



# Continuum of Care Board Meeting

August 20, 2026



## Zoom - Meeting

Today's CoC Board Meeting is using Zoom Meeting, instead of the Zoom Webinar format. It allows the public to be in the meeting with the same access as Board members.

Non-CoC Board member are welcome to observe this meeting. We do not take public comments during CoC Board meetings. Members of the public are welcome to enter questions using the chat. CoC Board members and HSD staff may not be able to respond, but HSD staff will attempt to follow up if you include your email/contact info with your question.

## Some tips for all to support ASL Interpretation

*Draft... we're still developing these tips*

- Make sure your microphone is muted when not speaking
- One person speaks/shares at a time
- Use the raise hand feature when you want to share something
  - Or, say your name to indicate you have something to share
- Say your name before you speak
- Check out Zoom features to:
  - Rearrange the speaker gallery
  - Pin and/or spotlight Interpreters, slides or other presenters
  - Turn on Sign Language Interpretation View (see meeting controls toolbar at bottom of screen)

# Meeting Agenda

|        |                                                                        |                                |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 10 min | Welcome & Settle In - Land & Labor Acknowledgement                     | All Members                    |
| 20 min | Introductions of new members, continuing members, and outgoing members | All Members                    |
| 30 min | NOFO Update                                                            | Alyssa Plesser                 |
| 5 min  | Break                                                                  |                                |
| 5 min  | Onboarding Update                                                      | Bill Boyd                      |
| 5 min  | Quick opportunity announcement: MCPHAB                                 | Bill Boyd                      |
| 15 min | Recognize outgoing members                                             | CoC Board Co-Chair & HSD Staff |
| 5 min  | Closing and next steps                                                 | CoC Board Co-Chair             |

# Land & Labor Acknowledgement

**Credit to:**

**Dr. Aileen Duldulao  
& Heather Heater,  
Multnomah County**

<https://native-land.ca/>  
Ecotrust - Going  
Beyond Land  
Acknowledgements

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.

We also want to honor the members of over 400 tribal communities who live in Multnomah County. Many of these People and their cultures still survive and resist despite the intentional and ongoing attempts to destroy them.

# Community Agreements (1/3)

- Account for power dynamics in the room and in the work. Make every effort to share power by actively listening to input from all members, particularly those who may be marginalized or underrepresented, and committing to following up on input provided or seeking further input from communities not in this space.
- Approach discussions with empathy and respect, allowing space for vulnerability.
- Assume best intentions while honoring impact. Acknowledge that intent does not override impact.
- Be accountable and transparent. Commit to acknowledging and working through harm caused.

# Community Agreements (2/3)

- Be mindful of privilege, historical and current structures of oppression, specifically anti-blackness and Indigenous erasure. Approach the work with a shared goal to lead with a lens of equity, inclusion, diversity, and anti-racism.
- Strive for resolution, while also expecting and accepting non-closure.
- Honor the diversity in the room. Stay open to different perspectives and alternative approaches.
- Language matters. Use intentional, direct, compassionate language. Speak your truth in a way that respects all of our community agreements. Offer content warnings if appropriate.

# Community Agreements (3/3)

- Make space, take space. Make space for those who are not speaking up as often, take space if you usually don't speak up.
- Maintain confidentiality. Share lessons learned while keeping names and identifiers confidential.
- Meet folks where they are. Do not assume knowledge on behalf of others. Be thorough, clear, patient, and transparent in our dialogue.
- Use people-first language and refrain from stigmatizing language.
- Listen to understand, don't listen to rebut.

# Introductions

- Please share your name & pronouns
- Please also share if you are:
  - New CoC Board member
  - Continuing Board member
  - Outgoing Board member
  - HSD staff

# New CoC Board Members

## Members at Large

Andrea Hood

Phillip Johnson-Bey II

Xenia Gonzalez

Whitny Myers

Iris Sexton

Maria Morales

Sahaan McKelvey

Paul Susi

Timisha Wilson

## Ex-Officio Members

Hannah Schmalz

Adam Brown

Jenny Carver

# Continuing CoC Board Members

## Members at Large

Kat Salas  
Trevor Nissen  
Steven Gilbert  
Casady Monroe  
Adriana Rangel-Ponce

## Ex-Officio Members

Jessica Harper  
Antoinette Pietka

# Outgoing CoC Board Members

## Members at Large

Brandi Tuck  
Christina McGovney  
Hannah Studer  
Jamar Summerfield  
Laura Golino de Lovato  
Lizzie Cisneros  
Mark Morford

## Ex-Officio Members

Ian Slingerland



**Homeless Services  
Department**

**Lawsuit:  
National Alliance v. HUD**

# Summary of the Lawsuit

Plaintiffs' basis for suit rested on violations of the McKinney-Vento Act (MVA) and the Administrative Procedures Act (APA)

