

**Homeless Advisory Board Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 29, 2024**  
Oregon Coast Community College  
Community Room #140, Central County Campus, Newport, OR, 97365  
And by Zoom

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The meeting was called to order at 1:11 PM by Co-Chair Rod Cross. Cross initiated 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, Mayor  
City of Toledo, Rod Cross, Mayor  
City of Siletz, Susan Trachsel, Council President  
City of Waldport, Rick Booth, Councilor  
City of Yachats, Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey, 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 Toledo, Doug Wiggins, City Manager  
Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Karen Rockwell, Executive Director  
Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Kyla Sellers, LCHAB Project Manager

The minutes from April 10, 2024, were reviewed. Rick Booth made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second to the motion was made by Jan Kaplan. Motion Carried.

Chair Cross passed the gavel to Karen Rockwell to conduct general housekeeping. Rockwell reminded the Board that the board packet is typically uploaded to [www.LCHAB.org](http://www.LCHAB.org) the Friday before the monthly Homeless Advisory Board meetings. Rockwell went on to reiterate the importance of following the meeting facilitation structure. At the April meeting the Board voted to allow public comments related to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting and comments unrelated to the agenda (but still related to the work of the Board) at the end of every meeting. All comments are capped at three minutes. Rockwell proceeded to introduce Community Services Consortium's (CSC) new Housing Services Manager, Liesl Eckert, who in the near future will be the voting representative from CSC.

With the permission of the Chair Rockwell proceeded to introduce the second round of the Lincoln County Shelter Panel. The Panel consisted of:

- Amber Wishoff-Martin, Executive Director & Lead Sexual Assault Advocate, My Sisters Place (aka My safe Place)
- Jordan Gabilondo, Supervisor, Juvenile Department, Youth Tides Shelter & Tony Campa Director, Community Justice
- Barbara Loza-Muriera, Administrative Assistant, Yachats Community Presbyterian Church & Pastor Bob Barrett, Yachats Community Presbyterian Church (Don's Place Shelter)
- Sheila Stiley, Executive Director, Coastal Phoenix Rising (unable to attend)

Rockwell facilitated the panel where the invited guests informed the board about their organizations and their respective shelter operations including what obstacles they experience in the operations. Rockwell asked that the panel include information about their strong community partnerships. The Panel provided in-depth information and Rockwell then opened the floor to questions from the Board.

Chair Cross went on to allow for public comment related to agenda items. No comments were given.

Chair Cross passed the gavel to Karen Rockwell to provide a report from the Administrative Office. Rockwell provided recent updates on multiple funding streams. The Housing Authority has been seeking funding opportunities as part of its role as the Administrative Office of the Homeless Advisory Board. These efforts are to fulfill goal #2 of the strategic plan which includes researching and applying for opportunities to fund existing service delivery. Rockwell provided the following updates:

- HB5019: Oregon Housing and Community Services awarded Lincoln County \$856,179 for rapid rehousing and sheltering work. The funds are administered by the Housing Authority of Lincoln County. To date, \$300,740 has been distributed per the grant agreements.
- Oregon Rehousing Initiative (ORI): To be used for a statewide rehousing program, including longer-term rental assistance. Lincoln County is anticipating receiving \$500,000.
- The Youth Emergency Housing Assistance Program (YEHA): To increase services and assistance to school-aged, K-12 children or their families who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of experiencing homelessness. Lincoln County has been awarded \$964,625 in funds to support these initiatives. The Housing Authority of Lincoln County is soliciting applications from regional providers for the distribution of these funds.
- SB 5511 funding: To sustain investments through the biennium and support newly-added shelter beds, street outreach, unit access, long-term rental assistance, and homelessness prevention efforts. Budget estimates have been collected by service provider partners and are being submitted to Oregon Housing and Community Services through the Housing Authority of Lincoln County.

Rockwell continued to recap LCHAB-related presentations that occurred in April. The Board Co-Chairs Claire Hall and Rod Cross had presented at the Rural HB4123 Summit. Cross added that one of his key takeaways from the summit was that the Lincoln County Homeless Advisory Board is one of the HB4123 Pilots with the highest student homeless populations. Judy Casper, who attended the summit added that she felt very proud after the summit, seeing that the Lincoln County Pilot had done a great job at branching out into all possible aspects and making smart decisions to hire a consultant. In addition, Rockwell had given a presentation at the League of Oregon Cities Spring Cities and thought it had gone well.

Rockwell informed the Board that the Lincoln County Re!nstitute 100 Day Challenge resulted in goals that directly align with the LCHAB strategic plan. As many area service providers participated in the 100-day challenge the LCHAB Administrative office is working on coordinating several sub-workgroups consisting of service providers and community members to assist the Board in carrying out the mutual goals. Rockwell mentioned that one of the direct results of the 100-Day Challenge was the South County Resource Fair hosted by DaNoble House in Waldport. The Resource event directly resulted from a listening session conducted by Rick Booth with South County Community members that identified the lack of local access to resources as a major barrier. The event was successful, 21 service provider organizations participated.

Rockwell shared a question she had received before the meeting from Councilor Judy Casper regarding when and how the board will start a larger-scale communication to the public about the work of the Board. Rockwell suggested creating a workgroup to take on this continued work.

Jan Kaplan requested permission to change the subject to new business to allow for an unrelated question. Kaplan was experiencing difficulty navigating a Lincoln County resident to the appropriate navigation resources and stable affordable housing. Rockwell Informed the Board that Wecoma Place in Lincoln City is coming online in June and suggested that the individual in question put in an application to rent one of the units at Wecoma Place. Additionally, Karen invited the Board to refer individuals to the Housing Authority where the staff will assist in resource navigation to the best of their ability.

Pegge McGuire brought up a problematic situation that she has been experiencing where many individuals from out of county and even out of state are applying for affordable housing in Lincoln County. Rockwell informed the Board that the Housing Authority Has a Lincoln County local preference on both their rental units and the Housing Choice Vouchers allowing the county to serve the local population first.

Rod Cross opened the floor for public comment.

Cross adjourned the meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 10, 2024, from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.