

**Homeless Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

Oregon Coast Community College
Central County Campus
400 SE College Way, Newport, OR 97366
and by ZOOM

Attendees Present:

City of Depoe Bay, Kathy Short, Mayor*

City of Depoe Bay, Sandi Hollenbeck**

City of Lincoln City, Daphnee Legarza, City Manager

City of Lincoln City, Judy Casper, Council President*

City of Newport, Cynthia Jacobi, Councilor**

City of Newport, Jan Kaplan, Councilor*

City of Newport, Spencer Nebel, City Manager

City of Toledo, Betty Kamikawa, Council President**

City of Toledo, Rod Cross, Mayor*

City of Waldport, Dann Cutter, City Manager**

City of Yachets, Ann Stott, Council President

Coastal Support Services, Amanda Cherryholmes, Executive Director

Community Services Consortium, Pegge McGuire, Executive Director*

Gary Lahman, Community Member

Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Karen Rockwell, Executive Director (non-voting)

Lincoln County School District, Woody Crobar, HELP Program Coordinator

Lincoln County, Claire Hall, Commissioner*

Lincoln County, Jayne Romero, Health & Human Services Director

Lincoln County, Tim Johnson, County Administrator

Morant McLeod, Ernest Stephens II, Partner (facilitator)

*appointed members of the Advisory Committee

**appointed alternates

Chair Claire Hall called the meeting to order with a round of self-introductions. The municipalities were asked to give an update on winter sheltering.

The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the governing body of the Homeless Advisory Board has been reviewed by all municipality mayors. The final version will be distributed for electronic signing. Community Services Consortium was missing from the signature line (while included in the document body). In addition, on page seven in the body of the contract Pegge McGuire's name needs to be corrected. Tim Johnson will make the adjustment. The goal is to have it adjusted and signed by early March.

Tim Johnson gave an update on the previously reported state mandated strategic planning deadline. Under the grant the timeline for the completion of the 5-year Strategic Plan, planning must be completed by June of 2023. Lincoln County reached out to the Department of Administrative Services to learn that their hands are tied by the legislation. However, the legislation is devoid of deadlines. Tim Johnson brought the issue forward to the League of Oregon Cities, and has found that other jurisdictions are having similar issues. The League of Oregon Cities has requested a legal review from the Department of Administrative Services. The County had previously contacted State Rep. David Gomberg's Office to illustrate the conundrum and ascertain options. There are now several entities working on amendments. Should it remain as written, it can be accomplished by radically adjusting the timeline. This will potentially reduce the amount of time to reach out to stakeholders, partners and the community regarding the strategic plan.

Claire Hall gave a presentation on the status of the Governor's recent emergency order surrounding homelessness, which left out rural counties that are part of the Rural Continuum of Care. Pegge McGuire and Claire Hall discussed that the emergency funding was based in part on data from the point-in-time counts, and seeking out areas that reflect increases over 50%. The Lincoln County point-in-time count significantly undercounts the area's unsheltered population, and there are many factors that contribute to that. Pegge McGuire discussed alternative options to methodology to support demonstrating an increase in unsheltered population. Rural homelessness is not being acknowledged in the same way as urban homelessness, and efforts are being coordinated by the County to address this concern with state elected representatives. Claire Hall asked for volunteers for a subcommittee/workgroup to explore different methodologies. Several individuals volunteered to assist with the project and Karen Rockwell will follow up with them after the meeting. In addition, a part of the Homeless Advisory Board's strategic planning process will be reviewing the various service organization data sets as well as comparing to the school district's McKinney Vento and HUD point-in-time count. Project Homeless Connect resource event was discussed – both historical context and as a tool for future community interaction. Dann Cutter made a statement that we should also be communicating to the Governor's office and our elected officials that homelessness is statewide concern and rural counties should not be excluded, regardless of the issues surrounded by the point-in-time count or the rural area's ability to improve their counts. Toledo Mayor Rod Cross gave an update on the Oregon Mayor's Association recent visits in Salem surrounding executive orders and lack of support for homelessness funding in rural areas.

Ernest Stephens presented a slideshow that included the project timeline, gave an overview of the outcomes from the January meeting, and the next steps for the workgroups (handouts attached). The primary mission was discussed and modified. It will be reviewed in each of the workgroups and brought back to the full group in March. Workgroup expectations will be approximately one-hour meetings, with a total of three (3) – five (5) meetings each between now and May.

Next Meeting: March 8, 2023 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Location Depoe Bay City Hall