



HOPE Advisory Board

March 2022 Public Meeting

Meeting facilitated by HOPE Coordinator, Julie Arena

3/23/22



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

- I. Meeting Overview, Agreements and Culture.....4:00pm
- II. Welcome, Zoom Housekeeping, Overview of Agenda.....4:00pm
- III. Public Comment* (up to 10 minutes)4:00pm
- IV. Roll call and approve February 2022 meeting minutes4:10pm
- V. Update on adding staff capacity, legislative updates on this topic....4:15pm
- VI. Communications: Work Group update and feedback from full Board...4:20pm
- VII. Research: Work Group update and feedback from full Board.....5:00pm
- VIII. Co-Chairs Election.....5:45pm
- IX. Next Steps.....5:55pm



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

Logistics: Vote to approve February 2022 minutes, roll call

Catherine Biscoe

Karyle Butcher

Bryan Cotter

Cade 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

Update on Staff Capacity

County recruited for a Project Manager to support implementation efforts and manage the portfolio of projects involved in the HOPE recommendations, prioritizing sheltering. Rebecca Taylor has accepted the job of HOPE Implementation Project Manager effective April 11, 2022.

County recruited for a Grant Research and Writer to research and apply for funding that aligns with various HOPE recommendations. No applications. Pursuing contracting out for this work.



State Legislation – short session

- In 2021, the Legislature passed HB 2006 which created temporary flexibility for local governments to allow the siting of shelters for people experiencing homelessness. HB 4051 extends this for one year to July 1, 2023.
- In 2021, the Legislature created the Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities. HB 4051 extends the Task Force through 2025, and requires two additional reports.
- In HB 5202, the Legislature included \$100 million for behavioral health housing. This investment will support people experiencing mental health issues through new residential treatment beds, short or long term rent assistance, and more. In addition, HB 4004 would increase wages for the workers at mental health providers.

HB 5202

- \$400 million package that addresses homelessness, building and maintaining existing affordable housing, and access to homeownership
- <https://www.oregonhousingalliance.org/2022-legislative-recap-400-million-housing-package/>

Prevention, Services, Coordination

- Homeless Prevention - \$30 million: Investments in the Oregon Eviction Diversion and Prevention Program, additional funds for EHA, and other programs to provide flexible funds for homelessness prevention.
- Homeless Services - \$50 million: Including investments in the Out of the Cold program, grants to extend Emergency Solutions Grants – Coronavirus Relief programming, and other shelter support, including operating funds to properties developed through Project Turnkey, extending funds to navigation centers, to youth homelessness providers, shelter medical respite models, and more.
- Interagency Council on Homelessness & Built for Zero - \$500,000: Investments will fund the development, and staffing, of an Interagency Council on Homelessness and support Built for Zero, a collaborative service to help communities establish and implement action plans to reduce and eliminate homelessness.



Locally: Corvallis/Benton County

- City and County Homeless Services Pilots ([HB 4123](#)): This proposal creates and funds 8 pilot sites across Oregon to support cities and a county to work together to address homelessness.
- \$13 million for trash and sanitation services for folks experiencing homelessness. These funds are to be used for voluntary trash collection and mitigation, but not with camp site removal or sweeps. *\$10 million will go to Metro, and the remaining \$3 million will go to Eugene, Salem, Bend, Medford, Springfield, Corvallis, and Albany.*

Benton County Crisis Center Update

The Crisis Center is moving forward with a downtown location. A variety of funding sources will support the building of this center. Funding includes:

- \$1.25 mil – Allotted from Representative Rayfield from his ARPA allocation
- \$1.00 mil – Allotted from Congressman DeFazio in federal funds
- \$5.45 mil – Allotted during the short session from the Oregon Legislature in the Christmas Tree bill (still to be signed by the Governor)



Corvallis Update

- The Housing Operational Committee has made a recommendation to Council to help fund the development of 60 units of affordable housing on Rivergreen and Midevale with CET funds ~\$400,000. Council will vote on the recommendation at their April 4th meeting.
- Corvallis Housing First just opened 4 units of permanent supportive housing opening up shelter capacity (1 from women's shelter, 2 from microshelters, 1 unsheltered) by building downstream capacity to provide upward mobility for our unsheltered community members.

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.

Communications Work Group:

Ari, George, Nancy,
Catherine

Kailee Olson,
Communications
Coordinator Benton
County Health
Department

Two main topics:

1. Where or how should a HOPE Update be communicated?
Where do people get information?
2. What content should be communicated?

Where do you get information?

