

**Homeless Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, February 14, 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 Chair Claire Hall. Hall 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 Siletz, Susan Trachsel, Council President
City of Toledo, Rod Cross, Mayor
City of Waldport, Rick Booth, Councilor
City of Yachats, Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessy, Council President
Community Services Consortium, Pegge McGuire, Executive Director
Lincoln County, Claire Hall, Commissioner
*alternates

Ex officio attendees:

Housing Authority of Lincoln County, Karen Rockwell, Executive Director
Lincoln County, Tim Johnson, County Administrator

Chair Hall started the meeting by reminding all present individuals of the formatting of the Board meetings. Hall explained that discussion during the agenda items is limited to voting representatives of the Board. Alternates and community members may provide comment once invited at the conclusion of the meeting.

The minutes from January 10, 2024, were reviewed. City of Toledo Mayor Rod Cross made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. City of Lincoln City Council President Judy Casper seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Chair Hall passed the gavel to Executive Director Karen Rockwell to present the Administrative Report. Rockwell began with the HB5019 Community Plan – Rockwell informed the Board that grant recipients from HB5019 and invited service providers have joined up to take on the Re!nstitute 100 Day Challenge. The group set an ambitious goal: ***in 100 days we will connect 200 people experiencing homelessness to safe and stable housing, with a special emphasis on adults aged 55+ with co-occurring disabilities, non-English speakers, unaccompanied youth aged 15-24, and those identifying as LGBTQ+.*** The group defined connection to safe and stable

housing as including permanent, transitional, subsidized, permanent supportive, reunification, or shelter. The 100 Day Challenge workgroup is currently setting up workstreams with action items in order to reach this goal.

In addition to these efforts new funding will be allocated to Lincoln County through SB5506. The program is intended to house more individuals experiencing homelessness, above and beyond the work initiated by EO 23-02 and HB5019. The Housing Authority is the lead agency for distribution of the funds. There is currently \$502,670.36 projected to be disbursed for Lincoln County activities.

Rockwell provided the Board with a recap of the Lincoln County 2024 Point in Time Count for sheltered individuals which took place on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 and Monday, January 22 – Wednesday, January 31 for the unsheltered. This year's volunteer participation was substantial and secured a higher count than recent years. Rockwell disclosed the preliminary count number, which is 380. CSC Executive Director Pegge McGuire did add the disclaimer that the number may change once the raw data is processed by the State. Rockwell added to the conversation that the Housing Authority has already learned from the count. Unfortunately, there were some locations that had encampment sweeps during the week of the unsheltered count. This affected the outreach team's ability to locate homeless individuals. Rockwell called this a learning moment for next year.

Rockwell referenced her written report, letting the Board know that she will continue to reach out to local sheltering providers for operational updates.

Rockwell presented the Board with the Draft 2024 LCHAB Action Plan which is based on the goals identified in the strategic plan. Rockwell walked the Board through the draft plan by identifying the goals created by the Board and the proposed immediate next steps for each goal. Rockwell informed the Board that all additions are welcome and to please provide additions by email.

Chair Hall passed the gavel to County Administrator Tim Johnson. Johnson Informed the Board that the contract with the Housing Authority of Lincoln County to extend its work as the Administrative Office has been signed. Johnson suggested that the Board send a speaker to the Economic development summit on March 14,2024.

Chair Hall open the floor for public comment.

Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 13, 2024 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.