



# Home, Opportunity, Planning, and Equity (HOPE)

## Advisory Board Meeting

### APPROVED Minutes

February 26, 2020 from 3 pm to 5 pm  
1165 NW Monroe Avenue, Corvallis OR



**Members Present:** Xan Augerot\* (Commissioner, Benton County), Catherine Biscoe; Karyle Butcher; Bruce Butler; Anita Earl; Joel Goodwin; George Grosch; Barbara Hanley; Aleita Hass-Holcombe; Nicole Hobbs; Christina Jancila\* (Business Associate); Charles Maughan\* (Corvallis City Council); Pegge McGuire\*; Andrea Myhre; Jan Napack\* (Corvallis City Council); Reece Stotsenberg\*; Linda Tucker

**Members Excused:** Florence Anderson; Bryan Cotter; Jim Moorefield\*; Debora Stevens.

**Staff Present:** Charlie Fautin and Dannielle Brown (Health Department Co-Directors); Julie Arena (Benton County Health, HOPE Program Coordinator); Paula Felipe (Benton County Public Health, recorder).

\*Executive Board Members.

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Coordinator Julie Arena gave an overview of agenda topics, including agreements and culture; overview of bylaws; housing and services spectrum; educational interests; and workgroups. The Executive committee reviewed and combined some of the areas that emerged from the previous work session. At future meetings, workgroups will meet on specific topics and community engagement will be taking place with opportunity for input from public.
- II. **Public Comments (limited to 10 minutes).** *Requests to comment are received prior to the meeting.* Maggie Cooper distributed a document entitled “Community Values for Providing Homeless Services.” She was intrigued to see HOPE is concerned with data and facts in making decisions, so she wanted to share a survey from the Fall of 2018, which was a community-based exercise from the 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church. The survey asked about values and themes, and the unanimous choice that emerged from this survey was for safety and livability.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes.** **MOTION** was made by Jan Napack to approve the January 28, 2020 Minutes. **MOTION** seconded and passed unanimously. *These approved Minutes will be posted on the HOPE website within 7 days.*
- IV. **Proposed date/time of future Meetings:** Members agreed to change the time of the meeting to 4-6 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month.
- V. **Bylaws Overview:** Prioritize based on the Bylaws. Executive committee reviewed topics from previous work session and looked at how HOPE is guided by bylaws. We are assessing and reviewing and want to be data driven with values articulated. HOPE will also be engaging and involving community and prioritize vulnerable populations while promoting safety, racial and ethnic justice. Reviewing spectrum of Homeless and Supportive Services System: The areas that emerged during previous meeting are: 1. Prevention; 2. Behavioral Health (mental health/addiction); 3. Comprehensive Care Coordination with Centralized Data System; 4. Housing Supply; 5. Emergency Shelter; 6. Temporary Housing; 7. Resource and Navigation Center; 8. Permanent Supportive Housing; and 9. Safety and Livability. We will break into 3 work groups in

the following areas: 1. Data Collection from Available Sources; 2. What's Happening Now? The Existing System & Current Improvement Efforts, and 3. Successful Models of a Full Spectrum of Housing Options and Services. Bylaws state the HOPE Board responsibilities include "coordination and facilitation of a comprehensive, integrated approach to service delivery for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless in Benton County; consisting of intervention areas and strategies as described in the Advisory Board's work plan." HOPE will implement the follow strategies: 1. Assess & Review; 2. Develop & Implement; 3. Evaluate System; and 4. Report & Recommend. **Since the values in the bylaws will guide the work:** Data will be used to drive the assessments, prioritization, and accountability and HOPE will take a comprehensive systems and multi-sector approach. Community safety for all will be promoted and racial and ethnic justice will be promoted using a racial equity lens across all program recommendations.

**VI. Educational Topic ideas:** Members shared topics to develop a baseline understanding and common language. There will be an educational portion of each meeting going forward. Some possible topics for future meetings are: bylaws, legal framework/laws, data systems, available data, city laws, evidence-based practices and harm reduction, brain chemistry of SUD and MH. Other topics raised: Programs the board members are currently involved in; Presentation on current service providers in the community and what they do; Equity and diversity and inclusion lens; Oregon Community Foundation; Grant reviews; Community Services; Legislation on the State level and Funding; Governor's Agenda; Funding stream sources; Plans to end homelessness; Presentations from Service Providers; Gaps in Services; Population, communities, and partners; Psychology of homelessness and what people experience, including profiles of homelessness and how it impacts people; Trauma-informed care training includes how people process information; Whiteside theater presentation on impact of homelessness; Presentation from the police department perspective on laws and their experience; Samaritan and health insurance coverage; Mental health perspective and Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse disorder perspective and how to get treatment and health care; meet with representatives from other cities; Housing planner talk about land development issues related to affordable housing; OSU and city perspective; Neighborhood and business perspectives; Understanding barriers to addressing homelessness. *Some topics could be a presentation to the board or some could be addressed in a community forum.*

**VII. The Three Workgroups:** The rest of the meeting was a work session for the three groups, who will meet twice before the next HOPE meeting on 3/25. They will collect and present information so HOPE can be driven by Bylaws when voting on topics. Focus is on being data driven; prioritize by vulnerability, safety, racial and ethnic justice; and take a systems approach. The workgroups will present to the full board for 10-15 minutes on 3/25.

- Workgroup #1 Data: Jan Napack, Charles Maughan, Nicole Hobbs, Barbara Hanley, Pegge McGuire & Karla Garrett. (Bryan Cotter and Florence Anderson will be in this group although they couldn't attend the 2/26 meeting.)
- Workgroup #2 Current System and efforts to address gaps: Xan Augerot, Christina Jancila, George Grosch, Aleita Hass-Holcombe, Catherine Biscoe. (Debora Stevens will be in this group although she couldn't attend the 2/26 meeting.)

- Workgroup #3 Model systems of a full housing and services spectrum: Linda Tucker, Anita Earl, Andrea Myhre, Bruce Butler, Joel Goodwin, Karyle Butcher, Reece Stotsenberg. (Jim Moorefield in this group but couldn't attend 2/26.)

**VIII. Next Meeting:** Next Advisory meeting on 3/25 is in the Sunset Conference Room, 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis.

**IX. Meeting Adjourned** at 4:49 pm.

*\*These 2 26 20 Minutes were approved during the HOPE webinar meeting on 6/24/20.*