



HOPE Advisory Board

April 2022 Public Meeting

Meeting facilitated by HOPE Coordinator, Julie Arena

4/27/22



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. Welcome, Zoom Housekeeping, Overview of Agenda..... 4:00pm
- II. Public Comment* (up to 10 minutes)4:00pm
- III. Roll call and approve March 2022 meeting minutes4:10pm
- IV. Educational Component: Coordinated Entry Data Systems.....4:15pm

Guests: James Ewell from Lane County OR and Melissa Baker from Clark County WA

- I. Research Work Group update5:15pm
- II. Update on adding staff capacity, community updates on this topic.....5:30pm
- III. Co-Chairs Election.....5:50pm
- IV. 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 March 2022 minutes, roll call

Catherine Biscoe

Karyle Butcher

Bryan Cotter

Cade DeLoach

Anita Earl

Joel Goodwin

George Grosch* (Co-chair)

Ari Grossman-Naples

Barbara Hanley

Melissa Isavoran

Briae Lewis

Cindee Lolik* (Business Community)

Charles Maughan* (Corvallis City Councilor)

Pegge McGuire* (CSC Director)

Jim Moorefield

Andrea Myhre

Jan Napack* (Corvallis Mayor's Assignee)

Chanale Propst

Nancy Wyse* (County Commissioner)

*Executive Committee Role Members

Guest Speakers:

James Ewell
Street Outreach and
Coordinated Entry
Supervisor
Lane County Human
Services Division

Melissa Baker
Coordinated Entry
Director
Council for the
Homeless
Clark County WA

Educational Component:

Coordinated Entry

- What does coordinated data entry mean?
- How does it function in a community to improve local data and coordination?
- How does it help prioritize the most vulnerable people?



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).

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)**
 - **Barbara:** researching Rogue Retreat in Medford and how they expanded from running a shelter to having multiple locations for transitional and PSH.
 - **Julie:** researching how non-profits have successfully grow their organizations. Example: Portland Homeless Family Solutions

Research topics:

- **Built For Zero:** they are at capacity to support more locations in OR. Recent OR state legislature investment to expand their capacity to support more places in OR.
 - Action Item: **Julie** to research this, package up the info, and try to invite speaker for educational component for a HOPE meeting this summer.

Research topics:

- **FUSE: how it works, process, partners, outcomes, how it measures success.**
 - Action Items:
 - **Andrea** has contact for FUSE in Lane County and will make contact.
 - **Melissa** and Charissa will connect with Andrea on FUSE in Lane County.
 - At next work group meeting, we will assess who might be a good educational speaker on FUSE to invite to a future HOPE meeting.

Research topics:

- Coordinating our HOPE educational topics with research needs:
 - IHN – what they do and how they touch homelessness and population health.
 - Built for Zero
 - FUSE
 - Drug Court and Community Court (May meeting)

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.
 - What is IHN's Research Institute?
 - What are the possibilities for working with OPAL in the near future on research topics that align with this work?

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. Pursuing contracting out for this work.



Locally: Corvallis/Benton County

- City and County Homeless Services Pilots ([HB 4123](#)): This proposal funds 8 pilot areas across Oregon to support cities and a county to work together to address homelessness.
 - City and County are working now to meet the deadlines and start the process of meeting the requirements outlined in this statute.



Community Updates

- **Corvallis Housing First has been accepted into the Supportive Housing Institute sponsored by OHCS.**
 - The institute helps put together the Permanent Supportive Housing project at Third Street Commons (the former Budget Inn), and offers training and coaching on many areas related to project development including housing design, services, and sustainability.
- **Hybrid meeting update for HOPE monthly meetings**



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...

- **May:**

- Research work group will continue to meet.
- Julie pursuing educational topics for upcoming meetings:
 - May meeting: Drug Treatment Court and Community Court
 - June meeting: Street Outreach and Response Team experiences and practices
 - IHN-CCO: what work or investments target homelessness or population health community wide?
 - Housing First: definition and policy examples in practice



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