MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Health & Safety Committee
Tuesday, September 22nd, 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 **August 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.**	Krista
1:20	**Environmental Scan Pilots: Pilot #1 Development Discussion** • Environmental Scan Pilot Updates: Emily to share development draft for Pilot #1 Lived Experience Advisory Council. Committee members to provide feedback/recommendations.	Emily
1:35	**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:
August 25th, 2026,
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Curandi, Chris Barber

Salem Health, Denyc Boles

WHC, Kumar, Trisha

NWHS, Kellee Borsberry

Co-Chair WVP, Krista Lovaas

Polk County, Alba Garcia

Sheltering Silverton, Sarah White

Marion County, Naomi Hudkins

MEMBERS ABSENT

Church at the Park, Josh Erickson

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, Logan Garcia

Salem Housing Authority, Nicole Utz

Bridgeway Health, Eli Kinsley

Center for Hope and Safety, Ashley Carson

SafeSleep United, Lynelle Wilcox

MWVHA STAFF PRESENT & GUESTS

MWVHA, Emily Mewbourn

MWVHA, Steve Replogle

WELCOME & COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Co-Chair Krista Lovaas opened the meeting at 1:11 pm.

The meeting opened, and attendees were asked to enter their names and organizations in the chat. Once a quorum was reached, the **July 28th, 2026,** meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Denyc Boles and seconded by Naomi Hudkins.

MOTION TO APPROVE July 2026 **MEETING MINUTES** by Denyc Boles

Seconded by: Naomi Hudkins **Unanimous:** No **Opposed:** None **Abstentions**: None

Recruitment Efforts

The Housing Sector Co-Chair position remains vacant following Christina Bertschi's departure. Eligible housing sector members were invited to nominate themselves or another eligible member.

Sarah White and Naomi Hudkins were identified as eligible members currently in attendance. Sarah indicated she did not have capacity to take on the Co-Chair role at this time.

The Committee agreed to carry the Housing Sector Co-Chair selection forward to the next meeting. Information about the vacancy will be distributed in advance to encourage nominations.

Naomi Hudkins, Marion County Health and Human Services, was welcomed to the Committee following Board approval of her appointment to the vacant housing sector seat.

Environmental Scan Pilot Updates

Emily provided an update on the Environmental Scan pilot projects. Progress had been delayed due to the HUD NOFO process and the Alliance's leadership transition.

The next phase of pilot development is expected to be brought to the Board for consideration in the next month or so. Following Board approval, work can move toward implementation. The Lived Experience Advisory Council was identified as a project that may move forward relatively quickly because it will be incorporated under the Health & Safety Committee and does not require a procurement process.

ADA Considerations for Behavioral Concerns in Housing and Shelter Settings:

Emily provided an update on the draft ADA Considerations for Behavioral Concerns in Housing and Shelter Settings resource guide. Efforts are continuing to identify an appropriate subject matter expert or attorney to review the draft and potentially attend a future Committee meeting.

Sarah White shared that Sheltering Silverton has also been researching ADA and reasonable accommodation requirements, particularly related to ASL interpretation and behavioral health accommodations. The organization has consulted legal and fair housing resources but has encountered conflicting or unclear guidance regarding some shelter situations.

Sarah offered to forward a legal analysis prepared for Sheltering Silverton by attorney Matt Briggs to Emily for review.

The Committee discussed the potential value of developing clearer guidance and educational resources for homeless service providers regarding ADA, reasonable accommodations, behavioral concerns, and the applicability of fair housing requirements.

Salem Area Resource Lists:

Lynelle Wilcox was scheduled to provide an update on a resource list being developed for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including efforts to address identified gaps with 211 resources. Lynelle was unable to attend.

The update may be provided at a future meeting or distributed separately when additional information is available.

PARTNER UPDATES/ACTION ITEMS/DISMISS MEETING

Trisha Kumar reported that WHC received state rural health funding supporting traditional health worker and mobile health initiatives. Two new positions supporting the projects are expected to begin in September.

Kelly Borsberry reported that Northwest Human Services is developing plans for deployment of its mobile medical unit to improve access to services in the community.

Kelly also provided information about Northwest Human Services' Medical-Legal Partnership, through which eligible patients may access legal assistance for issues such as eviction and record expungement. Kelly will assist with identifying the applicable eligibility criteria and appropriate contact information.

Sarah White reported that Sheltering Silverton is completing its strategic plan and is exploring development of a second, larger shelter site. The organization hopes to incorporate approximately five to ten medical respite beds into the future site and is interested in potential funding opportunities and partnerships related to rural health and medical respite.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

00:08:13 Sarah White - Sheltering Silverton: Sarah White, Sheltering Silverton

00:08:17 Alba Garcia (she/her): Alba Garcia- Polk Co. BH

00:08:27 Denyc Boles, Salem Health: Denyc Boles, Salem Health

00:08:28 Naomi Hudkins: Naomi Hudkins - Marion County HHS

00:08:32 Chris Barber: Chris Barber, Curandi

00:28:06 Alba Garcia (she/her): None from PCBH

ADJOURNMENT: Co-Chair Krista Lovaas closed the meeting at 1:40 pm