

Homeless Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Oregon Coast Community College
Community Room #140, Central County Campus, Newport, OR, 97365
And by Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Vice Chair Rod Cross. Kyla Sellers did roll call for the representatives:

Attendees:

City of Depoe Bay, Kathy Short, Mayor
City of Lincoln City, Judy Casper, Council President
City of Lincoln City, Marci Baker, Councilor*
City of Newport, Jan Kaplan, Mayor
City of Newport, Cynthia Jacobi, Councilor*
City of Siletz, Susan Trachsel, Council President
City of Toledo, Rod Cross, Mayor
City of Yachats, Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey, Council President
Community Services Consortium, Dina Eldridge, Housing Services Manager*

*alternates

Ex officio attendees:

City of Lincoln City, Daphnee Legarza, City Manager
Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Karen Rockwell, Executive Director

The minutes from December 13, 2023, were reviewed. City of Depoe Bay Mayor Kathy Short made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. City of Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Rod Cross passed the gavel to Executive Director Karen Rockwell to present the Administrative Report. Many community service providers had provided information on their latest shelter data for Rockwell to present to the Board. Additionally, Rockwell informed the Board that the proposed building for the Lincoln City Community and Resource Center proved unusable for shelter purposes. The County will be unable to open an Emergency Shelter in Lincoln City this cold weather season due to this. The County has opted to utilize motel vouchers for the duration of this cold weather season.

Rockwell reminded the Board of the upcoming Lincoln County Point in Time Count. The Board was encouraged to bring forward any individuals who might want to volunteer for the Count.

Rockwell stated that we are moving into the next phase of work, which is operationalizing. Rockwell then introduced the facilitator for the remainder of the meeting Jane Barth.

Barth led the conversation by informing the Board that a review of roles and responsibilities, communication paths and decision-making processes is necessary for the continued success of the Board as it moves into an implementation phase. To identify what to bring forward and what changes to make, the Board discussed what had worked well this past year and what could be done better in this upcoming phase.

Based on roles drawn from the Intergovernmental Agreement and Board bylaws, the Board discussed how those roles might change or take on new key tasks during the operationalizing phase. This discussion also touched on interrelationships between the Office, Board, individual Board members, and County/Municipalities.

The decision-making process of the Board was discussed. There is wide agreement that decisions about funding and legal documents will be made formally. The Board will continue to strive to make decisions with unanimous support.

Chair Cross opened the floor to allow for public comment. A member of the public, Alysson West, stated that she enjoys following the Board's work and looks forward to the implementation phase that will include broader input from the community service providers.

Chair Cross adjourned the meeting at 3.00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 14, 2024 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.