

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-063

Homelessness Response System Progress Resolution.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- A. The United States, the State of Oregon, the City of Portland, and Multnomah County are all experiencing a homelessness crisis, primarily caused by a severe shortage of affordable housing with chronic homelessness compounded by severe persistent mental illness and addiction with severely limited access to treatment and housing that has resulted in unprecedented numbers of people living and dying unsheltered.
- B. As of January 2024, there were 11,153 people identified who were experiencing all forms of literal homelessness in Multnomah County. Compared to the overall local population, a disproportionate number identified as disabled, Black, Native American, and/or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.
- C. The continuation of the coordinated development and delivery of services supporting and otherwise geared to individuals struggling with homelessness and housing insecurity, as well as substance use and behavioral health issues, will improve the delivery of services and enhance outcomes for those receiving such services and for the region as a whole.
- D. On July 3, 2024, Portland City Council adopted Ordinance 191810 authorizing three-year Homelessness Response System Intergovernmental Agreement (HRS IGA) between Multnomah County and the City of Portland.
- E. On July 11, 2024, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioner adopted the HRS IGA and related Homelessness Response Action Plan (HRAP).
- F. The HRS IGA includes the related HRAP, a written plan developed by Multnomah County, the City of Portland, and community leaders for implementing the Homelessness Response System. The HRAP is a two-year roadmap that commits to pursuing detailed goals and metrics; more transparent budgeting, data sharing and financial reporting; and a new governance structure that broadens and unifies the work of addressing homelessness.
- G. Through the HRS IGA, the City of Portland and Multnomah County have agree to develop a collaborative and mutually accountable governance structure overseeing the work of the HRAP, formalizing collaboration between healthcare partners, community members, the justice system, housing providers, service providers, treatment providers and government partners at all levels.

- H. The HRAP includes more than 120 individual action items, each with time-bound goals and assigned responsible parties, including clearly defined roles for the City of Portland and Multnomah County.
- I. The HRS IGA commits both the City of Portland and Multnomah County to providing Annual Program Plans and Annual Spending Plans that detail annual budgets, contracted providers, anticipated outcomes, and strategy adjustments to improve outcomes; Annual Program Reports that detail actual spending and outcomes; and Quarterly Progress Reports that detail progress toward key performance indicators, annual spending plans, and any material changes in programming or strategies to better meet shared HRAP goals.
- J. Continuing the spirit of partnership and mutual accountability articulated between the City of Portland and Multnomah County through the HRS IGA and HRAP, this Resolution seeks to affirm and clarify reporting and accountability measures included in the City of Portland's Ordinance 191810, the HRS IGA, and the HRAP.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves that Multnomah County shall be:

- 1. A community where homelessness is rare and brief.
- 2. A community where people take care of one another, fostering opportunity and supporting livability.
- 3. A community where services are equitable, coordinated, effective, just and accessible.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

- 1. To establish the following Board policies and support actions regarding reporting and accountability measures by October 15, 2024, including:
 - a. Creating and publishing publicly-facing dashboards to monitor progress towards goals and outcomes and investments.
 - b. Holding quarterly joint public work sessions between the City Council and County Commission.
 - c. The Joint Office of Homeless Services launching a shelter availability application pilot to report available access and appropriate placement spots available, to be tracked in real time.
 - d. The Joint Office of Homeless Services providing a detailed plan on the 555 beds of additional adult shelter that is planned to open by December 2024.
 - e. The City of Portland will open TASS site #2 and #3 by September 30, 2024.

- f. The Joint Office of Homeless Services launching a pilot to secure up to 200 block/primarily leased units to support rapid rehousing placement.
- g. Multnomah County completing an analysis of current supportive housing providers and developing a six-month plan to bill for Medicaid eligible services.
- h. The Homelessness Response System Steering and Oversight Committee will have a policy discussion regarding the distribution of tents and tarps by Multnomah County and its service providers within the City of Portland and inform the City of Portland of Multnomah County's policy.
- i. The Joint Office of Homeless Services finalizing an outreach and engagement strategy workgroup and steering committee, including City of Portland participation, similar to the Community Sheltering Strategy.
- j. The City of Portland will report on their identified ways to support the development and financing of affordable housing on faith-based and nonprofit owned properties.
- k. The City of Portland will adopt and report on their Housing Production Strategy for the next five years.
- l. The City of Portland will adopt and report on the identified new Tax Increment Financing Districts in the Central City and East Portland to fund new affordable and other housing development.
- m. Multnomah County will articulate and inform the City of Portland and the Homeless Oversight Committee of the County's harm reduction policies and implementation.

ADOPTED this 1st day of August, 2024.



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