



Homeless Services Department (HSD) Community Budget Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes

8/25/2026 5:00pm - 7:00pm

[These minutes are subject to adjustment and approval by the CBAC]

Attendance: Committee Members: William Hodson, Katrina Malachowski, Elizabeth Gillingham, Darius Mani Yaw, Nicki Dardinger, Amanda Garren
HSD & County Staff: Bill Boyd (HSD), Kanoe Egleston (HSD), Steven Ohl (HSD), Sarah Fast (HSD)

Agenda Item	Discussion Points
Welcome/Check-in Introductions	Biggest surprise of the HSD Budget since last we met? • New work/ different than what was proposed • Sunstone Way info • All the amendments - and how the related process went HSD Staff changes/ updates: • Nathaniel VerGow- HSD Department Director ◦ Oversees entire Department and will join some CBAC meetings throughout the year • Kanoelehua Egleston- Director of Programs ◦ Will continue to be present as representative for Programs • Steven Ohl- Interim Finance Manager; ◦ Antoinette Payne is now working for the Health Department • Sarah Fast- Project Manager for HSD Business Services: ◦ Will support in CBAC coordination in partnership with Bill (agenda development) • Bill Boyd- Community Advisory Program Specialist Senior ◦ Will continue to provide coordination for CBAC, scheduling, communication, agenda development etc.)

Approve or Postpone Approval of 06	Re: June 2026 meeting minutes • Did not have quorum- does not need approval of minutes • Discussed briefly: ◦ Exit Survey & Events to attend
Summary of Final, approved HSD budget	Slide 13 Questions: Why the drastic change from 2019? • This is due to one-time only funding and increased amount of tax revenue in previous years Are we investing money that is left over/ carried over? • Yes it sits in interest bearing accounts Slide 17 Questions: Does 98 FTE mean there are 98 Full Time employees? • Yes When this amount of money is given to contracts- is it providing funding to staff/ employees or directly to getting people placed in housing? • Both- funding supports staff that work at the org as well as go directly to services for their clients And they can have other sources of funding at will? • Yes they can definitely have and seek additional funding Slide 18 Questions: Could you describe what a budget amendment and a budget note is? • The approved budget is the budget that the Chair has approved, and then it goes into the approved phase which is open to public discussion. During that time, Departments can also get additional information (ex: Additional revenue from state for Shelter Programs to fund emergency shelters) and they can put forth into the budget as an amendment. • Board Amendments come from the multiple weeks of public discussion and proposed changes. These can be viewed online via the Multco Board Meetings (amendments #s listed) • A Note is a specific direction or policy action from the Board of Commissioners - it can earmark general funds for a specific use, helps document decisions made and usually follow needs identified by community

	<u>Multnomah County FY 2027 Adopted Budget Notes</u> ○ They do not have dollars attached to them but are directives from the Board- and do have impact on programs ○ Notes can/ will be presented at a later date- they are largely programmatic ○ Commissioners have weekly meetings with Department Directors- but these serve as additional communication tools about specific items in the budget Slide 14: What is RSIF? ● Regional Strategic Investment Fund- ○ this fund supports regional coordination, cross-jurisdictional planning with the Tri-County Planning Body (Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties), and programs tackling chronic homelessness and housing instability ○ It's a regional workgroup made up of community members, providers, government entities ○ The Metro contract requires us to have 5% of funding earmarked for RSF- if not spent in the year it carries over to the next year for specific things ○ It's the purpose of a regional fund- a regional workgroup made up of community members, providers, government entities ○ HMIS is a great example of this
Overview for FY 2028 Budget Cycle	What to expect for the next 11 months of meetings: Re: November 2026 Is there a co-chair model we could do? ● Yes- we haven't done one yet but its our understanding that we are open to doing whatever format works for us If the current chair wanted to run again is that allowed? ● Yes

	Is there a limit on terms for a chair? • No- not at this time, but CBAC members serve 3 year terms Re: New Members How many folks do we have currently on our committee? • 9 active members How many folks total are we allowed to have? • Up to 11 (with a minimum of 4) Is the decision to add members made by HSD Staff or will the committee have an input? • Multco's Office of Community Involvement (OCI) does active recruitment for CBACs ○ They have collected 8 applications so far (for 2 spots) ○ Will schedule interviews soon ○ Suggestion that current members could review applications, help select ■ Bill will ask OCI Can this CBAC connect with other HSD Advisory Committees- could we add that into this meeting cadence? • Yes- may not be logistical for this meeting, but there may be other opportunities where we can connect. • Some are open publicly, while others are by invitation only (there are reasons for both) • Past years- we have tried to have an all-committee gathering in December (the last one was a couple of years ago) but feels important to bring back this year Last year- HSD did a lot of outreach to the public/ partners about budget and priorities- will that happen again this year? • Last year was our most robust engagement in our budget • Yes- Bill we anticipate this will be the same this year and will likely beginning in October/ November to meet - however we have new leadership and lots of moving pieces so TBD
New CBAC Members	Re: 2 open spots on our CBAC... fill them? • Sometimes larger CBACs (full 11 people and voices) feels challenging to facilitate, can create challenges for decision making, so it may be beneficial to think about how we can provide consensus, engage in a meaningful way etc. Need to strategize how this will work with a full roster • Yes- having more CBAC members is better for the community! It would be great to see more BIPOC community members, and those with lived experience.

	- Some things to consider: - What are the values of the current CBAC? - Ex: Widest possible opinion or singular decision? - What is the operation of the group? - What are the CBAC members committing to?
Open Discussion	Option to meet in person was appreciated and may be beneficial if/ when we bring on new members
Meeting stipends	Open time to ask questions about stipend policy/stipends- No comments/ did not discuss
Next steps	Next CBAC Meeting TBD Upcoming Events: CBAC Continuing Education Sessions <u>1. Budget Transparency</u> <u>8/26/2026 5:30pm - 7:00pm</u> <u>2. Multnomah County's New Strategic Plan 101 and Internal Services Rates 101</u> <u>9/30/2026 5:30pm - 7:30pm</u> <u>3. Budget Big Picture - Bonds and Budget Forecast</u> <u>11/18/2026 5:30pm - 7:00p</u>