



Welcome

Please make yourself comfortable.
We will get started in a few minutes.



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SHS Advisory Committee Meeting

July 9, 2026

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM



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Introductions

- Name
- Pronouns (if comfortable sharing)
- Organization/community you represent

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator	Action
3:00	-Welcome & Introductions -Land and Labor Acknowledgement -Community Agreements -Updates	Breanna Flores	Inform
3:20	2026 Recap <i>High-level meeting content and discussions so far this year</i>	Breanna Flores, Anna Johnson	Inform, Discuss
3:35	Topic of Interest: Participant Safety <i>Explore committee interest in making recommendations for the Domestic Sexual Violence (DSV) services system</i>	Breanna Flores	Discuss
4:20	Member Updates/ Advocacy Opportunities	Breanna Flores, Co-chairs	Group sharing
4:30	Close	—	

Land & Labor Acknowledgement

Multnomah County rests on the stolen lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, and Clackamas Bands of Chinook Indian Nation; Tualatin Kalapuya; Molalla; and many others along the Columbia River. This country is built on stolen Indigenous land and built by stolen African people. This land was not stolen and people were not enslaved by ambiguous entities and actors. The land was stolen by, and African peoples were enslaved by White settlers who had government support.

This historical foundation of stolen land and forced labor led to decades of intentionally prejudicial policies and practices that have created racial disparities in every area of society. These practices include, but are not limited to, forced cultural assimilation, Black Exclusion Laws, redlining of BIPOC neighborhoods, "urban renewal" projects that displaced BIPOC homes and businesses, policing and justice system practices that unfairly target communities of color, and chronic underinvestment in essential resources. Furthermore, interpersonal racism and bias compound these systemic challenges for people of color as they navigate social services. These factors create barriers to housing that disproportionately affect communities of color and make it more difficult for people of color to exit homelessness.

We honor the people from these communities who came before us who dedicated their lives to advancing racial equity and resisting oppression despite intentional and ongoing attempts to destroy them. The SHS Advisory Committee is committed to confronting the systemic racial disparities that disproportionately impact communities of color. We commit to centering racial equity in every decision, using an anti-racism lens to recommend investments that reduce racial disparities in chronic and short-term homelessness and make a place to call home accessible to all.

Community Agreements

Self-Awareness and Presence

- Take care of yourself
- Be aware of your own space and positionality
- Be authentic and speak your truth
- Stay focused/stay present
- Be aware of time

Respectful Communication & Engagement

- Make the best effort to be engaged and ready to support one another
- Share the air and give everyone a chance to speak
- Respect and listen to each other, honor each other's perspectives and story
- Respect confidentiality and don't share other's stories without their permission
- Differentiate between opinion and informed knowledge

Community Agreements

Inclusivity, Equity, and Cultural Humility

- Practice cultural humility. Respect the validity of other's perspectives, experiences and cultures
- Interrupt oppression
- Correct with care—assume good intentions
- Respect names and pronouns (help others when they may make mistakes)

Learning, Feedback, and Embracing Growth

- Give feedback and be open to feedback
- Differentiate between safety and comfort
- Be curious and ask questions. Be patient.
- Expect and accept discomfort and ambiguity
- Be open to trying something different
- Be open to hearing something different
- Share gratitude for feedback
- Understand we are all collectively learning and growing

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Budget Update

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners **adopted their budget** for the upcoming fiscal year last Friday, June 5.

The new fiscal year began on July 1, 2026.

All currently available public budget information can be found here: <https://multco.us/info/fy-2027-budget>

You can also view the County's budget press release here: <https://multco.us/news/news-release-multnomah-county-board-commissioners-closes-significant-spending-gap-adopts>

Staff & Membership Update

- SHS team staff facilitation
- New members joining today



2026 Recap of Committee Work



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Framing the Conversation: 2026 Recap

What are we talking about?

We are going to take a look at key committee meeting highlights and conversations over the last six months.

Why is it important?

This will help us bring together the many threads and give us a clearer picture of where to focus in the second half of the year.

2026 at a Glance

January

Voted to approve recommendations to improve access to SHS services.

February

Updated the land and labor acknowledgement; brainstormed how to approach making recommendations this year.

March

Interim HSD Director Anna Plumb provided leadership's response to the access recommendations.

