

Homeless Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, August 9, 2023

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

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

Attendees:

City of Depoe Bay, Sandi Hollenbeck*
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 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 Lincoln City, Daphnee Legarza, City Manager
City of Newport, Cynthia Jacobi, Councilor
City of Toledo, Betty Kamikawa, Council President*
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Lisa Norton, Assistant General Manager
Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Karen Rockwell, Executive Director
Lincoln County, Tim Johnson, County Administrator
Morant McLeod, Ernest Stephens II, Partner (facilitator)

The minutes from July 12, 2023, were reviewed. Chair Claire Hall made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mayor Rod Cross seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Chair Hall directed the Board to the third item on the agenda presented by Executive Director Karen Rockwell. Rockwell reminded the Board of the scheduled meeting on August 14th at 1pm, where strategic consultant Ernest Stephens will present an overview of the HB4123 proposed strategic plan to the City Administrators. Rockwell then passed the gavel to Stephens to discuss the strategic plan goals.

Stephens started the conversation by reminding the Board that the proposed strategic plan will be presented to the City Managers on Monday August 14 and then to the City Councils in September. Stephens stressed that presentations for the City Council meetings are limited to

~15 minutes. Therefore, it is imperative that our board members provide 'warm introductions' to their perspective councils to maintain the HB4123 timeline.

Stephens went on to present the proposed concepts that the strategic plan is based on. The Board reviewed and discussed the presented information. Executive Director Pegge McGuire pointed to the fact that while the concept is in line with the overall vision, it remains unclear how to get there. Rockwell underlined the fact that the strategic plan needs to formulate tangible, attainable and sustainable goals. McGuire supported this statement. Stephens followed up the conversation by starting a presentation on how to operationalize the mission. The proposal is to have the Homeless Advisory Board maintain its structure after the Strategic Plan is adopted, after the initial 5 years and into the foreseeable future. This is to oversee the three entities that will be responsible for the efforts set forth in the strategic plan. The Board agreed on the priority categorizations being Housing, Services & Economic Development and voiced a need for an addition of a fourth entity: Transportation. This is based on transportation being one of the greatest challenges for the homeless community in Lincoln County.

Rockwell argued that it is not within the Board's jurisdiction to assign responsibility – what the board needs in this moment are strategies to obtain specific goals that are in line with the mission of the Board. The Board discussed what will be needed to secure support from the municipalities on this strategic plan.

Ernest presented the challenges to consider regarding how to fund the initiatives of the strategic plan. The Board discussed the alternatives put forward by Stephens. Stephens then passed the gavel to Chair Hall.

Chair Hall pointed to the next agenda item. As the meeting went over time, Pegge McGuire's update on the Rural Continuum of Care will be a written report sent out by email.

Chair Hall went on to allow for public comment as there was no new or old business to discuss. One community member gave comment.

Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm.

Next Meeting: September 13 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.