



Homeless Services Department
 Community Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
 October 28, 2025
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

[These minutes are subject to adjustment and approval by the CBAC]

Attendance:

Committee Members: Nicki Dardinger, Lisa Drennan, William Hodsoll, Elizabeth Gilling, Katrina Malachowski, Cameron Foster, Amanda Garren

Absent: Darius Yaw, Wendy Lear

HSD & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Malka Geffen

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	
Welcome	Brief welcomes and introductions	
Approve the 9/25/2025 CBAC Meeting Minutes	Committee approved using Fist to 5 consensus decision making tool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lisa Drennan - 5, Nicki Dardinger - 5, William Hodsoll - 5, Elizabeth Gilling - 5, Katrina Malachowski - 5, Cameron Foster - 5 	
Connections	CBAC members were split into breakout rooms to get to know each other better and to help promote positive working relationships.	
CBAC Values (discussion and exercise)	Reviewed of HSD Mission and Values (see meeting slides) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How do these apply to CBAC and committee's work? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transparency: clearly answering questions or honest when unable ○ Inclusion value should include people with lived experience as experts ○ Add boldness as a value; bold in belief that we can end homelessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Especially important right now with current federal administration ○ Value justice 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Budgets are moral documents, but also tools for justice 	
<p>Consensus Decision Making</p>	<p>Reviewed the decision making process (see meeting slides) https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXRc_gaylcg_BR5jPeKwxSpZs6aT-mNUF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Helpful tool when writing our letter 	
<p>Group Agreements</p>	<p>Reviewed past group agreements (see meeting slides) & discussed what agreements help make for a strong, inclusive and participatory committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CBAC members spoke to how each agreement is resonates with them (please refer to the slides) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1. Remember we're human and take care of our bodily needs; doesn't mean conversations will always be comfortable ○ 2. Creates a safe and brave space where we can talk about difficult topics and still be heard ○ 3. Some people are more verbal, some more visual, etc. Appreciate Zoom allows people to use the chat. ○ 4. Gives each person opp to voice ideas and step back for others ○ 5. Self-awareness, personal reflection; thinking about our identities and lived experience when we're together in a space; prework can be looking at the agenda and consider your positionality in regard to items ○ 6. Researched evidence vs personal opinion ○ 7. Have lived experience and used the system, why important to be on the CBAC; hope everyone is bringing their own experience ○ 8. Safety means participating does not cause harm; may still not feel great or comfortable, but not being harmed ○ 9. Each person can call out oppression, not just those harmed <p>CBAC used the fist-to-five consensus tool to approve current group agreements.</p>	

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<p>What's next with the CBAC?</p>	<p>Reviewed expectations for the next several months (see meeting slides)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: What happened this past FY and when, with the State budget affecting the County budget requiring a rebalance? A: County had to finalize its budget before the State did. Revenue from the State differed (was much less) after legislature input than what the Governor originally proposed. • Q: Does the federal shutdown affect Multnomah County, and is there anything in place to still get providers what they need? A: There may be some contingency funds to help cover costs when HUD payments are held up. • Q: Is the general fund forecast still scheduled for Nov. 6 (great opportunity for learning about funding)? A: Bill will confirm and email about it. • Appreciate the early opportunity to recommend priorities. • Providers were engaged for input about the budget at the Provider Conference. <p>Reviewed CBAC topics of interest list created at August CBAC meeting (see meeting slides); highlighted items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSD pilot programs, including coordinated outreach • SHS LIP and HRS HRAP as guiding documents and how they factor into County's priorities • Ballpark of budget constraints for next year's budget 	<p>CBAC Chair offered to provide a survey to get further feedback about the list.</p>
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>Check in on general meeting availability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No perfect time for an ongoing predictable meeting • Monday at 5pm is most accessible for majority of people • Consider weekends? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At least 1 CBAC member said no to weekends 	

