

2.4.26 ACHIEVE Coalition Meeting Notes

History of ACHIEVE

- Members of the ACHIEVE Coalition shared about their time with the coalition and what they would like to see the space become.
 - Members shared about their work in the community, including in Rockwood in Gresham, which is a space of transition for the community.
 - Carrie Roberson, a program specialist with the REACH team, shared that the ACHIEVE Coalition is one of the reasons she is here today. She first learned about diabetes life coaching via the coalition, and this led to her becoming a community health advocate.
 - Vanessa and Willie Chambers shared about their time with REACH and the ACHIEVE Coalition. They have been with the coalition for many years.
 - Yamungu Seraya of the Multnomah County Community Partnership and Capacity Building (CPCB) team shared about how he made connections through the ACHIEVE coalition.
 - Haoua Dogo expressed her appreciation for the ACHIEVE Coalition, which welcomed her four years ago and has provided her with mentorship and a space to grow. She said the coalition allows people to become a better community member and a better advocate.

Partner Spotlight: Miracles Club

- **Makda's Presentation Slides**
- Makda Berhane, the Wellness Within Reach Program/Project Lead with Miracles Club, shared about the history of Miracles Club. Miracles Club's Wellness Within Reach (WWR) program originally operated under the American Health Coalition under the direction of CEO Ms. Corliss McKeever. This program was gifted to Miracles Club in 2018 upon Ms. McKeever's retirement. Miracles Club's Living Well classes promote a healthy lifestyle.
- Miracles Club is a community-based organization that serves BIPOC communities through culturally responsive programs and is dedicated to advancing health equity and wellness by removing barriers. Their programs include diabetes prevention, chronic disease self management education, and a physical activity program. .
- Miracles Club's Physical Activity Program is open to those age 16 and older and costs \$25 per quarter, and scholarships are available.
- Miracles Club also offers community center access passes that can be used during regular operating hours at several centers, including: East Portland Community Center, Matt Dishman Community Center, Mt. Scott Community Center, and the Southwest Community Center
- Miracles Club has a Meet the Pharmacist program facilitated by a licensed pharmacist, where participants learn about the medications they are taking, including possible side effects and how to prevent complications.

- Miracles Club will be launching quarterly cooking classes. Classes will be held at the Miracles Central location. Miracles Club will be working with partners such as REACH to teach culturally appropriate cooking classes such as A Taste of African Heritage
- Save the Date: The Soul Stroll Wellness Walk will be held on 8/15/26 and the theme is Every Step Matters.
- Miracles Club recognized community partners, including Multnomah County REACH, and Oregon Health and Science University's CO-LED program for their continued support.
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 - [Website](#)

Vaccine Champions Workshop Survey

- Yamungu Seraya shared the [Vaccine Champions Workshop Survey](#) requesting community feedback.
- Yamungu is with the Capacity Partnership Community Building Team (CPCB). CPCB is working with the Multnomah County Community Immunization Team to develop a free vaccine champions workshop, which will launch in summer 2026. The goal of the workshop is to provide tools to communities to advocate for healthy, well-informed community members. The workshop will provide CEU hours for traditional health workers.
- Questions: yamungu.seraya@multco.us

ACHIEVE One Pager Feedback

We are awaiting some edits on the document and will share it with the coalition after the edits are complete.

House Bill 4120

- This is a legislative concept that proposes to allow residential landlords of multifamily housing to convert premises to nonsmoking for existing tenants upon 90 days written notice. Applies to new and existing rental agreements.
- Joey communicated that the short session is only 32 days long and will be over quickly. If you have feedback on any bills, please contact Joey at joseph.robersonkitzman@multco.us.

