

HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEM (HRS) STEERING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting #3

Friday, September 20, 2024, 1:00 to 2:30pm

Committee members and participants in person at:

Our Just Future, 10550 NE Halsey St., Portland, OR, 97220

To attend online register here: https://multco-us.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EnWL7vTITASluV4e67GBaA



Objective: Continue committee work: support establishment of HRS Community Advisory Committee, decide on proposed changes to HRAP, and continue policy discussion regarding distribution of tents and tarps

Approx. Time	Topic	Description and Outcome	Agenda leader
10	Welcome, general meeting orientation, and introductions	Review today's meeting agenda and purpose, make individual introductions, strengthen relationships and purpose	Chair Vega Pederson, Mariann Hyland
5	Host welcome	Welcome and introduction from Our Just Future	
15	Decision: Community Advisory Committee membership	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of recruitment and alignment process Decision: Approve proposed Community Advisory Committee membership 	Ryan Deibert, Maggie Williams
30	Decision: Proposed changes to HRAP	Consider, approve/reject/amend proposed changes to HRAP	Ryan Deibert, Maggie Williams
45	Continued discussion: Distribution of tents and tarps	Continue from 9/12 SOC meeting: Policy discussion regarding the distribution of tents and tarps by Multnomah County and its service providers within the City of Portland	Mariann Hyland, Dan Field
15	Closing, review next-steps	Next meeting November 2024 (date/time/location TBD)	Mariann Hyland

Membership: Multnomah County Chair Jessica Vega Pederson; City of Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler; City of Gresham Mayor Travis Stovall; Multnomah County Commissioner Lori Stegmann; City of Portland Commissioner Rene Gonzalez; Ivory Matthews, Chief Executive Officer of Home Forward; Mindy Stadlander, Chief Executive Officer of Health Share of Oregon; Peter Andrews, Business Representative from Portland Metro Chamber of Commerce; [Behavioral Health Expert and SHS Taxpayer to be appointed]

Staff: Multnomah County Chief Operating Officer, Serena Cruz; City of Portland Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Jordan; HRS Interim Director, Ryan Deibert; Advisors to the HRS, Robyn Johnson and Maggie Williams

Facilitators: Mariann Hyland, Lead Facilitator; Meredith Holley, Co-facilitator

Recommended Changes to Homelessness Response Action Plan Action Items

For Review & Approval by the Homelessness Response System Steering & Oversight Committee

Background: The Homelessness Response Action Plan (HRAP) includes 120 action items across 9 primary goal areas. Each action item includes responsible parties and an assigned completion date. The Homelessness Response System (HRS) Implementation Committee is charged with tracking, troubleshooting, and executing on the action items with centralized project management support from the HRS team. As of 9/18/2024, 39 of the 68 action items (57%) due for completion in 2024 have been completed.

Steering and Oversight Committee Action: In its initial work, the Implementation Committee has identified seven action items that could better achieve their intended outcomes through modification of the item’s scope or timeline. The following table summarizes the proposed changes (highlighted) with notes on the purpose for the recommended change. At its 9/20/2024 meeting, the HRS Steering and Oversight Committee will review and be asked to approve the proposed changes.

Action Item	Date	Responsible	Recommended Change	Recommendation Notes
1.1.2 Build upon existing JOHS data improvement framework to set a vision for an integrated network, establish key leads and roles, and approve initial work plan. Work plan to include data strategy, long- and short-term goals, and any additional staff or financial resources to support work.	June 2024	Homelessness Response System	Date Change to March 2025	Recommend moving this item to March to allow time for JOHS to complete its HMIS and data mart work, which this action item will build upon. Moving to March will also allow time for important partners to focus on the Medicaid Health Related Social Needs launch, and for this work to better align with related work in other Metro Counties.

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2.1.3 Identify potential locations for the siting of potential affordable housing, congregate and alternative shelters, and behavioral health services, and regularly update based on estimated need, using best practices.	August 2024	City of Portland, Multnomah County and Metro	Reframe of language to “ Create a tool to identify potential locations for the siting of potential affordable housing, congregate and alternative shelters, and behavioral health services, and regularly update based on estimated need, using best practices.”	Recommended language change will better reflect that this is being built as a tool to allow for ongoing identification, not a one-time identification of these potential locations.
2.4.2 Initiate pilot to secure up to 200 block/primary leased units to support rapid housing placement.	September 2024	Joint Office of Homeless Services	Reframe of language to “Initiate pilot to secure up to 200 units through block/primary leasing or other strategies to support rapid housing placement.”	Recommended language will better reflect current efforts at JOHS to flexibly meet the goal of supporting more rapid housing placements. JOHS has initiated a pilot funding 69 agency leased units, and are pursuing best approaches to achieve 200 unit scale for this action item.

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4.3.2 Expand the Transition Services Unit to include CCOs and assign housing navigators to those exiting Corrections.	July 2024	Homelessness Response System, Department of Community Justice, Coordinated Care Organizations, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office	Date Change to February 2025	Medicaid Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) funding and implementation structures were initially anticipated to be available in July, and are now expected to become available in November. Recommend pushing back the date of this item to reflect this delay, and allow for time to understand and implement new funding and structures.
5.1.1 Bring together state Medicaid billing expertise and develop a plan to maximize Medicaid and Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) billing for navigation and coordination services.	June 2024	Multnomah County Health Department, Coordinated Care Organizations	Date Change to January 2025	Medicaid Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) funding and implementation structures were initially anticipated to be available in July, and are now expected to become available in November. Recommend pushing back the date of this item to reflect this delay, and allow for time to understand and implement new funding and structures.

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5.1.2 Conduct analysis of current supportive housing providers and develop a six-month plan to bill for Medicaid eligible services. Build on Congregate Housing Services Program (CHSP) for housing stability supports.	September 2024	Multnomah County, CCOs	Date Change to April 2025	Medicaid Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) funding and implementation structures were initially anticipated to be available in July, and are now expected to become available in November. Recommend pushing back the date of this item to reflect this delay, and allow for time to understand and implement new funding and structures.
A.4.1 Work with the navigation group to develop a set of recommendations.	July 2024	Joint Office of Homeless Services	Reframe of language to “Outreach and strategy workgroup to develop a set of recommendations related to transport services.” Also change date to October 2024.	Recommendation reflects the intention for the new outreach and strategy workgroup (formed as part of action item 1.1.3) to take on this work as part of a wider outreach strategy. Recommend also changing the date to reflect the new ownership of this item.