



# Continuum of Care Board Meeting

October 15, 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        |
| 15 min | NOFO Updates: submission and lawsuit                 | HSD CoC Staff      |
| 15 min | Debrief: Creation and approval of the Public Comment | CoC Board Co-Chair |
| 20 min | Discussion: space setting and norms                  | CoC Board Co-Chair |
| 5 min  | BREAK                                                |                    |
| 30 min | Discussion: space setting and norms, continued       | CoC Board Co-Chair |
| 10 min | Proposed co-chair nomination and selection process   | 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



# NOFO Updates

**OR-501 NOFO  
SUBMITTED!**

# Update on Court Case

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Court case is back at the District Court level and the plaintiffs are asking for new relief than before

Not asking for the entire NOFO to be vacated, but only certain sections of the NOFO, including:

- The \$1.3 Billion Set-Aside
- Mandatory Service Requirements
- Anti-Harm Reduction Rules
- Disability Priority
- Law Enforcement & Criminalization Criteria
- Executive Order & Free Speech Mandates
- Risk Review criteria

# Update on Court Case

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If plaintiffs win and ALL relief is granted, then:

- HUD cannot use any of the previously listed criteria to determine awards
- HUD would be required to award all projects in Tier 1
- HUD could not award any Tier 2 projects
- HUD could not require grantees to abide by Executive Orders
- HUD would have to provide a new opportunity for communities to apply for Tier 2 funding.

Asking for the court to make a decision before December 1.



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# **Debriefing the Creation and Approval of the Public Comment**

# Debrief Public Comment Meeting

- What do you think went well about the process of drafting and approving our Public Comment to HUD?
- What do you think could have been improved or done differently in the process of drafting and approving our Public Comment to HUD?
- What are your suggestions or recommendations for how the CoC Board can best respond to sudden and time-sensitive activities such as drafting and approving a Public Comment?



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# **CoC Board Discussion: Space Setting and Norms**

# Some guiding questions/principles

When thinking about CoC Board agendas, discussion process, let's consider the following:

1. What is the purpose of the CoC Board (reflect on our charter)
2. How is the topic or issue of discussion in scope?
3. If the topic or issue might require work beyond our regularly scheduled meetings:
  - a. Reflect on capacity to commit to the required work
  - b. Consider what work beyond regular meetings may look like

# How to contribute to meeting agendas

If you have an issue or topic you want added to the CoC Board agenda:

1. Email the Board co-chairs or HSD Support staff with the topic ideas
  - a. Please offer your reflections for how the issue or topic is in scope or otherwise relevant to the Board
2. Agenda recommendations will be considered at the Board co-chair planning meeting
  - a. Agenda recommendations received by the 1st Thursday of the month can be considered for that month's CoC Board meeting
  - b. Agenda recommendations received after the 1st Thursday of the month can be consider for the following month's CoC Board meeting
  - c. You are welcome to attend the Co-Chair meeting to discuss your agenda item

# How does the CoC Board want to...

1. Manage non-agenda or spontaneous discussions in meetings?
2. Interpret silence/lack of active contributions to a discussion?
3. Clarify individual and collective roles/responsibilities for responding to breaches to Board's community agreements?



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# **Co-Chair Nomination and Election**

# CoC Co-Chairs

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The Co-Chairs of the CoC Board shall be responsible for conducting the regular operations and meetings of the Board. Co-Chairs shall be elected to annual terms as Co-Chairs of the Board by a vote of the CoC Board, which may be renewed. Co-Chairs will sit on the Jurisdictional Committee and be charged with co-creating Board meeting agendas, coordinating with Homeless Services Department staff, and stewarding the CoC Board processes.

Trevor Nissen (Central City Concern), is the current CoC Board co-chair and will continue in their role for continuity

We have an open co-chair position and encourage new members to consider serving in this role!

- Doesn't require deep knowledge of all things CoC, but experience or interest in facilitation and group dynamics

# Co-Chair Nomination and Selection Process

*Proposed process:*

- 1. Board members interested in learning more about the Co-Chair role should reach out to current Chair/HSD staff before November 1st*
- 2. Between 11/1 and 11/13, CoC Board members will be able to nominate themselves/each other to serve as co-chair (via a Google Form)*
- 3. Board members who accepted the nomination can share during the November meeting why they are interested in being co-chair*
- 4. Board will be able to vote asynchronously between the November meeting and December 11th*
- 5. New Co-Chair confirmed at December meeting; start right away!*

# Thank you.