



Steering and Oversight Committee

Participation Description:

Community Advisory Committee

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 and other disparities in homelessness, and it commits to providing clear and expanded access to the range of services the people need 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 through three oversight and advisory groups: the Steering and Oversight Committee, the Community Advisory Committee, and the Implementation Committee.

The Steering and Oversight Committee identifies responsibilities, coordination, and goals. The Implementation Committee tracks progress, identifies challenges, collaborates and holds one another accountable to solutions.

About the Community Advisory Committee:

The Homeless Response System Community Advisory Committee will bring together community members, including those with lived experience, to advise on strategies and approaches related to the Homelessness Response System.

The Community Advisory Committee will also invite recommendations and information from existing advisory bodies as they connect to the goals, outcomes, and impacts in the plan. Committee membership will represent a range of identities, lived and professional experience, and geographic location of Multnomah County and its partner jurisdictions.

Requirements, commitments, and expectations for Community Advisory Committee members:

- Bring personal experience, expertise, and community voice to the committee
- Attend meetings as scheduled
- Prepare for meetings
- Understand and adhere to the purpose of the Community Advisory Committee
- Live or work in Multnomah County

Preferred skills:

- A commitment to racial equity
- Knowledge of factors driving homelessness in Multnomah County
- Strong connections to the people served by the Homeless Response System

Time Requirements:

- Members are appointed for one year
- Meetings will be hybrid (in-person and virtual options)
- Up to three hours per month can be anticipated, with more time during onboarding and the budget cycle

Orientation, Training, Support and Investment:

- Members will be provided with tools to support their participation
- Members may request transportation assistance
- Members will be provided a stipend or honorarium consistent with the HRS Stipend and Investment Policy, as they prefer
- Members will be provided with orientation and training that is co-designed by the HRS-CAC

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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