



SHS Advisory Committee Meeting
February 12, 2026 | 3:00-4:30 pm

Attendance: Theo, Cheryl, Crystal, Patrick, Ria, Dwight, Ed, Daniel, Sandra
STAFF: Mack Vohs, Breanna Flores, Anna Johnson

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Welcome Introductions		
HSD Updates <i>Recommendations / Budget / Annual Work Plan</i>	<p><i>See slides for content</i></p> <p>Recommendations The Homeless Services Department executive team has received the committee's Access recommendations.</p> <p>Our executive team includes our interim director, plus our managers of finance, programs, planning & evaluation, and equity.</p> <p>Budget County preliminary budgets will become public Friday, January 13. You can find them here.</p> <p><i>When will we be able to see what is being budgeted for the county?</i> The submitted budgets will go live tomorrow. The final budgets are published in June after a public process.</p> <p>Annual Work Plan The SHS team looks for ways to incorporate the committee's recommendations into our SHS annual goals when it is viable and if we have the resources to do so.</p> <p>Question: Can we get a report on 2025</p>	

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	<p>accomplishments and areas for improvement from HSD staff early in our strategy priorities for 2027? I'm glad to see HSD is prioritizing housing for the upcoming budget. It would be interesting to see the new balance of shelter beds vs pathways to housing—what the gap looks like. We could use this as context before we start the new recommendations process. Maybe also an update on where we're at with our previous recommendations.</p> <p>Answer: Some of this may be in the submittal letter so we can share that. Can't promise we can get all of those things but will share what we can.</p> <p>Request: It would be great to know when the committee will have opportunities to testify for the budget.</p> <p>Response: SHS can share that info—the public input sessions typically happen in May. We'll make sure you all have a heads up on those dates.</p>	
<p>Community Agreements</p>	<p><i>See slides for content</i></p> <p>Which of the community agreements resonate the most with you? Are there any you feel are missing from this list?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PA—Take care of yourself is my #1—if you're not good for yourself, you can't be good for others. My #2 would be cultural humility. ● CM—respect and listen to each other, honor perspectives and story ● DC—Expect and accept discomfort and ambiguity ● SC—be curious and ask questions. Share gratitude and lift up other voices ● THS—being open to trying and hearing something different—I've learned a lot from the different perspectives on the committee. 	

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	<p>Discomfort/ambiguity–challenging for everyone and important that it's on the list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RT–opinion and informed knowledge//correct with care, assume good intentions/accept discomfort and ambiguity/ differentiate between safety and comfort. • DS–Make the best effort to stay engaged and ready to support one another <p>Anything you would add?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust the process (+1) <p>Thematic groupings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you all think of these groupings? • What would you suggest to incorporate these and keep them centered in our meetings? <p>Question: Are you talking about an on the spot correction or later on?</p> <p>Answer: I'd like us to establish what the group would like, especially for me as the facilitator.</p> <p>Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the on the spot correction. • One way to keep the agreements fresh and walk them out in conversations is maybe next time we are doing intros to highlight one of the community agreements and give some examples of that agreement being displayed negatively and positively for us to reflect. • If I'm doing something I prefer to be addressed immediately, but it's hard for me to directly do it so I'd rather the facilitator take that role. • You could include the list in all the email invites in the meetings so it's in writing–I read all those things. 	
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<p>Land and Labor Acknowledgement</p>	<p><i>See slides for content</i></p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>What do you think about the content of the statement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The statement is missing a couple pieces—there is a lot of recent history about redlining and urban renewal practices in Oregon up until the 90s. Taking property from Black families and households. • White settlers did this through specific laws that aided and abetted. • If we keep doing this we should not just honor people but recommit to repair and reparations in the manner that we can in this group. • A lot of people died because of all this—active government policies continue to do major damage to those communities. • Very last sentence—moment of silence. Can we change that to we are here in this place and honor and remember the people who came before us and the people who are alive today to pay respect to those who fought before us. There's a long way to go today and with the ICE movement we are going backwards. It's more than honoring and acknowledging, it's remembering. When we forget we make the same mistakes. If we don't acknowledge the people who fought before us and their descendants, then we're doing a disservice to the things that have happened and how people are trying to make things better including the things our committee is trying to do. • What is the land and labor acknowledgement intended for? Why do we do it? It's not really enough for it to be quickly said at the 	<p>Action—SHS team to incorporate feedback into a revised statement and ideas to try out in future meetings.</p>
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	<p>beginning of a meeting. Particularly important to center indigenous voices.</p> <p>What do you think about how we use the statement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intersectionality of the acknowledgement—what if after we read the acknowledgement we could ask what specific native american services are out there to help folks get into housing. And how we can intersect with that to help. With the black, latine, lgbtq communities—a small piece like that. • Can we acknowledge the overrepresentation of these groups in homelessness—more specific to our work. Acknowledge that these things have a current legacy and our commitment to repair. • Scan of disparities in our system and how they are directly linked to the historical legacy that we're acknowledging. 	
<p>2025 Recommendations Process</p>	<p><i>See slides for content</i></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing a document as a committee is probably the hardest thing a group can do—everyone being patient and listening to each other and sticking with it was valuable for me. Uncomfortable at times, but worth it to get the result. • Workgroups? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sometimes that can be more comfortable, trying smaller groups. ○ I think breakouts work well. • I liked synthesizing things and grouping them, looking for themes. That was really helpful because we have such good ideas and a lot of 	