(Including rural areas - Kings Valley, Philomath, Monroe, Alsea, Adair)

- **Press Releases** – to share community updates and where there are more resources (web page, social media)
 - Gazette Times (Cody Mann)
 - The Advocate
- **Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.):**
 - County and city
 - CPD FB Page
 - Benton Co. Sheriff's FB Page
 - Albany PD *HUGE following* FB Page



Where do you get information?

Rural-Specific Ideas

- Philomath News (online only)
- Philomath Community FB Page (maybe more? Private group)
- Kings Valley Community Trust (website)
- Kings Valley Happenings FB page
- Kings Valley Buy/Sell FB Page
- City of Monroe FB Page
- Our Town Monroe FB Page
- Mayor of Monroe FB Page
- Private Alsea Facebook group



Email Lists for Organizations or Community Groups:

- County/City elected officials, including Alsea unincorporated area leaders
- Corvallis Sustainability Coalition
- Neighborhood Associations
- Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance (LBHEA)
- Linn Benton Hispanic Advisory Council (LBHAC)
- Casa Latinos Unidos and Amigos de Monroe
- School Districts
- NAACP
- Churches, Faith Community
- Rotary and Elks
- Businesses: Chamber of Commerce and Visit Corvallis, Economic Development Office
- Corvallis Multi-cultural Literacy Center (CMLC)



Other Hubs for Communication

- Next Door
- Community Services Consortium (CSC)
- OSU
- Linn Benton Community College (LBCC)



In-Person printed materials (flyers, postcards) with QR code that links to online resource:

- **Events:**

- CitySpeak (homelessness group)

- **Locations:**

- Community partner organizations physical locations where people access services/food (For example, shelters, Drop-In Center, CMLC, DHS, CSC, Milestones, Stone Soup, etc.)
- Farmers' Market
- Library

What content should be communicated?

- Progress on Implementation of HOPE's 12 Recs in the community
- Communicate with reciprocity with our partners, coordinate with them, we can get their message out, they can get ours
- Updates from adjacent counties
- Legislative updates from state laws, show good governance
 - this is how your government serves you

What content should be communicated?

Reality v. Myth

- Myth: word is that everyone is going to come to Corvallis since we have the good services
- Myth: that government is bad and impedes good things happening
- Myth: misinformation about government spending and waste
- Use data to debunk myths

What content should be communicated?

Storytelling:

- Putting spotlight on individuals to humanize and help people understand real people represented in the data
- Demystifying homelessness with success stories
- Share Corvallis Housing First's already made videos and personal stories with a wider audience
- Board Bios
- Use interns/journalists to help with videos or articles?

Research Work Group:

Melissa, Briae,
Andrea, Barbara,
Jan, Jim

What research can the HOPE
Board do to inform existing
implementation efforts?

Research Work Group Purpose:

- Research topics that inform city/county and provider implementation of HOPE's 12 recommendations, starting with elected officials' priority topic: #6 recommendation of a 24/7/365 sheltering system for all populations to transition people out of homeless.
 - This research could include sheltering and data systems that aim to end homelessness, like Built for Zero.
 - Inextricably linked to recommendation #6 are data improvements like coordinated entry (#1), care coordination with adopting a situation table meeting (#3), and sustainable funding models for case managers/outreach workers/peer support (#4).

Ideas for research topics:

- Building organizational capacity for local providers to expand programming/capacity to transition people out of homelessness. How can the city and county support providers in growing capacity, if they want to, in ways that align with their mission? (Foundational rec. A: capacity)
- What financial support system do we need to get to net zero? (Foundational recommendation B: funding)
- Coordinated Entry (CE) successes: timeline for implementation, staff needed, strategies, training. (#1 data)

Ideas for research topics:

- Research “Built for Zero” – foundation of data (#1)
- Research successful models of funding more supportive services with blended funding streams (Medicaid, block grants, general funds, state funds like Measure 110). (#4)
- Models or sources for rent support for gap between homelessness and a spot in PSH or voucher availability. For example, rental assistance pilot. (#11)
- Housing First as a policy across all funding decisions.

Possibility to collaborate on research instead of duplicate efforts:

- InterCommunity Health Research Institute is planning to collaborate with OSU's Policy Analysis Lab on research about solutions to homelessness.
- Would it make sense to plug into that effort and help inform it based on the community's priorities and HOPE Recommendations?

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.

Next steps...

- **April:**

- Research work group will continue to meet.
- Communications group will meet when it is timely to provide feedback to Julie and Kailee.
- Julie pursuing educational topics for upcoming meetings:
 - Coordinated entry for data collection and as a process to prioritize
 - Street Outreach and Response Team experiences and practices
 - Housing First: definition and policy examples in practice
 - IHN-CCO: what work or investments target homelessness or population health community wide?



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