

## Questions for the Joint Office of Homeless Services

Related to the Montavilla Community Village Alternative Shelter Site construction vote being presented to the Multnomah County Board on 12.7.23

1. If you look at the unsanctioned camping maps, there are a disproportionate number of homeless, unsheltered individuals along the 82nd/I-205 corridors and Lents/outer SE neighborhoods. As we previously discussed about referrals and the JOHS not having a line of sight on referrals, it is not clear that the existing village sites (Menlo Park and the Urban Alchemy in outer SE Portland) are serving individuals from mid/outer SE, rather it appears they may be moving from downtown and inner eastside. On slide 3, it says this site will not be focused on serving a specific population. Then who will receive referrals into the site? What is the JOHS strategy to shelter/house those in mid-outer SE?
  - a. How does this project support the "Better 82nd" work that is underway with all the neighboring communities? Time frame for this village?
1. Slide 4. Describe low barrier. What are the culturally responsive services that will be provided?
2. Slide 5: Describe in detail the community outreach (dates, who was invited/attend, materials from events or meeting) that JOHS and Straightway Services provided?
3. Slide 5: Provide the materials/presentation, meeting notes and follow up action with the Montavilla Neighborhood Association. Also, share a copy of the postcard mailer that is referenced and the details of the universe of the 2,751 households?
4. Slide 6: Share the benchmarks that were used for the provider selection. I would like a copy of their application and the contract to understand what is expected of them.
5. Slide 6: There is a reference to a community meeting, which was previously described as an invitation-only meeting. Please share who organized, the list of attendees, agenda, materials that were shared, and follow up action items.
6. Slide 7: This is a future plan, correct? Please share the current work JOHS, DCA, and the Health Dept. does in relation to trash pick-up, drug sales/crime, public drug use and discarded paraphernalia in the neighborhood resulting from the County Health Dept. presence in the neighborhood, prostitution on site, unsanctioned camping adjacent to the site that results in blocked sidewalks and prevents safe routes to school.
7. Slide 8: Provide a well-defined timeline for the entire project, not just the construction.
8. Slide 8: Noting the engagement of Rehab's Sisters for outreach with unhoused neighbors in Montavilla. Is this to secure them access to spaces at the site or something else?
9. There is a green space within the fencing but where will dogs of the village residents walk/relieve themselves?
10. Has the fencing referenced in the deck been discussed with the immediately adjacent neighbors?
11. With parking spaces, will cars be going in/out during the day? Requirements for drive-ability, registration and insurance?