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	<p>experience so for me that was really helpful, looking for themes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Would it be possible a couple of times throughout this year if we could meet in person? Especially for small breakout groups it's easier in person (it is for me). Going in and out of those virtual rooms can be hard. If we came together a couple times in person it could help us feel comfortable around each other, breaking the ice. Something like that could be really great. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some additional agreement for meeting folks in person. ● Is there anything that would make it easier to show up to something in person? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scheduling and childcare ○ Later in the day or a different day for a few times ● Maybe we could have the conversation twice? Once in person and once virtually? So everyone could have an opportunity 	
<p>Closing and Next Steps</p>	<p>Next time we'll continue discussing recs approach</p>	

Zoom Chat:

15:07:05 From Edward Johnson to Hosts and panelists:

Ed Johnson

Community volunteer

15:07:15 From Breanna Flores (she/they) HSD to Hosts and panelists:

Hi, Breanna Flores (she/they), SHS Team with MultCo

15:07:18 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:

Crystal M, she/her profile nouns, lived experience.

15:14:18 From Daniel Carrillo to Hosts and panelists:

Hello everyone, apologies for coming in late

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15:14:28 From Anna J, she/her, Multco to Hosts and panelists:
Welcome Daniel! We just got started

15:14:43 From Daniel Carrillo to Hosts and panelists:
Awesome, thank you!

15:18:39 From Ria Tsinas she/they to Hosts and panelists:
I was just wondering where you were Sandra@

15:18:48 From Ria Tsinas she/they to Hosts and panelists:
glad you are here!

15:26:30 From Sandra Comstock to Hosts and panelists:
Can we get a report on accomplishments and areas for improvement from the HDS staff for 2025 early in our strategy priorities for 2027 ?

15:48:39 From Straightway Services to Hosts and panelists:
That's great you are the best for that.

15:50:11 From Anna J, she/her, Multco to Hosts and panelists:
Yay for reading :) I can definitely incorporate in the materials

16:05:02 From Anna J, she/her, Multco to Hosts and panelists:
Questions: What do you like about the statement and what might you say differently?

16:22:46 From Straightway Services to Hosts and panelists:
Thanks for all the great work we have done together.Happy 2026 to you all.

16:23:45 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:
Recommendations looks good

16:26:17 From Ria Tsinas she/they to Hosts and panelists:
we tried that and weren't that successful

16:26:55 From Ria Tsinas she/they to Hosts and panelists:
thes scheduling and childcare

16:27:25 From Sandra Comstock to Hosts and panelists:
I sent over a synopsis to Mack and Anna of recent state sponsored / policy enabled history of exclusion and wealth extraction not to be included in full but to be considered in revising

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our Land and Labor acknowledge (lifted from a training we do at h4a) it is not comprehensive but might be helpful for thinking through things

16:28:53 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:

I do day by day living so I would have to let you know a week ahead

16:29:33 From Breanna Flores (she/they) HSD to Hosts and panelists:

day by day is the way to go

16:29:52 From Ria Tsinas she/they to Hosts and panelists:

i wish

16:30:10 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:

thankyou everyone. have a great weekend.

16:30:30 From Ria Tsinas she/they to Hosts and panelists:

have a great weekend yall!

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