
Steering and Oversight Committee

Participation Description:

Behavioral Health Representative

Background:

The [Homelessness Response Action Plan](#) lays out goals, action items, and timeframes for the community's response to homelessness, with a focus on providing more people with safer options off our streets. The plan expands the range of partnerships to include homeless services providers, first responders, healthcare and housing organizations. The plan emphasizes work to address racial disparities in homelessness and it commits to providing clear and expanded access to the range of services someone needs to leave homelessness or never have to experience it in the first place.

The plan creates new oversight and accountability structures for the [Homelessness Response System](#) to set goals, objectives, and strategies to inform budgets needed to achieve outcomes. It creates a co-governance model in the Steering and Oversight Committee to identify responsibilities, coordination, and goals. Under that committee, it calls for an Implementation Committee to track progress, identify challenges, collaborate and hold one another accountable to solutions. And it assembles a Community Advisory Committee to elevate the issues of those across the spectrum of providers, partners, and impacted stakeholders to offer their input on goals and solutions and other kinds of feedback.

The Homelessness Response System [Steering and Oversight Committee](#) will set strategies and approaches related to the Homelessness Response System.

Key Responsibilities of the Steering and Oversight Committee:

- Set strategy and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) based on recommendations from the Implementation Subcommittee.
- Monitor progress and performance toward goals.
- Ensure alignment of jurisdictional investments toward strategies and performance.
- Adjust annual goals at the completion of each year.
- Assess strategies based on performance as recommended by the Implementation Subcommittee; and review audits of the various components of the HRS.

Requirements, commitments, and expectations of the Behavioral Health Representative:

- Be a behavioral health expert who is not currently a contracted provider with Multnomah County or the City of Portland.
- Have executive or management experience within mental health and addictions at the system or policy-setting level.
- Reside in Multnomah County.
- Have strong connections to the people and constituencies within the behavioral health community.
- Bring a commitment to racial equity.
- Understand and adhere to the purpose of the committee.
- Have knowledge of factors driving homelessness in Multnomah County.
- Attend meetings as scheduled.
- Prepare for meetings.

Time Requirements:

- Appointment is for one year
- Meetings will be held in person with a virtual option
- Up to four hours of service per month can be anticipated (two hours for meetings) with more time demands during certain parts of the year

Accessibility: Upon appointment committee members will be provided with the appropriate tools to ensure accessibility of deliberations including computer access, interpretation, translation, transcription, and amplified sound. A stipend and investment policy will be provided that will outline available supports for member consideration. Members may request any accommodations that will support their participation and meeting accessibility.

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