- Creating the \$1.3B new project set-aside w/o Congress authorization
- Reversal of Housing First without notice and comment period
- Risk Review and Certifications
- Service Participation Requirements and elimination of harm reduction
- Changing the statutory definition of “self-sufficiency”
- Preference for people with certain disabilities
- Post-Award conditions

# The Ruling

The Court's decision is narrowly focused on HUD's failure to follow the procedural requirements of the MVA and APA, and it is on these grounds that the Court made its decision to **set aside the whole 2026 NOFO.**

- The Court agreed with Plaintiffs that HUD failed to engage in a notice-and-comment process

Ruling says nothing about the merits of Plaintiffs' claims; rather, the Court said that by setting aside the whole thing, they don't need to analyze each contested provision. Court denied permanent injunction leaving the door open for future claims

# HUD Appeal

HUD appealed the ruling AND file a motion for stay (meaning a request that the court pause the execution of its order and let HUD continue with the current NOFO while the appeal process happens).

District court denied the motion for stay and the appeal

HUD appealed to the Circuit court and filed a motion for stay. Circuit court has asked for all responses to the motion for stay to be filed by Monday at 5PM EST and the court will rule “swiftly” after that on the motion for stay.

# Motion for Stay

If the motion for stay is granted, then the competition would continue with a new deadline. BUT the actual appeal would need to still be heard by the court to determine if the NOFO was legal.

# What could happen next...

If HUD wins the appeal, then we would have a new NOFO with a new deadline but the same priorities

If HUD loses the appeal, then:

1. HUD reissues the NOFO with a new deadline and without the TH/SSO set aside (New NOFO, new deadline, new priorities); OR
2. HUD holds a public comment period THEN reissues the NOFO with a new deadline, including the TH/SSO set-aside and THEN we have a new NOFO with a new deadline but the same priorities.

# Final Priority Listing

## 46 Projects from 25 providers

- 18 PSH Projects - \$22.7 M
- 15 TH Projects - \$17.1 M
  - Includes 6 renewal projects transitioning from RRH to TH
- 9 Supportive Services Projects - \$4.5M
  - Includes Coordinated Entry, Workforce Development, Shelter Services, & Mental Health programs
- 3 Street Outreach - \$1.3 M
- 1 HMIS - \$281,391



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# **“Advancing Recovery” Policy**

# Advancing Recovery Policy Bonus Points

As part of the (now revoked) 2026 NOFO, HUD would award **10 Bonus** points to communities that had a “statement or policy” to *“ensure that all housing projects submitted by the CoC will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct, permit, encourage, or allow any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."”*

# Advancing Recovery Policy Bonus Points

The statement or policy must:

- (1) Prohibit CoC-funded housing projects from operating drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distributing drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, knowingly permitting the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conducting any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction;"
- (2) Describe what remedies will be taken for CoC-funded housing projects determined by the CoC to be in violation of the above;

# Advancing Recovery Policy Bonus Points

The statement or policy must:

(3) Encourage the provision of substance use disorder treatment and recovery housing within or outside of the CoC; and

(4) Not restrict or prohibit CoC-funded housing projects that require program participants to be sober or to participate in treatment as a condition of assistance in accordance with 24 CFR 578.

# Advancing Recovery Policy Bonus Points

Recommendation from Homebase/what other communities are doing:

1. Have a statement, not a policy
2. Statement should be a copy and paste of the requirements listed in the NOFO
3. Include Oregon Law on drug paraphernalia
4. “Remedy” is technical assistance to resolve found violations
5. Highlight support to participants as being client centered and focused on maintaining safe and stable housing

**Break**



# New Member Onboarding

# Update on New Member Onboarding

- Incorporated input from the Recruitment Subcommittee
  - Their work is now complete
- First onboarding session on August 10, 2026
  - Given the status of the current NOFO, spent more time on how the CoC has operated to date
    - Relied on previously used onboarding material with relevant updates
  - Lots of questions and discussion
- Next onboarding session TBD, but should be in early-mid September

# New Advisory Opportunity: MCPHAB

Are you passionate about the health of everyone in our county? Do you want to be part of community efforts to improve public health and achieve health equity? If so, we're looking for you!

The Public Health Advisory Board of Multnomah County is seeking new members. The Board advises Health Department leaders on strategic priorities and emerging issues in public health. Currently, the Board meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 3:30-5:30pm virtually via Google Meet.

Apply online at: <https://multco.us/info/public-health-advisory-board-membership-application>

To request a paper application, contact Tameka Brazile Miles at 971-521-2968 or [tameka.b.miles@multco.us](mailto:tameka.b.miles@multco.us)

Deadline to apply is **Sunday August 23, 2026**. Thanks for helping us create a healthier Multnomah County!



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**Recognize outgoing CoC  
Board Members**

# Thank you.