Aging Services Advisory Council (ASAC)

November 17, 2026

Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division



Multnomah County
Department of County Human Services

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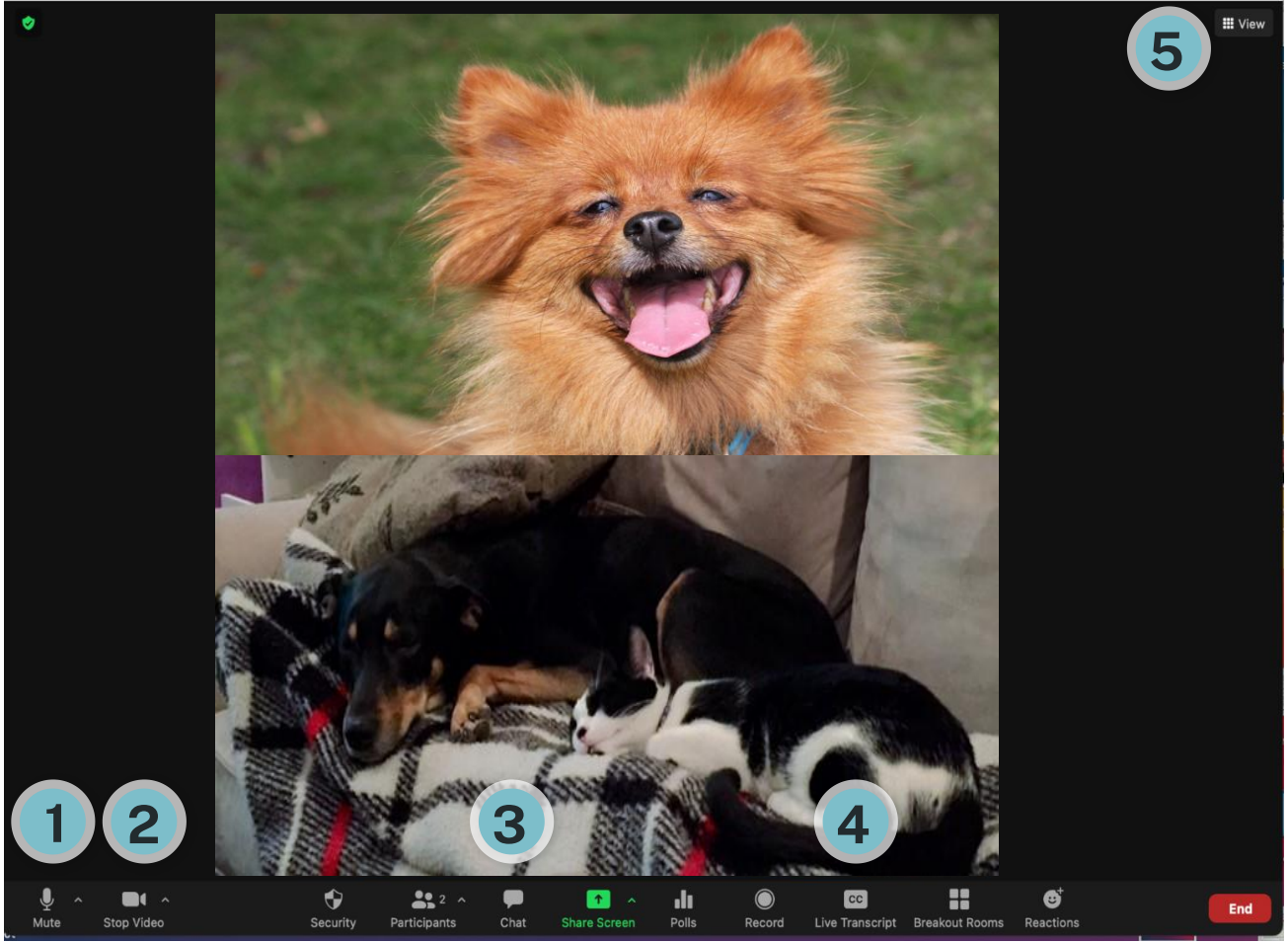


Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and agenda
2. Zoom, mic, accessibility statement
3. Land acknowledgement
4. Introductions
5. Procurement Part II
6. Break
7. Age Friendly Business Certification (AFBC) updates
8. Legislative updates
9. Public Comment (if requested)
10. Announcements
11. Future Meetings

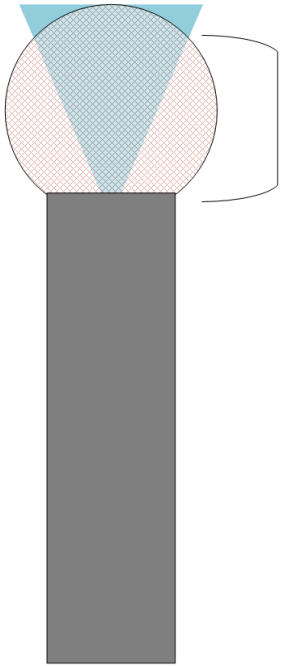
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2. Stop or start your Video
3. Open and use Chat box
4. Use automatic captioning
5. Change your view



Using the microphone

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Poor sound pick up from sides



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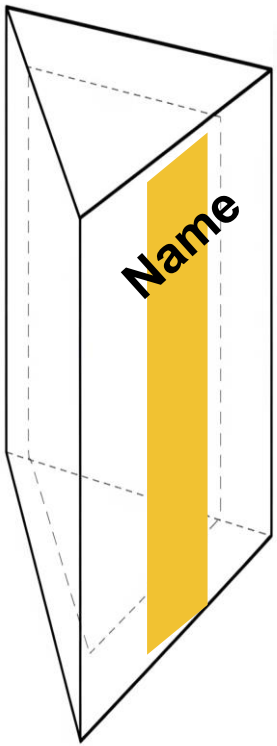
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How to use your Name tent



I have a question or comment

Accessibility statement

We model accessible presentation techniques such as:

- Using a minimum of 20 point font on slides.
- Limiting reliance on words and images.
- Orally describe visual presentation elements.
- Taking time on slides.
- Ask ahead of time if anyone needs accommodations.

Accessibility statement (cont.)

- Use a virtual platform with auto-generated closed captioning.
- Include alternate text or image descriptions.
- Accommodations were requested and met.
- In use — voice amplification.

