

Homelessness Response System



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Steering and Oversight Committee

Participation Description: Supportive Housing Services Taxpayer

The Homelessness Response system is currently seeking one new member for the Steering and Oversight Committee to fill the seat prescribed for a community member who pays the Supportive Housing Services tax.

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. In addition, the plan established oversight and accountability structures for the Homelessness Response System to set goals, objectives, and strategies to inform budgets needed to achieve outcomes. The Steering and Oversight Committee (SOC) is charged with setting strategy and ensuring alignment of jurisdictional investments to meet the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) of the HRAP and monitor progress and performance toward the focus areas and action items.

The Homelessness Response System [Steering and Oversight Committee](#) sets strategies and approaches for the Homelessness Response System.

Key Responsibilities of the Steering and Oversight Committee

- Set strategy and Key Performance Indicators.
- Monitor progress and performance toward focus areas and KPIs.
- Ensure alignment of jurisdictional investments toward strategies and performance.
- Assess strategies based on performance as recommended by the Implementation Committee and Community Advisory Committee; and review audits of the various components of the Homelessness Response System.

The SOC has two partner committees: the Implementation Committee and the Community Advisory Committee. The Implementation Committee leads the work on action items, identifies challenges, and collaborates on solutions to barriers to work of the action items. The Community Advisory Committee elevates emerging issues across the spectrum of providers, partners, and the community to review and recommend strategy and solutions to achieve outcomes and meet KPIs.

Requirements, commitments and expectations of the community participant who is subject to and pays Supportive Housing Services Tax

This community member will:

- Reside outside of the Portland City limits, but within Multnomah County.
- Be subject to and pay Support Housing Services taxes, as defined in the Agreement in Section 1 (“Personal and business income taxes levied by Metro under Metro Code Chapters 7.06 and 7.07, which were approved by the voters on May 19, 2020, in Ballot Measure 26-210, to fund Supportive Housing Services).
- Have and maintain strong connections to the people and constituencies across the County.
- Have and maintain a commitment to racial equity.
- Understand and adhere to the purpose of the committee.
- Knowledge of factors driving homelessness in Multnomah County.

Time Requirements

- Appointment is for one year to begin March - April 2026
- Meetings will be held in person with a virtual option
- Up to four hours of service per month can be anticipated (two hours for meetings) with more time demands during certain parts of the year

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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