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One of the themes of the challenge was to bring lived experience with housing inequity forward. A sub-committee was formed to conduct listening sessions with four groups: Unaccompanied Youth, Spanish and non-English speakers, Seniors (55+), and LGBTQ+ regarding housing barriers.

When the 100 Day Challenge concluded, the group recommended that the LCHAB carry forward the goals that had been identified through this process. As a result, LCHAB approved the creation and workplan for the Equity and Inclusion Committee.

The Equity and Inclusion Committee is dedicated to ensuring that all voices are heard, especially those with lived experience of homelessness. Its goal is to bring together service providers who work closely with unhoused populations, including people of color, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ communities. This committee will outline how the Homeless Advisory Board collaborates with these service providers to gather informed insights on the barriers to housing. By doing so, we aim to create more inclusive and equitable solutions to address homelessness in Lincoln County.

Goal #3: Coordinate policy and funding efforts at city, county, regional and state levels.

LCHAB is unique due to its Intergovernmental Agreement and active participation from all the area municipalities and the community action agency. To meet this goal LCHAB must “lean in” to existing relationships. The strategies for this goal include the following:

6. Establish a workgroup consisting of municipality planning and development professionals to identify existing partnership opportunities.

Update: In July, the Administrative Office proposed the creation of three workgroups and presented their workplans. These include: the Equity & Inclusion Committee, the Community Outreach & Engagement Committee and the Policy & Funding Committee. The Administrative Office then secured qualified committee members and a professional facilitator to coordinate the ongoing work. As of this date, the Committees have all met twice and are actively engaged with the Board approved goals.

7. Identify and apply for sustainable grant opportunities at state, federal, or private to strengthen shelter, transitional, and/or permanent housing support services.

Update: The Administrative Office researched and secured \$2,869,339.37 for Lincoln County in grant funding for work to be done in line with the LCHAB strategic goals. As of this report, the office is administering 28 subgrantee agreements across 4 grants.

The Administrative Office mobilized LCHAB representatives to advocate for additional funding for our region through the Governor’s 2025 budget, including continuation funding for HB4123 Pilot work.

8. Continue to participate in HB4123 and HB5019 convening meetings with regional partners.

Update: The Administrative Office participated in the ongoing monthly convening meetings with regional partners, which have now evolved into the Oregon Rapid Rehousing Learning Lab, a training opportunity sponsored by OHCS in partnership with ICF, Inc. and monthly Oregon Community Learning Sessions that are facilitated by RE!NSTITUTE. The Learning Sessions are the fourth Friday of each month from 1:00-2:00 p.m. and all Representatives are invited to participate. In addition, Karen Rockwell was part of a keynote panel at the League of Oregon Cities annual conference and spoke of her experience with the HB4123 and HB5019 funding and LCHAB Co-Chairs Rod Cross and Claire Hall, LCHAB Representative Judy Casper, and Program Manager Kyla Bibeau attended the HB4123 Summit.

9. Invite State-level advocacy organizations to present at future LCHAB meetings to discuss ways the local municipalities can support the ongoing initiatives surrounding their work around housing and homelessness.

Update: During this past year the Administrative Office focused on growing the understanding of local organizations and their services. It coordinated multiple panels that presented to the LCHAB representatives, including shelters and day service providers. There were four panel presentations conducted showcasing nine organizations.

10. Partner with the InterCommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization (IHN-CCO) to fund supportive services positions that are culturally and linguistically appropriate (DST, SHARE, direct contract, etc.).

Update: The IHN-CCO has been rolling out the Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) Medicaid benefit and getting local organizations ready to participate. The Administrative Office is going to be meeting with Alicia Bublitz, the IHN-CCO representative, in January to discuss how to collaborate with LCHAB.

11. Leverage tri-county continuum of care in pursuit of funding opportunities by facilitating collaborative competitive grant applications with local continuum partners.

Update: The Administrative Office has attended meetings to understand the implications of supporting a tri county continuum of care and are participating in the review of the proposed Governance Charter being prepared by Community Services Consortium.

Goal #4: Stand up and support a navigation system, with a priority to use or develop common data/reporting systems to track each network and community needs.

A navigation system (a comprehensive source of information that the community/service providers can refer to for up-to-date information) is one of the top priorities of the HB4123 grant agreement and was called out as a stand-alone goal in the strategic plan. The strategies for this goal include the following:

12. The Administrative Office will expand the LCHAB website to include a resource directory of local, regional, and state resources.