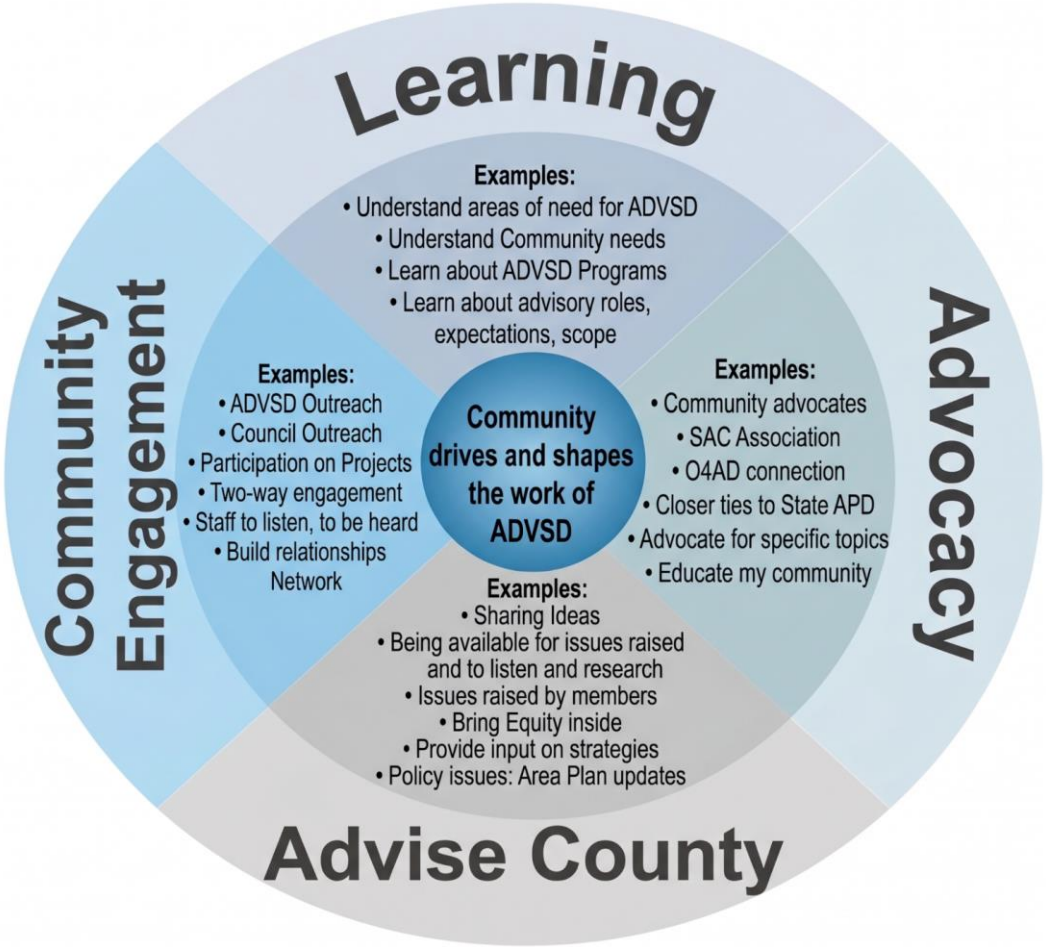
Land Acknowledgement

We are located in Portland, Oregon, Multnomah county.

Today, we honor the Indigenous people whose traditional and ancestral homelands we stand on — the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya and many other Indigenous nations of the Columbia River.

It is important we acknowledge the ancestors of this place and to recognize that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them.

In remembering these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.


Learning
Examples:
• Understand areas of need for ADVSD
• Understand Community needs
• Learn about ADVSD Programs
• Learn about advisory roles, expectations, scope
Community Engagement
Examples:
• ADVSD Outreach
• Council Outreach
• Participation on Projects
• Two-way engagement
• Staff to listen, to be heard
• Build relationships Network
Community drives and shapes the work of ADVSD
Advocacy
Examples:
• Community advocates
• SAC Association
• O4AD connection
• Closer ties to State APD
• Advocate for specific topics
• Educate my community
Examples:
• Sharing Ideas
• Being available for issues raised and to listen and research
• Issues raised by members
• Bring Equity inside
• Provide input on strategies
• Policy issues: Area Plan updates
Advise County

Brief Introductions

Please share:

