

Homeless Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, August 14, 2024
Oregon Coast Community College
Community Room #140, Central County Campus, Newport, OR, 97365
And by Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 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 Waldport, Rick Booth, Councilor
City of Yachats, Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey, Council President
Community Services Consortium, Liesl Eckert, Housing Services Manager
*alternates

Ex officio attendees:

City of Lincoln City, Daphnee Legarza, City Administrator
Lincoln County, Tim Johnson, County Administrator
Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Karen Rockwell, Executive Director
Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Kyla Sellers, LCHAB Project Manager

The minutes from July 10, 2024, were reviewed. City of Depoe Bay Mayor Kathy Short made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second to the motion was made by Waldport Councilor Rick Booth. Motion carried.

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

Chair Cross passed the gavel to invited guest, Northwest Coastal Housing (NWCH) Executive Director Sheila Stiley. Stiley presented the NWCH affordable housing stock, current projects in development and shelters managed/owned by NWCH to the Board. Stiley explained the populations served by the NWCH-managed shelter, Coastal Phoenix Rising, a 37-unit low-barrier shelter in Lincoln City and Nate's Place, a 35-unit high-barrier sober living transitional housing facility in Newport owned by NWCH and managed by Reconnections Counseling.

The Board was allowed the opportunity to ask Stiley questions. Rick Booth asked what the south Lincoln County community can do to get more affordable housing developers to build affordable housing in the South County area. Stiley answered that the coastal area is very challenging to build on and they are very limited due to lack of opportunity. Rod Cross asked

Stiley if the County can expect a Project Turnkey 3.0. Stiley answered yes, eventually. Cross then asked if it would be possible for a Turnkey project to be located in the central or south county area. Stiley answered that this would be a possibility.

Chair Cross led the Board's attention to agenda item #6 and asked that Executive Director Rockwell provide the Administrative Office Report. Rockwell asked the Board to look in their packets for the Administrative Office permanent structure proposal. Rockwell reminded the Board that a goal of the Lincoln County Homeless Advisory Board 5-year strategic plan is for LCHAB to remain a permanent body that focuses on homelessness/houselessness. The strategy for accomplishing this goal is having the Office identify additional funding beyond the HB4123 grant and determine how to sustain the Board during the operational phase. The proposal included in the packet contained multiple options for the Board to discuss.

The Board discussed the four options presented. The Board representatives all agreed that they would need to bring the proposals back to their respective City Councils before voting to approve any of the proposed options in October.

Rockwell went on to provide the Board with the most recent funding updates for Lincoln County HB4123, HB5019, Oregon Rehousing Initiative, Youth Emergency Housing Assistance and Executive Order Shelter Funding.

Finally, Rockwell updated the Board on the progress made regarding the creation of the three committees that the Board approved at the July meeting: the Equity & Inclusion Committee, the Community Outreach & Engagement Committee and the Policy & Funding Committee. Invitations to the proposed committee members have been sent out. The Office is still confirming members' commitment to the committees.

Chair Cross opened for any new business from the Board. Rockwell shared that the Housing Authority closed on a building for Agape Respite Center to operate a day services center out of. Agape is aiming to operate six days a week in their new location. In addition, the Housing Authority is working with the County on the rehabilitation of the Newport emergency winter shelter. The shelter is anticipated to open in November.

Rod Cross opened the floor for public comment. No comments received.

Cross adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2024, from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.