



## SHS Advisory Committee Meeting

May 14, 2026 | 3:00-4:30 pm

**Attendance:** Ty, Theo, Daniel, Crystal, Ed, Dwight, Yvette, Cheryl, Sandra, Jamar, Ria

**STAFF:** Mack Vohs, Breanna Flores, Anna Johnson

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Welcome & Introductions Land and Labor Acknowledgement Community Agreements		
Budget Update Q&A Followup from April Meeting	<p>Response to average time from screening to housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>138 days is over four months. I don't like it very much. Can we make a recommendation to reduce the wait?</li> </ul> <p>Would the committee be interested in exploring that?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes, several others expressed interest verbally and in the chat.</li> </ul> <p>Funding sources question</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purpose of this question was to find out if there are other ways to collaborate around training. If there is a common secondary funder, could we partner with them? What kind of collaboration is happening in the community and can we promote more of that with other funders?</li> <li>If the second biggest funder is the City, streamlining collaboration and systems is really important because the City and County have different ways of doing things that make it hard for people who are trying to navigate their systems.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action:</b> SHS team will follow up with more information about collaboration around training.</p>

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<p>Refresher on Homeless Services Department Teams &amp; Current Projects</p> <p>Spotlight: SHS Team Selected Projects <i>Annual Work Plan, Annual Report, and Admin Rules Project</i></p>	<p>Homeless Services Department Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Program team outreach strategy—you're changing outreach so the teams are geographically focused? What was the situation before and what are the regions now? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New regions- The new outreach strategy divides Multco into 8 zones. For more details, please see our <a href="#">SHS Q2 report from this year</a> (pages 8-9).</li> <li>○ Previous situation- Outreach was less coordinated and more organization-led, which led to gaps. We are doing more coordination and scheduling where teams will be and when. We are also making sure there is more training and support for outreach workers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>SHS Annual Work Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 295 households prevented goal—do you have a price tag per unit or per household on that? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We came up with this number by comparing the funding level from previous years to the suggested budget for next year and how that would impact our outcomes. In the chair's budget some prevention has been bought back so this number may change.</li> <li>○ An average would be helpful and should be added to the dashboard.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Shelter goal—are those all ones with pathways to housing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ These units are the ones we're saying that SHS will fully support the entire shelter or a portion of the shelter. This relates to just the investment in the unit but there is some discussion at the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Action:</b> Per household cost for the prevention goal: SHS team will look into this.</p>
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	<p>board level to add back in resources for housing and SHS may be the funding source for that. It's not connected to this specific numeric goal however.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shelters that focus on getting people housed are the most effective—so we should focus on those. (+1)</li> <li>○ That is a priority in our budget—maximizing shelter effectiveness vs just sustaining to sustain.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HH receiving ongoing housing stability—so we know how many we are hoping to serve, but what about those who were being served in the past and dropped off? Who aren't we supporting? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Are you thinking in terms of who we are serving this year who we won't be next year, or people just in the system in general who we aren't serving?</li> <li>○ The bigger number. It would be eye opening to know the reasons that are causing non-engagement but I want to know what's going on with the rest who didn't get served. Maybe it's that we didn't have the funding. But it would be helpful to know more.</li> <li>○ <b>Action:</b> SHS team will follow up on this</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Is there a way to evaluate how successful these people's experiences were? Is there any conversation around that? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Pathways to Housing study</a>—they just released the first portion of that report and it's ongoing. We can connect with Doc internally to see when there would be updates.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Action:</b> SHS team will follow up with info about households not being served.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● When it says supportive housing units coming into operation, how are you defining supportive housing?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ These are PSH units. 247 will be coming online (tenant and project based). Includes services and vouchers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Why aren't disability and accessibility specifically named when it's such a big portion of the population experiencing homelessness?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The numbers on the template are provided by Metro—we don't have too much say in how the categories show up.</li> <li>○ However the foundation of SHS is making sure services and spending are 75% for people experiencing chronic homelessness and have disabilities, so that carries through all of these goals.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● What is the need vs what we are able to do—That is a helpful aspect for the public to know.</li> <li>● Why people aren't getting their needs met—it's partially because they are getting cut out of housing services and support and we need to communicate that. A lot of people aren't disengaging, they're just losing their funding because it's tied to federal grants and things that are going away.</li> <li>● A lot of folks are coming out of prison with disabilities who have not gotten the treatment they need. They are a disabled group of people that are being forgotten about. I hope we can raise this or collaborate with other groups like CREW. We need more support and housing resources for this community.</li> </ul> <p>Administrative Rules Regional Project</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This is exciting. As this is progressing maybe you could share in the future what you found that was aligned already and what wasn't that you are now aligning on.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ That's a really great suggestion. Metro is coordinating with a consultant on this and that feedback is something we can bring to them. If it's not something we'd be able to do across the region, maybe we could create clarification in Multco on what changed and why.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● If admin rules result in a program no longer being in compliance and they have to adjust their programming to meet the rules, would there be a timetable for adopting the changes?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We want a person's experience to be similar across each county but also want to avoid creating additional hurdles for providers or barriers to programming. We don't want to create something that disqualifies providers or programs.</li> <li>○ We're about halfway through the service areas that we're creating rules for. When we get closer to the end toward the end of summer we'll have more conversations about what TA will be needed for staff and providers across the counties.</li> <li>○ We haven't gotten to that stage of the conversation yet but we can share more when it starts developing. There is an acknowledgement in the timeline that we will need to support providers in rolling this out—so it won't be an immediate thing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will providers have an opportunity to provide feedback? Who will they be? Will there be input from smaller organizations or will just a few large organizations be consulted?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yes, they will. We worked with Metro to identify the parameters to recommend providers so it was a collaborative process. 2-4 providers from each county. Some examples from Multco:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ New Avenues for Youth</li> <li>■ SEI</li> <li>■ Our Just Future</li> <li>■ NAYA</li> <li>■ Cascadia</li> <li>■ JOIN</li> <li>■ etc</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Was Outside In on the list?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not currently but there will be 3 more focus groups coming together that providers haven't been selected for yet.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Are there any plans to include people with lived experience in providing input on the rules?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This committee can weigh in and Metro will also be working on communications with providers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>Recommendations Priorities Brainstorm: <i>Topics the committee would like to make recommendations about this year</i></p>	<p>We ran out of time for this agenda item but several ideas came up during the meeting and we will revisit this in June.</p>	