- Your name
- Pronouns
- *Prompt — Share a favorite winter self care habit.*

ADVSD Community Services Procurement

Lucas Hoelter, Procurement Analyst Senior; Human Services Portfolio

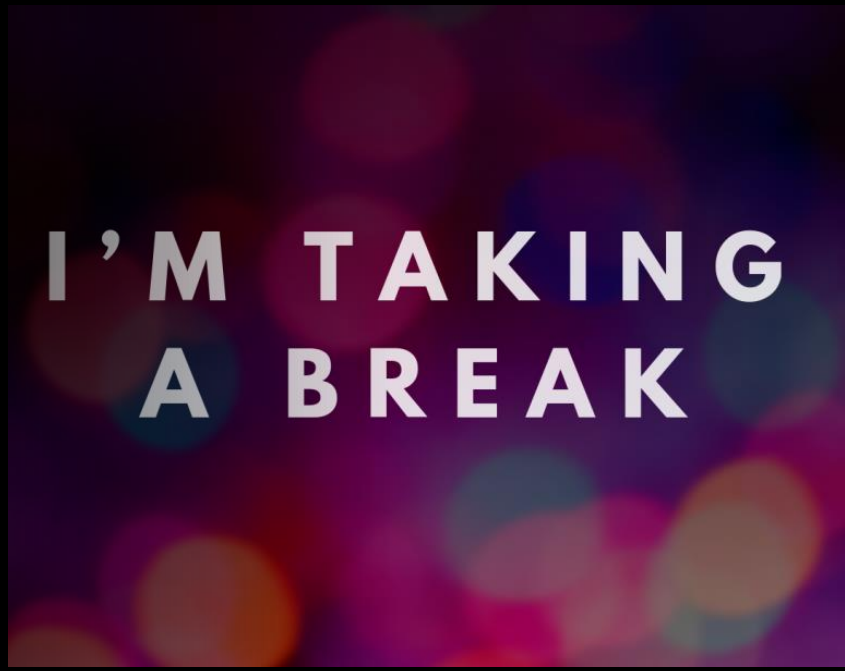
Procurement discussion part II

- Updates & description of ADVSD Community Services Procurement strategy.

- Follow up discussion on council questions and recommendations.

Break

15-minute break



Adult Care Home Program

Planning Ahead for 2027



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Steven Esser

Program Manager, Adult Care Home Program
Aging, Disability and Veterans Services Division

What We'll Cover Today

- What is an Adult Care Home?
- Care Home History
- Multnomah County Exemption
- Benefits of the Adult Care Home Setting
- Care Homes by the Numbers and Vacancies
- What Does the ACHP Do?
- Multnomah County Administrative Rules and an Example
- Call for advocacy
- Where to find us

What is an Adult Care Home?

- Licensed, single family houses
- 1 to 5 residents
- Operator or resident manager (primary caregiver) lives in the home
- Other caregivers help to provide assistance and services
- Independent small businesses that accept Private pay or Medicaid



Care Home History

First in the Nation (1981): Oregon reshaped American healthcare policy by securing the first federal Medicaid waiver to fund community-based long-term care. Previously funds were restricted to nursing facilities.

ACHP is Born (1983): Multnomah County launched the Adult Care Home Program (ACHP) and enacted local rules (which became the MCARs). Simultaneously Oregon's Senior Services Division adopted the first formal Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) governing adult foster homes and establishing statewide minimum standards.

Multnomah County Exemption

MultCo Exemption (1985):

- During the first 2 years of ACHP operation, Portland's large numbers and density demonstrated a need for stricter local regulations than those adopted statewide.
- 1985 Oregon law added ORS 443.780, formally exempting Multnomah County from state licensing.

Maintaining the Exemption:

- MCARs are required to meet or exceed standards found in ORS 443.705 - 825.
- Legislative ORS updates require updates to the MCAR if changes exceed current MCAR standards. Recent legislative updates include: in-person site-inspection requirements, resident rights expansion, updates to background-check mandates, etc.

Benefits of the Adult Care Home Setting

- Atmosphere is homelike, rather than institutional
- Owner operated
- Ensure residents' needs and preferences are met in a culturally-appropriate and safe setting
- Residents' dignity and rights are respected
- Residents' independence and decision-making are protected and supported

Care Homes by the Numbers

Classification	2022	2025	2026
APD	357	400	413
BH	10	8	6
Room & Board	8	2	2
Limited License	1	1	1
Total	**376**	**411**	**422**

