

## Continuum of Care Board Meeting December 15, 2022 11:00am-1:00pm

## Attendance:

<u>Board Members</u>: Laura Golino de Lavato, Amanda Esquivel, Christina McGovney, Justin Barrieault, Hannah Studer, Drew Grabham, Jennifer Chang, Mark Morford, Stuart Zeltzer, Jamar Summerfield, Ian Slingerland, Patrick Reynolds, Xenia Gonzalez, Cammisha Manley [Absent – Elise Cordle Kennedy, Katie Cox, Lizzie Cisneros, Brandi Tuck, Jessica Harper, Sherelle Jackson] JOHS & County Staff: Alyssa Plesser, Bill Boyd, Claudia Sharygin, Dan Cole, Steve Richards, Lori Kelley, Jenna Kivanc, Michelle Myers

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Welcome & Opening	<ul> <li>Welcome the fifth CoC Board meeting</li> <li>Land &amp; Labor Acknowledgment</li> <li>Review Agenda</li> <li>Review Community Agreements</li> </ul>	
Measuring Homelessness	<ul> <li>Please review the separate Point In Time Count slide deck. The following notes to not repeat the content found in the presentation slides</li> <li>The Point In Time Count (PIT) is one of many measures of homelessness;</li> <li>Required by HUD to occur last week in January</li> <li>Includes 2 elements: street count and one-night shelter county         <ul> <li>Covers shelters, transitional housing, and 'street'/places not meant for human habitation (camps, cars, etc)</li> <li>Excludes people who are doubled up, those at imminent risk of homelessness, self-pay in hotel, those in hospital or correctional facility</li> </ul> </li> <li>Limits with count; can't find everyone who is sleeping outside &amp; some decline to participate in survey (so can't include in count)             <ul> <li>2023 Count will include survey non-participants</li> </ul> </li> <li>Also, count doesn't include people who are homeless on days other than the count</li> <li>Count doesn't provide information on why people are homeless/what would help end their homelessness</li> <li>Count is vulnerable to external community forces (ex: 2022 count was impacted by Omicron surge)</li> <li>2022 takeaways         <ul> <li>Utilized HMIS/Coordinated Entry data so better inclusion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Info about volunteering for the one-night street count to be sent out to Board members

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	of families and transitional-aged youth often missed in	
	the count	
	<ul> <li>confirm that majority of people who are homeless do not come to Portland for services (which is an ongoing</li> </ul>	
	myth)	
	<ul> <li>Over ½ of those coming to the County while</li> </ul>	
	homeless are Oregonians; so better regional	
	service coordination may be important	
	<ul> <li>Increase in approx 1000 people experiencing</li> </ul>	
	unsheltered homelessness	
	• BIPOC over-represented (higher % in homeless than in	
	general population, especially for Black/African	
	American, NAtive American/Indigenous	
	<ul> <li>Higher reports of disabling conditions (Mental Health and substance abuse disorder most commonly</li> </ul>	
	reported)	
	2023 PIT County	
	<ul> <li>Contracting with PSU and Focus Strategies for the count</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Regional count</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>All on same day (1/24/2023)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Will use same methodology as last year</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Count effort extends 1/23 - 1/31</li> </ul>	
	Questions:	
	How to volunteer? Info to be sent out to Board members	
	Will 2023 survey questions be different? Questions regional	
	across 3 counties. COVID-based questions will disappear, and perhaps some samples of long form & short for questions.	
	Finalized in 2-3 weeks	
	<ul> <li>How does PIT work with Built for Zero (BfZ)? They are different</li> </ul>	
	and focus on different experiences. BfZ presentation to Board	
	pending.	
	<ul> <li>PIT is anonymous, while BfZ contains identifiable</li> </ul>	
	personal information	
	<ul> <li>PIT doesn't focus on connecting people to services, while</li> </ul>	
	BfZ does	
	<ul> <li>PIT can help identify potential gaps in BfZ data; example of Sacramonto using PIT to show disparities in BfZ</li> </ul>	
	of Sacramento using PIT to show disparities in BfZ Native American	
	<ul> <li>Are PIT count participants incentivized? Working on plan,</li> </ul>	
	participants have been incentivized in the past	
	<ul> <li>Are health care agencies engaged in PIT effort? Consultants</li> </ul>	
	looking into possibilities	
	• Are needle exchanges involved in participating in the Count? Will	
	look into the possibility but they have been in the past	
HMIS Privacy	Approval of Privacy Plan is a HUD Requirement	DECISION: HMIS
and Security	<ul> <li>IT is a document that informs service users how their data is</li> </ul>	Privacy and
Notice	used	Security Notice
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discussion	<ul> <li>Current version has received extensive legal review and it can be revised should future work identify revisions beneficial Questions</li> <li>What about data privacy distinctions for VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) requirements? This privacy document is for the primary or 'live' HMIS site. There is a separate privacy document for the comp-site used by the DV service system</li> <li>How is some user info protected (for example, people who are transgender)? HUD is looking at data privacy changes in 2024 but right now no unique protections for certain data. The goal is for all data to be protected. Participants can opt out of sharing information if they choose.</li> </ul>	approved by Board consensus decision making
Multnomah County Budget Process Presentation	<ul> <li>Presented by Michelle Myers, former JOHS Budget Manager</li> <li>Please review the presentation slide deck. The following notes do not repeat the content found in the presentation slides</li> <li>The budget reflects county values in appropriate detail</li> <li>Questions</li> <li>How do CoC funds show up in the budget? While County receives some CoC funds, the majority of CoC funds go directly to service providers, and therefore are not captured in this budget</li> <li>What are capital outlay funds used for? Primarily for buildings, etc</li> <li>What are capital outlay funds used for? Primarily for buildings, etc</li> <li>What impact will the proposed \$8million withholding from the City mean for JOHS budget? County Board currently debating budget decision on use of \$28.6million. Per communication from Chair Kafoury, the \$8million reduction from the city could impact funding for a few shelters         <ul> <li>The \$8million is carryover unspent funds in City budget but currently in JOHS budget</li> </ul> </li> <li>How are \$10million in one-time funds being spent? \$9million to capital investments (new properties to serve as shelters) and \$1million to Gresham for East County Hotel shelter, vouchers and other shelter improvements</li> <li>Recommendations for JOHS reductions if needed? Current personnel contracts are more than expected; some labor costs can be covered by other funds outside of JOHS budget. The county generally uses conservative financial forecasts, especially in the face of a potential recession</li> <li>Is the County expecting stagflation (flat wages, increased unemployment)? The general fund forecast on the Multnomah County Website covers some of this detail. County projections tend to be conservative</li> </ul>	Communication from Chair Kafoury to be shared with Board members County-wide Budget Office website (contains financial information and forecasting): https://www.mult co.us/budget
Closing	<ul> <li>Holiday Gathering @ JOHS office on December 21st, 2p-5p</li> <li>Homeless Memorial is right after for those interested in attending</li> </ul>	

<ul> <li>Community Budget Advisory Committee - a new JOHS advisory committee. Next Public Meeting is January 11th (<u>https://www.multco.us/johs/community-budget-advisory-committee</u>)</li> <li>Next CoC Board Meeting is January 19, 2023, 11am-1pm</li> <li>Post-Meeting Survey</li> </ul>	
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