



SHS Advisory Committee Meeting

July 9, 2026 | 3:00-4:30 pm

Attendance: Crystal, Daniel, Ed, Jamar, Lauren, Patrick, Rachel, Sandra, Dwight, Ty, Xenia, Yvette, Ruby, Theo, Cheryl, Ria

STAFF: Breanna Flores, Anna Johnson

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/ Action
Welcome & Introductions Land and Labor Community Agreements		
2026 Recap	<i>See slides for full information</i> Question: What does TA stand for? • TA stands for Technical Assistance Question: Within the context of landlord recruitment and retention, how are things handled when a resident leaves the place messy or damaged, is struggling with addiction or mental health challenges, and/or the landlord evicts? • There is a lot of work happening with this at the County so we could explore that if it's of interest. We have funding for landlords to submit claims for damages, etc. We can share more info and if the committee wants to move forward we could discuss existing gaps and collaborate with the teams leading that work.	
Topic of Interest: Participant Safety	<i>See slides for additional information</i>	

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	Group discussion re: safety • I think it's great that we're bringing up harm reduction and that it can be used in many ways, not just in the context of drug use. • How the committee has defined safety so far: These seem like good broad buckets to think about. • There are a lot of services for people in romantic relationships but I wonder about services for people who are sex workers or engaging in sex work. DSV is a broad term. • I second that. Does DSV cover sex work as well within the County? I'm not sure how that's categorized. It may be a tricky legal thing to label someone as. • It's tricky because there's been a movement to label all sex work as trafficking. There have been a lot of resources for trafficking survivors but some folks don't consider themselves survivors. • A lot of police officers don't give sex workers an option for services, and also sex workers don't want to engage with police. Often sex workers will not report crimes against themselves because of that dynamic. • Question for DSV team—what, if any, resources exist for sex workers within the DSV continuum? • What is the housing retention rate for folks in the DSV system? If they are sent to a shelter, what are the stats re: staying in shelter or moving into housing? If they get housing, what are the stats for them staying in that housing or going back to shelter, etc. • The system seems to mostly prioritize families with children—as a sex worker I didn't get services because I didn't have children. I understand why they would prioritize it but it was not a good experience.	
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	• Shelter—A lot of people being trafficked or choosing that lifestyle don't want to go to shelter because their pimp finds out where they're at. Also operators worry about putting their other participants in danger. • There aren't really safe places for women fleeing sex trafficking in the County. I was incarcerated for prostitution and my child was put in other systems and abused while I was incarcerated. • A cool way to think about service provision for people in the DV system is a survivor project called the power and control wheel. There needs to be more and better accountability around shelter exclusion policies. Considering the nuances of people's lives and ensuring shelter environments aren't mimicking the same harm people are fleeing. • The staff chosen for these shelters should be very specific. I have experienced staff knowing I'm a sex worker and asking for services or telling others who then solicit those services. • We need people at the staff and leadership level with lived experience or are solid in trauma informed care. We need better hiring and training practices to protect participants. • Question about access points to resources—a lot of times you can call a crisis line but if you don't have a phone or continuous service that is a big barrier for folks I work with. Also it's helpful to be available 24/7 for people seeking services in the middle of the night. • What are we doing to provide trauma informed shelter options? Some people cannot tolerate congregate shelter due to past trauma so I'm curious about what the DSV system has in their portfolio.	
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	• Capacity–What is the percentage of people being turned away? Also what are the specifics on who is being served? • Crisis line on website–there are hours. And then the 24 hour crisis line is lower down. It would be better for the 24 hour line info to be up higher. What is the difference between calling gateway and the 24 hr line? What is the difference in services available between those two options? • Crisis line–If there are more incidents during the summer or certain times of year, do we have more staffing for these seasons to accommodate that? • It's important to look at the dynamics in the community of workers as well. Shelter program workers are entry level but people are leaving because of low pay and lack of support and development options. It contributes to some of the problems because orgs are unable to retain quality staff. We need better training and education and development opportunities to attract and retain the right staff • +1 to better training / continuing education and proper mental health support for staff, including peers who are hired to foster relatability, because there is a lot of burnout. • I'm not sure about the training in the DSV shelters but it would be great to have monthly, continuous training so they are building the skills to handle many different situations. And better access for people with disabilities and other access needs. My shelter experiences have been awful because the accommodations aren't there. I have gotten in trouble because I have communication barriers. They need to be able to provide the tools for success. If you're going to provide	
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	resources for minorities and people with trauma, you also need resources for people with different access needs. I know the ADA has funding for this and other orgs, so do the orgs not know or is it not available? I think the lack of education about these resources is a big hindrance for participants in shelters. • Is there regular testing for lead, carbon monoxide, water, etc in the shelters? There are a lot of studies about lead affecting judgment. A high level of toxic exposure that can prevent long-term healing and health and make it harder for people especially in a congregate setting. There should be regular testing in our shelter sites. There are parts of our city that have a lot more exposure to car exhaust, chemicals in the air, etc. • We should locate shelters in places that reduce exposure, but also actively mitigate and prevent additional exposure. Site design, location, etc. • What budget cuts did the DSV system experience? I would like an update about that.	
Member Updates/ Advocacy Opportunities	• TIFF districts (City of Portland initiative) are finally happening and groups are currently deliberating what to do for their districts. I would recommend anyone interested in economic development in your area, to look up whether you have a TIFF. The E-205 TIFF is in its early stage. The meetings are very informative. https://prosperportland.us/tif-districts/ • TPI is currently recruiting for open staff positions.	
Closing and Next Steps	Next steps: The SHS team will share the committee's questions about the DSV system with our colleagues and coordinate a presentation for a future meeting.	