Adult Care Home Vacancies

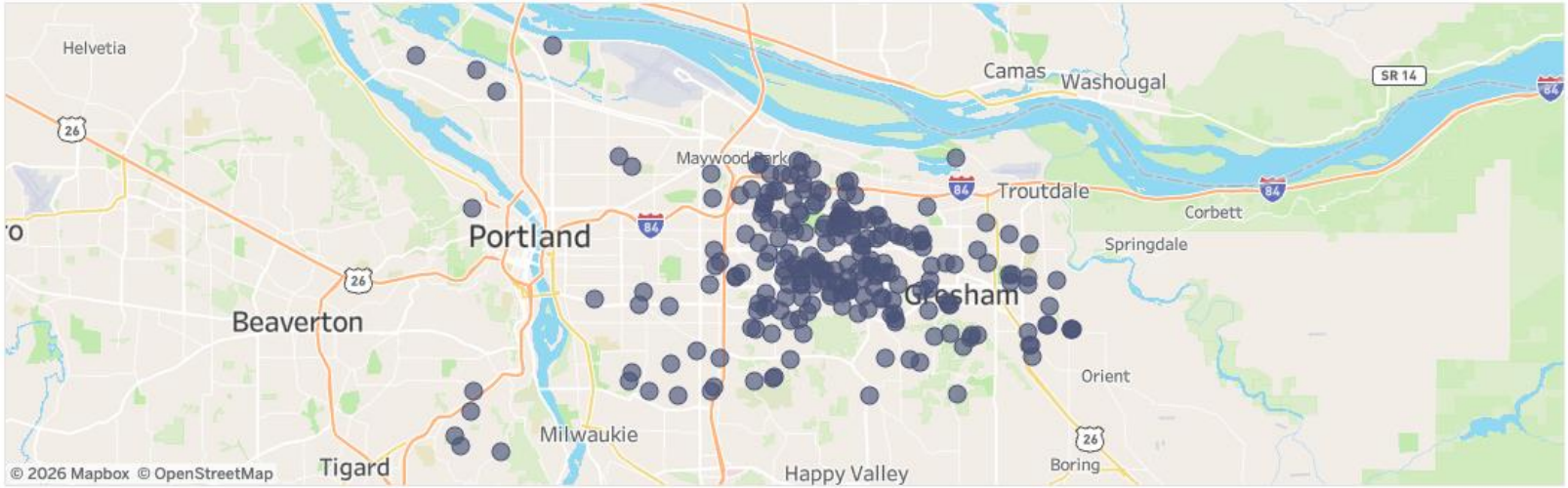
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Vacancies for Aging and People with Disabilities (APD)

# of Vacancies
367

Reset Filter

The dashboard **excludes** Behavioral Health (BH) vacancies.
Need help finding a home? Call the Adult Care Home Program to connect with the placement specialist, **503-988-3000**.



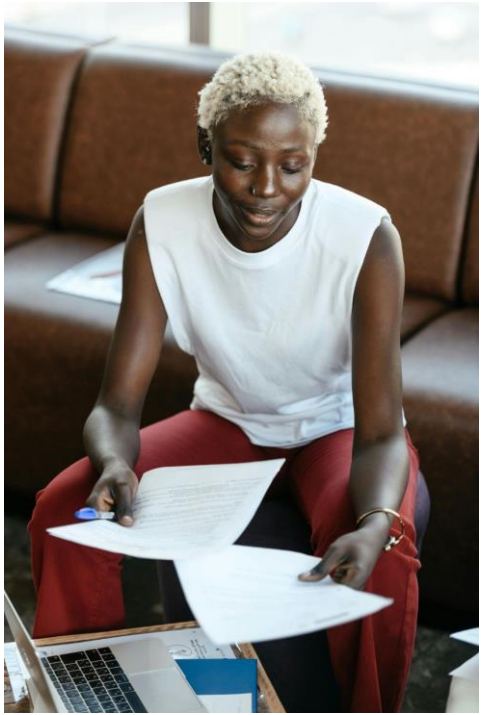
What Does the ACHP Do?

