

Homeless Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Lincoln City Council Chambers, City Hall,
Third Floor, 801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Oregon.
And by Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by Vice Chair Rod Cross. Karen Rockwell 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
City of Toledo, Rod Cross, Mayor
City of Waldport, Greg Holland, Mayor*
City of Yachats, Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey*
Community Services Consortium, Pegge McGuire, Executive Director
Lincoln County, Claire Hall, Commissioner (Advisory Board Chair)

*alternates

Ex officio attendees:

City of Lincoln City, Daphnee Legarza, City Manager
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)

Rockwell introduced Kyla Sellers. Kyla has joined the Housing Authority. She will be spending 50% of her time assisting with the administration of the work of the Lincoln County Homeless Advisory Board.

Vice Chair Cross passed the lead of the meeting to Chair Claire Hall upon her arrival.

The minutes from March 8, 2023 and April 12, 2023 were reviewed. Mayor Greg Holland made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Judy Casper seconded this motion. Motion Carried.

Chair Hall passed the gavel to Strategic Consultant Ernest Stephens. Stephens made an apology to the workgroup Chairs, as he did not have the opportunity to walk them through the latest data, for his presentation, prior to the board meeting.

Stephens reviewed the process of strategic planning, which is on track for analysis starting in June. Stephens presented the progress of the workgroups:

Community Engagement – Chair Rev. Bob Barrett

- Creating a calendar for Community Engagement events. Several Board members gave input for the further development of the calendar.
- The updated logo design for the LCHAB.org website was presented to the board. The revised logo was discussed. Final adjustments were agreed on and it is expected that the logo will be approved by the next board meeting.

Mental & Physical Health – Chair City of Toledo Council President Betty Kamikawa

- Focused on understanding how healthcare providers in our community work together. Investigating The Continuum of Care in our community creating understanding regarding how individuals get ‘caught in the system’.

Service Provision & Policy – Executive Director Samaritan House Lola Jones

- Continuing the development of the map of our community service organizations and their relationships. Stephens explained how to read the map and informed the board that the map is still developing. Currently the map shows that a small number of service providers have the most community connections. Many providers work independently creating gaps in the continuum of care.

Finance & Economics – Chair City of Toledo Mayor Rod Cross

- Compiled data and created analysis, which was presented and reviewed by the board.
- The data shows the number of known unhoused/at risk youth. The data tells us that’s there are a lot of unseen individuals from the point-in time- data on homeless individuals. Stephens suggests that hopefully this data can be used in creating a strong methodology for creating true to reality statistics on unhoused individuals in our community.
- Based on additional supply and demand data and model scenarios, provided by the workgroup, the board discussed possible solutions to the housing shortage.

During the update on workgroup progress Chair Hall acknowledged that participants on the viewer side of the meeting had raised their hands. Hall informed all participants that public comments will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

Stephens opened for discussion based on the information put forward by the work groups. Pegge McGuire stated the importance of understanding the vacancy rate data collected, in relation to the reality our community is experiencing. Several board members agreed that the data available to us is heavily affected by unauthorized rental homes among other factors. The board discussed rental rates and how to ensure that any new developments be used to house our existing pool of unhoused individuals and low income families rather than people looking to relocate here.

New Business

Chair Hall gave updates on the HB5019 Funding. There is continued uncertainty on the timing and distribution of the funding. However, the allocation of the funding has two purposes: creating 100 new permanent shelter beds and getting 400 unhoused people rehoused.

Executive Director Rockwell mentioned a great article from the Newport News Times, which will be linked on the LCHAB.org website.

Old Business

Lincoln County, Newport and Siletz IGAs are executed. CSC and Depoe Bay stated that theirs should be executed at this time as well. Tim Johnson is waiting on an update from Yachats while Lincoln City's IGA is pending.

Chair Hall adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: June 14 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
