

DRAFT Homeless Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Oregon Coast Community College
Community Room #140, Central County Campus, Newport, OR, 97365
And by Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Vice Chair Rod Cross. 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, Rick Booth, Councilor
City of Yachats, Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey, Council President*
Community Services Consortium, Dina Eldridge, Housing Services Manager*

*alternates

Ex officio attendees:

City of Toledo, Betty Kamikawa, Council President (Mental & Physical Health Workgroup Chair)
Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Karen Rockwell, Executive Director
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 June 14, 2023, were reviewed. Mayor Kathy Short made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Councilor Jan Kaplan seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Rod Cross passed the gavel to the strategic consultant, Ernest Stephens II, to update the Board on the strategic plan. Stephens informed the Board that he is moving up the deadlines for the end of the analysis- and the planning- phase to get the strategic plan turned into the State by November 15, 2023. This is the only adjustment being made and all other aspects of the strategic planning process are on track.

Stephens went on to present his estimate of the unhoused population in Lincoln County. The estimated number is based on the mean of counts from three (3) different methodologies. This process produces an estimate of 2,090 unhoused individuals in Lincoln County with a standard deviation of 891.

Stephens then presented the findings of the field research to the Board. The Board reviewed and discussed the field work data presented by Stephens. Councilor Judy Casper asked Stephens how many unhoused individuals had been interviewed for this data. Stephens informed the Board that although his team has talked to many unhoused individuals, 37 of them agreed to interview.

Stephens discussed the Progression of Support Model: a 7-phase-system where unhoused individuals and families can secure services and move towards housing and economic stability. The system is built on the definitions of HUD's Housing Continuum ranging from unhoused/unsheltered to market rate rental/homeownership. The 7-phase system gives us a basis for organizing services and economic support in relation to where an individual might be in the continuum of housing. The Board discussed the model presented by Stephens and what policy changes would have to be carried out for the model framework to function.

Vice Chair Cross passed the gavel to Executive Director Karen Rockwell to present the Board's upcoming deadlines included in the LCHAB timeline handout. Rockwell informed the Board that the timeline ensures that Stephens gets the proposed strategic plan approved by the appropriate municipalities that are a part of the Intergovernmental Agreement. Rockwell informed the Board that the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians are Ex officio members of the IGA, and as such approval by resolution is not required of them, however, it is preferred.

Rockwell stated that she briefly would jump ahead to agenda item 6. HB5019 collaborative funding opportunity. Rockwell informed the Board that Lincoln County is putting fourth a stand alone ask versus creating a Local Planning Group with Linn & Benton County and that the Housing Authority (as the administrator of the Homeless Advisory Board) will take the lead in coordinating the necessary information from the local service providers and municipalities.

Dina Eldridge from Community Services Consortium was asked to discuss the upcoming meeting in Albany regarding Linn-Benton-Lincoln counties considering leaving the Balance of State Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (CoC) and create a new CoC.. The Board Discussed the options and agreed that participation in this meeting is important to make an informed decision.

Vice Chair Cross inquired about any new business to discuss. As there was no new business to discuss, Cross opened for public comment. Two community members introduced themselves and asked how they could best support the work of the Board.

Vice Chair Cross adjourned the meeting at 3.03 pm.

Next Meeting: August 9 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.