

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-011**

Authorizing the Appointment of Members to the Homelessness Response System Steering and Oversight Committee.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- A. Under the Intergovernmental Agreement dated July 1, 2024, between Multnomah County (County) and the City of Portland (City) (together, the Parties), the Homelessness Response System (HRS) will be governed by the Steering and Oversight Committee (SOC) and its two subcommittees.
- B. The SOC is responsible for the following: setting strategy and key performance indicators; monitoring progress and performance toward goals; ensuring alignment of jurisdictional investments toward strategies and performance; adjusting annual goals at the completion of each year; assessing strategies based on performance; and reviewing audits of the various components of the HRS.
- C. The SOC is composed of five voting members – the County Chair, the City Mayor, one member of the Board of Multnomah County Commissioners, one member of the Portland City Council, and an elected mayor from a city in east Multnomah County. The SOC also will include the following five non-voting members: one business sector representative (nominated by any business chamber of commerce located in Multnomah County), one behavioral health expert that is not a current provider with the Parties (nominated by the County), a Supportive Housing Services (SHS) taxpayer (who is a non-Portland resident), the CEO of Health Share Oregon, and the CEO of Home Forward.
- D. The County Chair will serve as the chairperson of the SOC.
- E. The City Mayor will select the member from City Council and the County Chair will appoint the member from the Board of County Commissioners. The Parties will jointly approve the business sector representative, behavioral health expert, and SHS taxpayer.
- F. Anna Allen is nominated to serve as the SOC SHS representative taxpayer who is a non-Portland resident. Ms. Allen is a resident of Troutdale, Oregon.
- G. Ms. Allen is the Regional Government Affairs Director for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. She is a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and brings more than a decade of experience working collaboratively across tribal governments, local public agencies, and community-based organizations to create equitable pathways for community members to help shape programs, policy decisions, and funding priorities.

- H. Laura Suarez is nominated to serve as the SOC behavioral health expert. She is not a current provider with the Parties and has been nominated by the County.
- I. Ms. Suez is the manager for the Social Work Department, Division of Care Management at Oregon Health & Sciences University (OHSU). In addition to her role as Social Work Department Manager, she serves as the Program Manager for OHSU Transitional Care Programs which provides the hospital with support and navigation to houseless and housing insecure patients.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

- 1. Anna Allen is appointed to the SOC seat for a SHS taxpayer.
- 2. Laura Suarez is appointed to the SOC seat for a behavioral health expert.
- 2. Both appointments will last for one year.

**ADOPTED this 6th day of March, 2025.**



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