- Joey Robertson Kitzmanith Multnomah County explained that a legislative concept is the initial, preliminary draft of an idea for a new law, amendment, or repeal, prepared by legislative counsel before it is formally introduced as a bill.
- The bill proposes that residents/renters will not be able to smoke in their apartment building or apartment units after receiving a 90 day notice. This includes vaping.
- The bill applies to long-term rentals.
- Joey asked for feedback on this bill. These are some of the comments and questions provided by ACHIEVE Coalition members.
- This bill targets older apartment buildings with long-term tenants who smoke, and currently, landlords can't do anything about the complaints being received about tenants who smoke.
- This bill applies to apartment buildings with 20 or more units.
- If this bill passes, it can potentially lead to eviction.
 - How does this pertain to the legalization and smoking of marijuana? As it is written now, this bill is too generic. How are people who have a prescription for medical marijuana be affected?
 - Asthma is a major issue in the Black community. How does this bill impact people with asthma?
 - If the building doesn't have an on-site landlord, how can people file grievances?
 - If a complaint is made to a landlord or property management company, how is a response communicated back to the person lodging the complaint?
 - Joey: The bill does not cover this.
 - Concern was expressed about the potential for eviction affecting long-term tenants with health and other issues, such as disabilities. Enough notice needs to be given to the affected tenant. Is any type of support being provided to smoking tenants? Smoking should be viewed as an addiction.
 - How many units in the state of Oregon will be affected by this bill?
 - Is there a channel/method for lodging complaints?
 - There is a fund available for landlords to help move tenants to another space.
 - Joey: The bill does not cover this.
 - Is there oversight, or someone monitoring the complaints being made to ensure that certain people or small groups aren't being targeted? Are their checks and balances for landlords who are not enforcing this policy?
 - What is the physical impact of this bill? This involves a monetary cost that can "crash and burn" the bill. It is not cost neutral.
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Traffic Safety Report 2.0 + Connection to Transportation Civil Rights

- [SLIDE PRESENTATION](#)
- Nsilo shared about the REACH Traffic Safety Report (TSR) 2.0 and transportation equity, including notable figures in this fight, including Elizabeth Jennings Graham, Octavious Valentine Catto, Dovey Johnson Roundtree, JoAnn Robinson, and Rosa Parks. Nsilo also highlighted the Women's Political Council, a civic organization for African-American

women in the city of Montgomery, Alabama that played a pivotal role in the launch of the Montgomery Bus Boycott

- Nsilo shared information on the REACH Traffic Safety Report (TSR) 1.0. The first traffic report was published in 2021.
- The TSR 1.0 drew on six familiar transportation concepts and viewed them through the lens of the Black built environment experience. The six concepts are:
 - Fatal Injuries
 - Non-fatal Injuries
 - Biased Behavior Among Road Users
 - Harrassment
 - Biased Policing
 - Violent Crime
- REACH TSR 1.0 provided recommendations for change based on a three tier approach, which includes policy, system, and environmental tiers.
- REACH TSR 2.0 is a five-year update to the REACH TSR 1.0.
- REACH TSR 2.0 will cover the six dimensions of transportation safety, with some adjusted concepts (see slide).
- What is new with the REACH TSR 2.0?
 - Biased Crimes (previously harassment)
 - Biased Behavior Among Road Users
- REACH TSR 2.0 centers addressing ongoing problems in our transportation network including:
 - Supporting culturally specific DUII prevention through public health partnerships
 - Improving safe access to parks, clinics, communityS services, and every day destinations
 - Supporting sidewalk, crosswalk, and ADA improvements via interagency coordination
- The REACH TSR 2.0 includes a new 7th dimension, which focuses on the assets and strengths of communities.
- REACH TSR 2.0 Timeline
 - If you would like to review the report, please contact Nsilo Berry at nsilo.berry@multco.us as soon as possible.
 - We aim to have the report narrative completed by the end of February 2026.
 - Mid-April: Goal is to have the final copy of the report ready for publishing
 - Mid April: will share the report at the Street Trust's OATS (spell out) conference.

East Multnomah County Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP)

- [2025 TSAP](#)
- The Multnomah County Board has adopted the TSAP.
- The TSAP team will be visiting other communities, such as Fairview, to present and talk about the plan.

Transit Equity Day Trip

- REACH and the Street Trust partnered to celebrate Transportation Equity Day with members of the ACHIEVE Coalition and other interested community members
- The event included riding the Max from Miracles Central to Pioneer Square, visiting the TriMet Customer Support Center and learning about the transportation services TriMet provides, and sharing our personal transit stories. The event concluded with a Max ride back to Miracles Central.

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