

**Homeless Advisory Board Minutes  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

Oregon Coast Community College  
3788 SE High School Drive - Room 208  
Lincoln City, Oregon 97367  
and by ZOOM

**Attendees Present:**

City of Depoe Bay, Kathy Short, Mayor\*  
City of Lincoln City, Daphnee Legarza, City Manager  
City of Lincoln City, Judy Casper, Council President\*  
City of Newport, Cynthia Jacobi, Councilor\*\*  
City of Newport, Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director  
City of Newport, Jan Kaplan, Councilor\*  
City of Newport, Spencer Nebel, City Manager  
City of Siletz, Susan Trachsel, Council President\*  
City of Toledo, Betty Kamikawa, Council President\*\*  
City of Toledo, Rod Cross, Mayor\*  
City of Waldport, Greg Holland, Mayor\*\*  
City of Yachets, Ann Stott, Council President  
City of Yachets, Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey, Council Member  
Coastal Support Services, Amanda Cherryholmes, Executive Director  
Community Services Consortium, Pegge McGuire, Executive Director\*  
Family Promise of Lincoln County, Elizabeth Reyes, Executive Director  
Gary Lahman, Community Member  
Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Karen Rockwell, Executive Director (non-voting)  
Lincoln County School District, Woody Crobar, HELP Program Coordinator  
Lincoln County, Claire Hall, Commissioner\*  
Lincoln County, Onno Husing, Planning and Development Director  
Lincoln County, Tim Johnson, County Administrator  
Morant McLeod, Ernest Stephens II, Partner (facilitator)

\*appointed members of the Advisory Committee

\*\*appointed alternates

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Claire Hall called the meeting to order with a round of self-introductions. The municipalities were asked to give an update on winter sheltering.

Lincoln County commissioners approved \$80,000 from the county's American Rescue Plan Act funds to help emergency winter shelter programs in Yachats, Newport and Lincoln City. Newport's Grace Wins Haven and Coastal Support Services of Lincoln City will each get \$30,000

for hotel voucher programs. A \$20,000 grant to Yachats Community Presbyterian Church supplements \$70,000 approved by Yachats City Council last month for emergency shelters (<https://palletshelter.com/>) being set up in the church parking lot. The City of Newport also allocated \$30,000 to Grace Wins Haven.

Then Governor-Elect Kotek's transition team on homelessness and behavioral health needs in hosted a virtual conversation with the Central and North Coast municipalities and service providers. The event was coordinated by Taylor Smiley Wolfe, the housing and homelessness policy lead for Governor Kotek. The following questions were discussed during the meeting:

1. What do you think is working well in your community related to homeless and behavioral health systems and services? What can other communities in Oregon learn from you?
2. What are the most significant unmet needs in your community related to homelessness and behavioral health?
3. How can the state be a partner to you in addressing these unmet needs?

Pegge McGuire commented that she had participated in a virtual meeting that was with a different region – and that it was recommended to the coordinators that Lincoln County be included with future Linn and Benton county conversations.

Claire Hall expressed her disappointment in the recent state of emergency announced by Governor Kotek in that it did not include many of the rural counties. Pegge McGuire elaborated stating that only those that were included in six of the seven “continuums of care” as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the “Rural Continuum of Care” to which Lincoln County is assigned was not included. Claire Hall discussed that the emergency funding was based in part on data from the point-in-time counts, and seeking out areas that reflect increases over 50%. Lincoln County has reached out to State Rep. David Gomberg (D-Otis) to help advocate for being included in the declaration. Woody Crowbar offered data from the school district as a different metric to support the appeal.

Tim Johnson reported on a concern with the state mandated strategic planning deadline. It was brought to his attention that while the state grant dollars do not need to be expended until the end of 2024, it appears that under the grant the timeline for the completion of the 5-year Strategic Plans must be completed by June of 2023.

Lincoln County reached out to the Department of Administrative Services to learn that their hands are tied by the legislation. The County then contacted State Rep. David Gomberg's Office to illustrate the conundrum and ascertain options. His staff is working to identify the interest of the progenitor of the bill and willingness to make an amendment getting it to Rules Committee and on to the floor of the legislature for a vote to reverse this action.

Should it remain as written, it can be accomplished by radically adjusting the timeline. This will reduce the amount of time to reach out to stakeholders, partners and the community regarding the strategic plan.

Amanda Cherryholmes reiterated the importance of public outreach and, even if the plan timeframe needed to be condensed, that it did not happen at the expense of community input.

Daphnee Legarza and Spencer Nebel gave an update on the Homeless Advisory Board Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and will be distributing a draft to the Advisory Board for final consideration.

Ernest Stephens took the floor and provided a project overview (handouts attached). The groups then volunteered for the following committees\*\*:

**Community Engagement** - Claire, Cynthia, Jan\*, Judy, Mary Ellen

**Finance & Economics** - Mary Ellen, Gary, Jan\*, Rod, Tim

**Mental & Physical Health** – Betty, Susan

**Service Provision & Policy** - Ann, Daphnee, Derrick, Elizabeth, Greg, Kathy, Spencer, Woody

*\*Jan is open to one or the other, not both*

*\*\*Need to follow up with Amanda and Pegge*

Ernest Stephens and Karen Rockwell will be following up with next steps. Karen Rockwell will be distributing minutes that can be used for reporting out to interested parties.

<p><b>Next Meeting: February 8, 2023 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.</b> <b>Location Oregon Coast Community College Central County Campus (Newport)</b></p>
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