



HOPE Advisory Board

February 2022 Public Meeting

Meeting facilitated by HOPE Coordinator, Julie Arena

2/23/22



Zoom Housekeeping

- All attendees are muted when they join.
- All attendees can unmute themselves and choose to be seen visually by clicking “Start Video” at the bottom of the screen.
- **Public comment:**
 - Type your name into the “Chat” area, say you want to make a public comment, and on what topic.
 - Example: “Julie – public comment – crisis response.”
 - For those on the phone, there will be an opportunity to comment, too.
- **Questions during the meeting:**
 - Type into the “Chat” area and send it to host, Julie Arena.

Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting Overview, Agreements and Culture.....4:00pm
2. Public Comment for up to 10 minutes.....4:00pm
3. New Member introductions.....4:10pm
 - Co-chair election postponed to March for new board member inclusion
4. Roll call and approve January 2022 meeting minutes4:15pm
5. Educational Component: Point in Time Count for homelessness data.....4:15pm
Guest Presenters: Melissa Egan and Cory Hackstedt from Community Services Consortium (CSC), and Dr. Mark Edwards from Oregon State University Policy Analysis Laboratory (OPAL)
6. Incorporating the Board’s Equity Lens in decision-making.....4:45pm
7. The role of the HOPE Board to support implementation of recommendations.....5:00pm
 - Communication Role
 - Research on evidence-based practices
 - Work group(s) needed



Agreements for our culture + conduct:

Fun

Inclusive ✓✓

humor

Food ✓

Action/roll up sleeves

Change the face of Homelessness

honesty

Respect ✓

Consensus

Think before you speak

Courtesy ✓

transparency

Recognize personal bias

Kindness ✓

time management

Concise communication

Open minded ✓

opinions matter

data driven

Do your homework!

patient

Authentic

Valuing personal experience

dedication/work ethic
honor the expectations of
the work

Public Comment

10 minutes

- Comment limited to 2-3 minutes based on number of people wanting to comment
- Type into the “Chat” and say you want to make a public comment and on what topic.
- For those on the phone, I will ask if there are any public comments from callers.
- Can also submit written comments to the Board via email to Julie.Arena@co.Benton.or.us

New Board Member Intros & Updates

1-2 minute introduction of yourself that includes:

- Name, pronouns, organization(s).
- The perspective or viewpoint you bring to the board.



Five New Board Members

- **Caden DeLoach** (they/them): Peer Support Specialist at Benton County Health Dept, LGBTQ+ Health Equity Educator, OSU Public Health Grad, OSU Pride Center Advisory Board member, current rural Benton County resident, lived experience with homelessness.
- **Ari Grossman-Naples**: Corvallis Sister Cities Association (CSCA) Board Member, CSCA Gondar Council Social Media coordinator. Lived experience with homelessness, past volunteer at the Corvallis Mens Cold Weather Shelter. B.S Management, M.S. Graphic Arts Publishing-Marketing and Public Relations focus. Small family farm owner in Philomath.
- **Melissa Isavoran**: Chief Operating Officer for IHN-CCO.
- **Briae Lewis**: Corvallis resident for over two years, residential support professional, lived experience with housing insecurity and homelessness.
- **Chanale Propst**: staff counselor and one of the Coordinators of Black/African American Student Mental Health and wellness at Oregon State University.



Co-Chairs Roles & Responsibilities

Serve on the Executive Committee which meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 4-5pm to:

- Determine meeting agendas and scheduling.
- Appoint Advisory Board members when vacancies arise.
- Review and assist the full Advisory Board to align its work with the bylaws.
- Establish any associated committees or ad hoc work groups, define their membership, and provide direction regarding their work.

Run the HOPE Advisory Board meetings in line with the vision that everyone should have the opportunity to live in decent, safe, and affordable housing. Run the meetings in line with the values articulated in the bylaws:

- Use data to drive assessments, prioritization, and accountability.
- Take a comprehensive systems and multi-sector approach.
- Engage and involve the community.
- Prioritize vulnerable populations.
- Promote community safety for all.
- Promote racial and ethnic justice.

Logistics: Vote to approve January 2022 minutes, roll call

Catherine Biscoe

Karyle Butcher

Bryan Cotter

Caden DeLoach

Anita Earl

Joel Goodwin

George Grosch

Ari Grossman-Naples

Barbara Hanley

Melissa Isavoran

Briae Lewis

Cindee Lolik* (Business Community)

Charles Maughan* (Corvallis City Councilor)

Pegge McGuire* (CSC Director)

Jim Moorefield (co-chair)

Andrea Myhre

Jan Napack* (Corvallis Mayor's Assignee)

Chanale Propst

Reece Stotsenberg (co-chair)

Nancy Wyse* (County Commissioner)

* Executive Committee Role Members

**Educational
Component:**

**Point in Time
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Guest Presenters:

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from Community Services
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Incorporating the Board's Equity Lens in decision-making

- Previously had Dr. Jade Aguilar do equity trainings over the course of six months on many topics including:
 - Racial history of Oregon
 - Authentic community engagement workshop
 - Self-assessments
 - Policy making
 - Equity lens – questions to ask and a process to engage in

What is an Equity Lens?

An Equity Lens is a tool that allows us to look at our work from different perspectives by prompting us to ask mindful, reflective questions. It's a way to think more deeply about inequities, barriers to access, or differential outcomes. Applying an equity lens means paying disciplined attention to race, ethnicity, and other markers of identity when collecting and analyzing data and making recommendations.

Basic Assumptions that we work from:

- A. Historical and structural racism has resulted in an overrepresentation of Black and Native American people who experience homelessness in our county.
- B. Homelessness has many “upstream” factors such as persistent racial discrimination in housing access, employment opportunities, physical and mental healthcare access, education access, and over criminalization of communities of color.
- C. To address homelessness, we must both assist those in need immediately, as well as work to address underlying causes. We do this by advocating for funding that supports crises and prevention strategies - particularly for Black and Native American residents of our county.

Equity Questions to ask ourselves as we approach the work:

1. Are we engaging in long-term personal and organizational growth and education around equity issues?
2. Are we meaningfully engaging Black, Native, and the voices of other marginalized people with lived expertise of homelessness in our efforts to make recommendations on developing programs, public policy, conducting research, and redesigning how the crisis response system works?
3. Are we conducting formal or informal equity assessments to minimize any potential unintended harm on historically disinvested communities for every proposed project or program?
4. How can we best set up our recommendations to be achievable and sustainable? What mechanisms need to be in place ensure successful implementation?

Role of the HOPE Board to support implementation of recommendations

1. Evaluation and communication role: interpreting the system assessment/gaps in the system in the context of HOPE's recommendations; communicating progress and remaining gaps.
2. Researching best practices on successful systems that correspond to the 12 recommendations and are relevant to the implementation being done by city, county, and provider partners.

Do we want or need a work group on these topics?



Next steps...

- **March meeting:**

- Electing co-chairs – if you have questions please contact Julie.



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