

Homeless Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Oregon Coast Community College
Community Room #151, Central County Campus, Newport, OR, 97365
And by Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Chair Claire Hall. Kyla Sellers did roll call for the representatives:

Attendees:

City of Depoe Bay, Kathy Short, Mayor
City of Lincoln City, Judy Casper, Council President
City of Newport, Jan Kaplan, Councilor
City of Siletz, Susan Trachsel, Council President
City of Toledo, Rod Cross, Mayor
City of Waldport, Dann Cutter, City Manager*
City of Yachats, Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessy, Council President
Community Services Consortium, Pegge McGuire, Executive Director
Lincoln County, Claire Hall, Commissioner

*alternates

Ex officio attendees:

City of Depoe Bay, Sandi Hollenbeck
City of Lincoln City, Daphnee Legarza, City Manager
City of Newport, Cynthia Jacobi, Councilor
City of Newport, Spencer Nebel, City Manager
Lincoln County, Tim Johnson, County Administrator
Morant McLeod, Ernest Stephens II, Partner (facilitator)
Samaritan House Executive Director, Lola Jones (Service Provision & Policy Workgroup Chair)

The minutes from August 9, 2023, were reviewed. Yachats Council President Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessy made motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mayor Kathy Short seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Chair Hall passed the gavel to County Administrator Tim Johnson to present a status update on the strategic plan and next steps for this process. Johnson summarized the accomplishments of the Advisory Board so far. Johnson restated the vision & mission statement that the Board previously created as well as the goals formulated by this HB4123 Pilot program. In an effort to show the Board an overview of the work done so far, Johnson presented key challenges & opportunities found throughout the process of creating a strategy to fulfill the goals of the

strategic plan. Johnson stressed the fact that the Board representatives are the decision makers and editors as we get closer to receiving a draft 5-year strategy formulated by the consultant.

Johnson identified the following next steps to be taken:

- Late September to early October: Administrators of the Advisory board will be visiting the city & county councils to provide a status report on the work of the Pilot program thus far.
- Late October – early November: Publication of the proposed strategic plan.
- Late October – early December: The strategic consultant will be visiting the city & county councils to present the proposed strategic plan.
- November 15: Submission of draft to State. Understanding that final strategy is pending approval by resolution submitted by the municipalities of the Intergovernmental Agreement.
- Cities and County approve Strategy by resolution.
- Submission to State of Oregon by end of 2023

Consultant Ernest Stephens II followed up with the strategic recommendation formulated by Morant Mcleod. Ernest led the attention of the Board to a brief summary of the key issues found during analysis of collected data. Economic pressures on those nearing or within poverty press individuals into poverty. Additionally lack of transportation/mobility increases this pressure. The housing inventory and lack of reporting efforts across county organizations make it difficult to create adequate housing opportunities for unhoused individuals. Lastly, the administrative disconnect play a large role in unhoused individuals receiving the services they need – Stephens stressed the fact that the lack of a unified approach or procedure is keeping organizations from being as effective as possible in helping the houseless community.

Stephens ended his presentation with a summary of goals and Key expected outcomes.

Chair Hall opened for any new business to be discussed. Kyla Sellers on behalf of Karen Rockwell asked the Board for direction on how to proceed with presenting status updates to the city councils as mentioned by County Administrator Johnson at the beginning of the meeting. The Board discussed options and agreed that each municipality will work with the LCHAB administrators to coordinate presentations individually.

Chair Hall went on to allow for public comment as there was no other business to discuss.

Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 3pm.

Next Meeting: October 11 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.