing in an attorney with experience in this area to provide additional guidance and answer provider questions.

PARTNER UPDATES/ACTION ITEMS/DISMISS MEETING

WVP shared that it recently received state approval as a Certificate of Approval agency, allowing the organization to continue providing peer support and mental health services. The approval will also allow WVP to expand access to behavioral health services and connect individuals with peer support and system navigation.

Shelter partners shared updates on outreach and shelter capacity, including coordination with outreach teams during sweeps. Providers continue to see gaps for individuals with behavioral health, physical health, or daily living needs that cannot be safely supported in traditional shelter settings.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

00:09:39 Steve R - MWVHA: Quorum is met!

00:09:43 Chris Barber: Chris Barber, Curandi

00:09:53 Alba Garcia (she/her): Alba Garcia- Polk County BH

00:09:56 lynelle: Lynelle Wilcox, SafeSleep United

00:10:00 Misty Bolger: Misty Bolger, Alliance

00:10:01 Trisha Kumar: Trisha Kumar, Willamette Health Council

00:10:02 Logan Garcia. HRSN Program Manager MWVCAA: Logan Garcia, MWVCAA

00:10:08 Sarah's iPhone: Sarah Murray - Salem Housing Authority

00:15:33 Denyc Boles, Salem Health: Denyc Boles, Salem Health

00:16:11 lynelle: what is her agency again?

00:16:19 lynelle: ty!

00:16:45 lynelle: that would be wonderful! I'd love to know what they offer!

00:17:27 Homeless Alliance: Reacted to "that would be wonderful! I'd love to know what they offer!" with 💟

00:19:47 lynelle: I know the Environmental scan was funded. How much did it cost total?

00:22:45 Steve R - MWVHA: Yes

00:39:23 lynelle: that would be wonderful!

00:39:41 Ashley Carson (she/her), Center for Hope & Safety: Thank you!

00:44:13 Krista Lovaas: https://www.wvphealthauthority.org/csp-intake-form

00:44:29 Homeless Alliance: Reacted to "https://www.wvphealthauthority.org/csp-intake-form" with 💟

ADJOURNMENT: Co-Chair Krista Lovaas closed the meeting at 2 pm