Update: The Administrative Office took over the update of the Lincoln County Resource Directory, formerly managed by the Food Share of Lincoln County. This resource is now on the lchab.org website.

13. Establish a Lincoln County Service Integration Program (based on the successful model in the Santiam area and Polk County).

Update: The Administrative Office attended several meetings of the Santiam Service Integration team to learn and understand the model. While building local interest, it was identified that the best local sponsor of this program would be Samaritan Health or the IHN-CCO. The IHN-CCO Social Determinants and Transformation team is interested in taking the lead on establishing this program in Lincoln County and is going to be talking about the next steps with the Administrative Office in January.

14. Improve local data collection through expanding the use of HUD, OHCS and IHN CCO approved platforms (HMIS, Shelter Point, Unite Us) by local service providers.

Update: In January 2024, the Administrative Office was approached by Oregon Housing and Community Services to spearhead a regional 100 Day Challenge facilitated by RE!NSTITUTE. Eighteen individuals representing fifteen unique service providers established the following goal: “In 100 days we will connect 200 people experiencing homelessness to safe and stable housing, with a special emphasis on adults aged 55+ with co-occurring disabilities, non-English speakers, unaccompanied youth aged 15-24, and those identifying as LGBTQ+.”

During the 100-Day Challenge, Lincoln County safely and stably housed 161 people. This represented any shift on the housing continuum into a more secure situation.

One of the lessons learned is how important community data is. The challenge shifted how our local service providers view community data collection, resulting in multiple organizations seeking HMIS training.

Since then, the Administrative Office hosted two in-person HMIS database training courses in Newport with David Mulig from the Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC) and are coordinating one on one training courses with Cory Hackstedt, HMIS Data Analyst for Community Services Consortium.

Goal #5: Integrate local housing, community services, economic development, and transportation efforts to support and provide resources for community organizations.

Prior to integrating municipal efforts to support/provide resources, the LCHAB needs to be informed on what support those entities are seeking. The Community Plan developed for HB5019 was a good example of a successful approach to data-informed collaboration that was then combined with financial support. The strategy for this goal includes the following:

15. Identify the key gaps in service delivery to assist in strategically aligning funding and programs to those areas. Note: This strategy also aligns with Goal #2, strategy #3.

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Administrative Support

- The Administrative Office provided coordination of monthly meetings that included:
 - preparation of agendas and board packets,
 - securing meeting locations,
 - providing public notice and ensuring compliance with public meeting law,
 - keeping accurate and timely meeting minutes, and
 - securing meeting quorums.
- Generated monthly administrative reports to assist LCHAB Board representatives in communicating with their respective agencies/councils the work of the Board.
- Assumed responsibility for the LCHAB website, utilizing it as a tool for the Board representatives and communication with the public.
- Updated the Shelter to Housing Continuum information and posted it to the LCHAB website and distributed it to service provider partners and other interested parties.
- Prepared and submitted the final HB4123 Legislative Report that included the required components as follows:
 - A. The goals adopted in the five-year strategic plan and the progress made in implementing the plan;
 - B. Other changes in homelessness services, ordinances of member governments relating to homelessness and partnerships or programs established that are specifically related to member government actions arising out of the agreement; and
 - C. Identified challenges and opportunities relating to:
 - a. Regional coordination of homelessness services and planning;
 - b. Needs for technical assistance regarding program development or other programs from the Housing and Community Services Department; and
 - c. Addressing racial disparities through partnerships with culturally specific and responsive organizations serving populations overrepresented in experiencing homelessness, including Black, Indigenous, People of Color, federally recognized tribes and tribal members and outreach and engagement with these populations.

Collaborative Funding Updates

Note: Blue text is unchanged from the previous report. Black text is new.