- License, monitor and ensure regulatory compliance
- Annual inspections, licensing support visits, complaint investigations and other visits to the home
- First year coaching program
- Trainings, provider meetings and conference
- Placement support for individuals and case managers

Multnomah County Administrative Rules (MCAR)

Rules governing the licensing and oversight of care homes within the County. Upcoming changes based on:

- Senate Bill 739
- Operator feedback from listening sessions and public comment
- Streamlining language for clarity



MCAR Example

MCAR 023-100-730:

At least one fire extinguisher classed as 2A-10BC or greater shall be securely mounted to the interior structure of the home in a visible and readily accessible location on each level of the home [...]



How Can You Help Advocate?

You have a unique, valuable perspective as representatives of residents and vulnerable members of our community.

We need your feedback at every step of the process:

- Listening sessions
- Public comment period
- Potential appeals or hearings

Adult Care Home Regulations Webpage

View MCAR and give feedback:

link.multco.us/ACHP.regulations



Medicare Recommendations and Advocacy
Anne Lindsay

Medicare coverage limitations affecting low-income older adults and individuals with disabilities, alongside the necessity for expanded Medicare Advantage plan contracts.

Legislative update and response

- Multnomah County's Federal Legislative Agenda Development Plan & Timeline.
    - Departments, chair, commissioners, regional partners, and government relations team (GR) collectively created the draft, reviewed and refined it. The draft is now at the stage of final Chair and Commissioner review. Attorney and legislative strategy consultant review is next, with final materials ready by Nov. 24.
    - December 10 - Present the proposed 2027–2029 Federal Legislative Agenda for the 120th Congress, the federal outlook, and 2026 advocacy summary. Request Board approval.

Legislative update and response

The following outlines the County's Federal Legislative Agenda for the 119th Congress (2025-2027), including budget and policy priorities. During this Congressional term, we aim to:

- Reduce Homelessness and Improve Housing Resources
- Defend Access to Health and Behavioral Health Services
- Protect Supports for Vulnerable Populations
- Ensure an Effective and Equitable Public Safety System
- Strengthening Tribal Consultation Capacity
- Strengthen Racial Justice and Civil Rights
- Improve Resiliency
- Strengthen and Leverage Partnerships to Support the Region's Economic Vitality

December 15, 2026 ASAC draft agenda

- For December 15th ASAC meeting - Be prepared to share what the council sees as the legislative priorities and issues.

To assist in preparation for this topic Sarah will:

- Share the County's final approved legislative agenda with the ASAC.
- Provide national update from USAging in late Nov.
    - Provide updates on efforts to reauthorize the Older Americans Act (OAA), insights into fiscal year 2027 appropriations for OAA programs, and an overview of USAging's policy and advocacy strategy

Public Comment: Hollywood Theatre update (by Mark Coleman)

(1) Hollywood Theatre is initiating a program called Classic Film Club where it will host films of the 1930s-1950s at senior care facilities around the Portland Metro area. Here's a link to the program description: https://hollywoodtheatre.org/classic-film-club/

(2) I have been corresponding with Hollywood Theatre's Director of Education & Special Projects, Ted Hurliman, to ask if Hollywood Theatre would include in the Classic Film Club program those senior centers with which Multnomah County Aging Services has a contract.

(3) Ted has agreed to include as many of our contracted senior centers in the program as we would like. Next step is for me to reach out to a manager at each of the five centers to ask if they would like to be included in the Classic Film Club. I will then introduce the senior center managers who agree to Ted so they can coordinate dates / times / locations. My thanks to Sarah Feldman for searching out appropriate contacts at each of the five contracted senior centers.

(4) Once the Classic Film Club is underway at one or more senior centers, it might be advantageous to explore some public relations / local TV media coverage of the initiative. For example, Aging Services might benefit from even broader public support and advocacy, the contracted senior centers might benefit from a few more volunteers applying to help, and Hollywood Theatre might gain additional community good will from some media attention around our mutual efforts.

Future meetings

- ASAC: December 15, 2026
- DSAC: December 16, 2026

Thank you for attending!