2026 at a Glance (continued)

April

Overview of current & upcoming HSD research & evaluation projects and refresher on past committee recommendations.

May

Review of HSD teams and key projects, with a focus on the SHS team.

June

Leadership response to remaining access recommendations and additional priorities brainstorming.

2026 Themes

Ending one recommendations cycle:

Responses to access recommendations from leadership

Starting a new recommendations cycle:

Identifying topics of interest for future recommendations

Exploring current HSD work that connects to committee interests

Priorities Brainstorming: Topics of Interest

Some topics of interest that have come up so far this year:



Participant / Staff Safety

**City / County
Coordination**

Employment Services

**Training / Technical
Assistance**

**Disability Justice &
Accessibility**

Coordinated Access

Priorities Brainstorming: Current HSD Projects

Some current HSD projects that the committee could learn more about or engage with (especially where committee topics of interest overlap).

Admin Rules:

Give input on how to implement the admin rules (standardized guidelines for PSH, RRH, HWS, HO, HP, Shelter, TH)

SHS Local Implementation Plan (LIP):

Review the current LIP & give input on potential updates in next 1-2 years

Rapid Rehousing Evaluation:

Give input on what questions we ask RRH participants

Outreach:

Give input on how to implement the Outreach Services Manual with providers

New HMIS:

Give input on how to rollout new HMIS and what TA is needed for providers

Other:

- Cross-Sector Case Conferencing
- Landlord Recruitment and Retention

Topic of Interest: Participant Safety



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Framing: Participant Safety

What are we talking about?

In response to previous discussions, we are exploring committee interest in providing feedback/recommendations on the topic of safety, starting with the Domestic Sexual Violence (DSV) services system.

Why is it important?

Exploring the discussion questions today will give more clarity on what you would like to focus on this year and the kind of recommendations you would like to make.

What Do We Mean By "Safety"?

What does safety mean to the committee?

There are several ideas that have come up so far:

Participant safety/ Staff safety

- Identity based harm
- Violence
- Harm reduction
- Policies & protocols
- Site design
- Training

To discuss:

Is there anything you would add to this initial list?

Focus Area for Today

We will return to exploring these broader ideas in a future meeting.

Today we will take a closer look at **participant safety** through the lens of our DSV (domestic and sexual violence) system of care.



Purpose

Information gathered during this discussion will be used to inform future engagement opportunities between **HSD's DSV Team** and the SHS Advisory Committee.

These conversations may result in more formalized feedback/recommendations down the line but remain exploratory at this time.

Before We Begin

The following questions have been proposed by the HSD DSV Team to understand the interactions, experiences, and angles this group may be interested in exploring further.

This conversation is completely optional and we encourage you to engage at a level you feel comfortable, including if you decide to opt out.

For Discussion

1.) What questions do you have about the DSV system? Are there any aspects you would like to learn more about or get clarity on?

2.) Based on your knowledge of the DSV system, the services available, how to access them, and the experience of individuals utilizing these services, what do you think is missing and/or could be improved or done differently?

For Discussion (continued)

3.) Is there anything you want to elevate about participant (personal, secondhand, or in general) experiences in/utilizing the following:

- DV shelters
- Accessing the DV crisis line
- Engaging with services at/with the Gateway Center or similar services in Multnomah County?

4.) Beyond DV, is there anything you want to elevate about participant safety regarding accessing or engaging with shelter based on an identity or identities?

Member Updates/ Advocacy Opportunities



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Member Updates

Invitation to Share:

- News/updates from your organization or community
- Things happening in the SHS scene
- Advocacy opportunities
- Other opportunities

Resource List



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Committee Resources

Land and Labor resources:

- [The Racist History of Portland, the Whitest City in America](#)- Article from The Atlantic about Portland's history of racist housing policy
- [Native Governance Center Guide to Land Acknowledgements](#)- A guide to creating a more in-depth land acknowledgement.
- [Native Land Digital Map](#)- An app to help map Indigenous territories, treaties, and languages.
- [Ecotrust Alternatives to Land Acknowledgements](#)- Actions to take in allyship with Native communities as an alternative to land acknowledgements.

SHS Measure resources:

- [Multnomah County SHS Local Implementation Plan](#)
- [SHS Quarterly and Annual Reports](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page)

SHS Advisory Committee resources:

- [SHS Advisory Committee page](#) on the HSD website (all the committee's recommendations are linked here)

Close

