

Homelessness Response System

A partnership between Multnomah County and the City of Portland

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Participation Description: Community Advisory Committee

Background

The [Homelessness Response System](#) (HRS) works to align the response to homelessness between Multnomah County and the City of Portland, along with jurisdictional partners and representatives from housing, health care, the business community, among other partners. The [Homelessness Response Action Plan](#) (HRAP) lays out focus areas and action items to improve systems and programs, as well as to best align investments to meet the Key Performance Indicators to ensure that homelessness is rare and brief for those who experience it.

The Homelessness Response System [Community Advisory Committee](#) is one of three committees that provide oversight to HRS along with the Steering and Oversight Committee and the Implementation Committee. While each of the committee plays an integral and interrelated role, the CAC brings together community members, including those with lived experience of homelessness, to advise on strategies and approaches related to the Homelessness Response System. Committee membership will represent a range of identities, lived and professional experience, and geographic locations of Multnomah County.

Key Responsibilities of the Community Advisory Committee

- Advise on strategies and approaches related to the Homelessness Response System.
- Elevate emerging community trends related to the needs of people being served by HRS partners and service providers.
- Identify opportunities for system improvements, including recommendations from existing advisory bodies as they connect to the goals, outcomes, and impacts in the HRAP.

Requirements, commitments, and expectations:

- Live or work full-time in Multnomah County (required)
- 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 Homelessness Response System and the Community Advisory Committee

Preferred skills:

- A commitment to racial equity
- Knowledge of factors driving homelessness in Multnomah County
- Strong connections to the community and/or 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 four 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 access to deliberations including computer access, interpretation, translation, transcription, and amplified sound. Members may request any accommodations that will support their participation and meeting accessibility. A stipend and investment policy will be provided that will outline available supports for member consideration.

For more information

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