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<b>Closing and Next Steps</b>		
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**Zoom Chat:**

14:59:16 From Anna J (she/her) SHS team Multco to Hosts and panelists:

Hi everyone, welcome in! Please do what you need to get comfortable and we will get started in a few minutes.

15:03:00 From Breanna Flores to Hosts and panelists:

We've got tunes today!

15:03:18 From Anna J (she/her) SHS team Multco to Hosts and panelists:

It finally worked haha

15:03:46 From Mack Vohs (they/them) to Hosts and panelists:

We'll get started in 1 minute!

15:05:24 From Straightway Services to Hosts and panelists:

Good evening everyone good to be here Pastor Minnieweather

15:05:57 From Ed to Hosts and panelists:

Ed Johnson

Community volunteer

15:05:59 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:

Crystal, she/her, person of lived experiences.

15:06:39 From Straightway Services to Hosts and panelists:

Thanks

15:10:22 From Theo Hathaway Saner to Hosts and panelists:

theohathawaysaner@gmail.com

15:17:21 From Breanna Flores to Hosts and panelists:

<https://multco.us/info/get-involved-countys-fy-2027-budget>

15:22:11 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:

I agree

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15:25:08 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:  
thanks i was really getting upset for like the last 15 minues

15:25:26 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:  
i thought you were silencing people

15:40:53 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:  
I really appreciate how many different things HSD is invested in to make positive sustainable change/amendments to 🙌

15:56:35 From Mack Vohs (they/them) to Hosts and panelists:  
They are also doing a shelter participant study as well.

15:57:04 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:  
I am part of the Pathways study

15:57:51 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:  
I can try to help answer questions around that study.

15:58:00 From Mack Vohs (they/them) to Hosts and panelists:  
Thanks Crystal!

15:59:35 From Mack Vohs (they/them) to Hosts and panelists:  
We track data on # of participants with a disability in each of these categories as well that we can share.

15:59:49 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:  
I can say to the accountability, being on LEAC we ask that we are informed on implementation of things we submit along with asking them to come to a meeting to discuss whats happening.

16:01:47 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:  
Id love to. Ill send you an email!

16:02:46 From Theo Hathaway Saner to Hosts and panelists:  
Portland Street Medicine estimates that over 80% of unsheltered people they work with report at least one disability.

16:02:50 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:

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thats such a good point!

16:04:45 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:  
Harm reduction is beginning to be protected under the ADA

16:05:46 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:  
Thx crystal

16:05:49 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:  
<https://www.statnews.com/2026/02/10/needle-exchanges-protected-by-ada-federal-legal-settlement/>

16:16:07 From Breanna Flores to Hosts and panelists:  
As noted, here is my email in case folks have follow up questions on annual work plan:  
[breanna.flores@multco.us](mailto:breanna.flores@multco.us)

16:26:47 From Mack Vohs (they/them) to Hosts and panelists:  
As we get a little further along in the rule development process, we were thinking that it could be a good opportunity for this committee to provide some input on how these rules should be rolled out and implemented (what training/TA looks like, etc.).

16:27:57 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:  
Were outside in included in that list

16:27:58 From Ty Schwoeffermann to Hosts and panelists:  
Thank you for your responses.

16:30:17 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:  
Also! We need everyone to show up! Multnomah county will be hearing a proposal on May 21st that would ban street based/outreach harm reduction services within 1000 feet of a school. This would be a devastating blow to people utilizing services. There are mountains of evidence that demonstrates that harm reduction programs actually reduce crime, HIV, HCV, soft tissue infections, dont increase substance use or needle litter, and increase peoples access and utilization to treatment. Harm reduction is under attack , and because of budget cuts fixed site programs would not be able to fill the gaps caused by these closures. You can show up an provide testimony against this proposal on the 21st, or you can join virtually or submit comment.

16:30:22 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:  
Thank you for that information and response

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16:31:17 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:  
thankyou everyone. have a great weekend 😊

16:31:19 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:  
Keep an eye out for an email from me for more information!

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