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Zoom Chat:

14:59:40 From Anna J, she/her, Homeless Services Dept. to Hosts and panelists:
Welcome! Please make yourself comfortable. We will get started in a few minutes.

15:02:42 From Ed to Hosts and panelists:
Hello

15:03:45 From Ed to Hosts and panelists:
Is Ed showing for mine?

15:05:31 From Ed to Hosts and panelists:
Ed
community volunteer

15:05:33 From Straightway Services to Hosts and panelists:
Pastor Minnieweather straightway services he him.

15:06:57 From Anna J, she/her, Homeless Services Dept. to Hosts and panelists:
No worries Yvette! Hope you had a great vacation :)

15:07:11 From Straightway Services to Hosts and panelists:
Oak street. Village site operator

15:07:20 From Ty Schwoeffermann to Hosts and panelists:
Hi all, This is Ty Schwoeffermann (hehim) a St Anthony church member. hello to new members. welcome

15:08:08 From Daniel Carrillo to Hosts and panelists:
Daniel Carrillo(he/him) solar installer at Neil Kelly represents Latinx community

15:09:28 From Anna J, she/her, Homeless Services Dept. to Hosts and panelists:
LEAC- Lived experience advisory committee (another committee in our department)

15:10:10 From Xenia Sachedz to Hosts and panelists:
Xenia trans deaf community Afro Latinx former incarceration she her pronouns sex worker addict community good tone back

15:15:45 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:
So sad that Mack isn't here:(

15:15:57 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:
❤️

15:17:48 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:
What's up Mack 🍊

15:29:01 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:
love that

15:31:34 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:
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15:33:36 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:

So many juicy things to choose from!

15:35:26 From Ed to Hosts and panelists:

How will things be handled when a resident leaves place messy, still in addiction, dealing with mental health, or set unit on fire and or landlord evicts?

15:37:09 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:



15:37:30 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:

Safety for whom?

15:40:15 From Lauren Link to Hosts and panelists:

these seem like good broad buckets to think about

15:41:31 From Xenia Schez to Hosts and panelists:

The organization need better access to interpreting services.

15:45:04 From Straightway Services to Hosts and panelists:

Good question

15:45:50 From Xenia Schez to Hosts and panelists:

I don't think it does

15:46:41 From Xenia Schez to Hosts and panelists:

I had situation where I was attacked by a date and that wasn't even an options

15:50:56 From Straightway Services to Hosts and panelists:

This is very good information and thanks for sharing

15:53:15 From Xenia Schez to Hosts and panelists:

Also there people that call the shelter to ask the staff if sex workers live there.

15:53:39 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:

<https://tncoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Shelter-PC-wheel.pdf>

15:54:57 From Xenia Schez to Hosts and panelists:

I agree

15:54:59 From Ty Schwoeffermann to Hosts and panelists:

Could yall help illuminate for me the roles of private security, social work/direct service providers, and public safety officers in preventing violence in the shs programs. Maybe a side by side comparison of each role and responsibility of these professionals.

15:57:45 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:

Thank you crystal for sharing that part of your lived experiences and one wish is that those with the funding hears your story 100

16:00:16 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:

thankyou. I have been testifying every lobby session for the survivor defendant bill to get passed. OJRC (Oregon Justice Resource Center) is who wrote the bill and trying to get it

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passed. it would effect measure 11 and because of that as one major factor it hasn't gotten bi partisan support.

16:02:10 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:

absolutely 700. Thankyou for bringing these points to light.

16:06:22 From Xenia Sachez to Hosts and panelists:

The Crisis line doesn't provide nothing

16:11:32 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:

Thankyou Ruby. very informative information.

16:13:15 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:

100 percent!!

16:14:18 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:

Such important points.

16:23:08 From Ed to Hosts and panelists:

Any part time or on call job positions available

I was with Sunstoneway which went out of business

16:24:00 From Rachel Patten to Hosts and panelists:

I received an email that TPI is recruiting

16:24:11 From Ed to Hosts and panelists:

Ty

16:24:13 From Yvette Hernandez to Hosts and panelists:

Hi All, I have to get off 5 mins early. Thank you

16:24:22 From Lauren Link to Hosts and panelists:

Thank you!

16:24:39 From Daniel Carrillo to Hosts and panelists:

<https://prosperportland.us/tif-districts/>

16:25:26 From Glyceria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:

Much love to all of you!

16:25:35 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:

Thanks to all who shared 🙌

16:25:37 From Ruby Durr (She/Her) to Hosts and panelists:

Thank you for allowing me to come in and participate with you all. Great conversation!

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