HB4123 for a Consolidated Response to the Unhoused in Lincoln County

The Lincoln County Homeless Advisory Board is the local planning group for the HB4123 Pilot. The organization has created a strategic plan and is now acting on recommendations to strengthen a coordinated regional-wide response to the issue of the lack of housing and shelter. One of the strategies is to financially support key programs that align with the mission of LCHAB. To date, LCHAB has expended the following:

Morant McLeod Strategic Planning Consultant	\$200,000 (2023)
Housing Authority of Lincoln County contract to Administer the Office of LCHAB	\$100,000 (2023)
Housing Authority of Lincoln County contract to Administer the Office of LCHAB	\$208,000 (2024)
LCHAB Committee Budgets	\$31,952 (2024)
	Committed to Date: \$539,952
	Remaining: \$460,048

Oregon Housing and Community Services is reviving and reconvening the HB 4123 Pilots cohort’s monthly meetings, previously run by the League of Oregon Cities. The Administrative Office encourages all Board representatives to participate and will forward the meeting information once it has been finalized. The final HB 4123 Pilot Report to the Legislature was submitted to the Legislators on September 15, 2024. The full report for all of the Pilot programs can be viewed by clicking here: [HB 4123 Pilots Legislative Report September 2024.](#)

HB5019 for Rapid Rehousing & Sheltering

Last year Oregon Housing and Community Services awarded **Lincoln County \$856,179** for rapid rehousing and sheltering work through a Community Plan. The funds are administered by the Housing Authority of Lincoln County. Twelve organizations are subgrantee recipients of the funding. To date, \$660,950.44 has been distributed per the grant agreements.

Oregon Rehousing Initiative (ORI)

- \$39 million from SB 5701 to be used for a statewide rehousing program, including longer term rental assistance. **Lincoln County has been awarded \$502,670.36.**
- Housing placements made by June 30, 2025, with funds expended through the 2025-27 biennium to allow for up to 24 months of rental assistance per household.
- Grantees include:
 - 10 MAC Groups named in EO 24-02
 - 13 Local Planning Groups across the Balance of State
 - 25% set-aside for Culturally Responsive Organizations
- The lead agency grant agreement was signed June 25, 2024.
- Subgrantee agreements are in the process of being finalized. Currently two agencies that were awarded HB5019 for Rapid Rehousing funding qualify and have entered into continuation agreements.

Youth Emergency Housing Assistance (YEHA)

The Youth Emergency Housing Assistance Program or Youth EHA is funded by a legislative appropriation of \$5 million in one-time funding to OHCS in General Funds through HB 2001 and HB 5019 during the 2023-25 biennium 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. The general funds were directed to be deposited into the Emergency Housing Account Other Funds account to support use for long term rent assistance. **Lincoln County has been awarded \$1,251,616** in funds to support these initiatives. The Housing Authority of Lincoln County (as the Lead Agency for the Lincoln County Homeless Advisory Board) solicited applications from regional providers for the distribution of these funds and forwarded a community plan that included 11 organizations. OHCS is still finalizing the lead agency contracts based on that information. HALC signed the contract with the State of Oregon the first week of October and the subgrantee agreements are complete. The following are the organizations receiving this funding:

- Community Services Consortium (\$75,000) – for outreach and case management
- Health and Human Services (\$21,250) - flexible funding for existing programs
- Lincoln County School District (\$380,000) – for the LCSD Homeless Education and Literacy Program
- Northwest Coastal Housing (\$103,234) – block leasing
- Reconnections Counseling (\$105,874) - block leasing
- Safe Families for Children (\$74,300) - Host Home Program, Mentorship Program and Respite Child Care
- Samaritan House Family Shelter (\$100,000) – block leasing
- St. Luke Episcopal Church (\$50,000) - financial assistance (Deposit assistance, eviction prevention)
- St. Stephen Episcopal Church (\$30,000) - financial assistance (Deposit assistance, eviction prevention)
- Youth Tides (\$151,100) -education/employment, operational support, housing assistance

Executive Order Shelter Funding

Funding from SB 5511 will sustain investments through the biennium and support newly-added shelter beds, street outreach, unit access, long term rental assistance, and homelessness prevention efforts:

- \$65 million to MAC Groups to sustain shelter, unit access and street outreach.
- \$39.7 million to CoCs in EO regions to provide long-term rental assistance and services to individuals rehoused through emergency response funds.
- \$55 million to prevent homelessness for additional households, with 30% set aside for culturally specific partners to be distributed statewide.

OHCS is providing operational gap funding for the following shelters (administered by the Housing Authority):

- Coastal Phoenix Rising in Lincoln City (\$33,853)
- Community Shelter & Resource Center in Newport & Lincoln City (\$226,195)
- Don's Place in Yachats (\$31,712)
- Helping Hands Hope Center in Lincoln City (\$119,744)

HALC signed the contract with the State of Oregon on September 15, and funding is now available with Subgrantee agreements completed.