

**SHS Advisory Committee
Meeting
June 8th, 2023
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**



Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
3:00	Welcome, Land & Labor Acknowledgement, Introductions, SHS Updates	Justin Barrieault Cristal Otero
3:25	Racial Equity Commitment in SHS Measure	Cristal Otero
3:40	SHS FY 24 Work Plan Goals Presentation	Cristal Otero
4:00	Break—time to step away from computer	Break
4:10	SHS FY 24 Work Plan Goals Feedback	Anna Johnson
4:35	Capacity Building Workgroup Overview	Justin Barrieault
5:00	Session closes	Close

Introductions

- Name
- Pronouns
- Organization/Community you represent



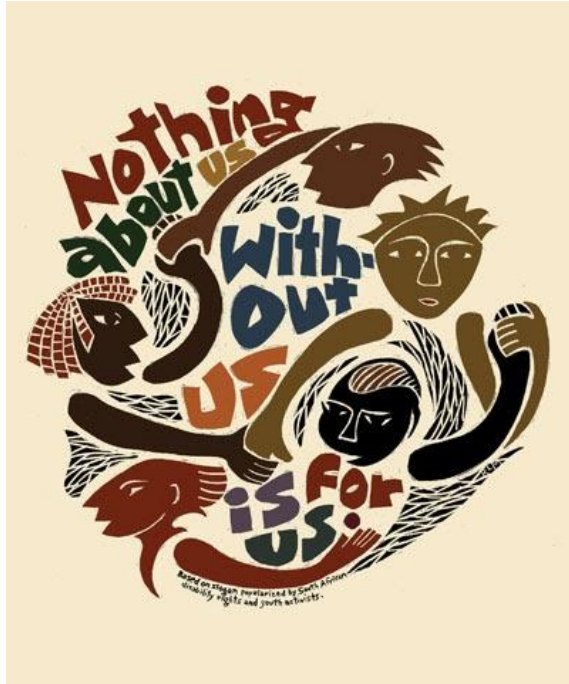
Multnomah County

Joint Office of Homeless Services

Overview of Racial Equity
Charge in the SHS Measure

June 2023

Equity Lens: Supportive Housing Services



The SHS Measure calls on the County to center Black, Indigenous, Native, Latino/a/x, Asian, Pacific Islanders and other people of color who are overrepresented in the populations of people experiencing chronic and episodic homelessness.

Consistent with the values of the JOHS, all planning work centers the voices of people with lived experience, especially from our Black, Indigenous, Native, Latino/a/x, Asian, Pacific Islanders and other people of color.



BALLOT MEASURE 26-210

Ballot Title:	Supports homeless services through higher earners' tax, business profits tax.
Question:	Should Metro support homeless services, tax income over \$200,000/\$125,000(joint/single), profits on businesses with income over \$5 million?
Explanatory Statement:	<p>The greater Portland region is facing a severe housing affordability and homelessness crisis. Rents and housing prices have risen faster than wages, making it especially hard for people living on fixed retirement or disability incomes to afford housing. While it is difficult to accurately estimate the number of people experiencing homelessness, or at risk of becoming homeless, according to a February 2020 report by EcoNorthwest, an estimated 38,263 people (24,260 households) experienced homelessness in 2017 in Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah counties; thousands more were at risk. Homelessness disproportionately impacts people with disabilities, people of color, and seniors. For people who experience homelessness, disabling conditions such as mental illness, chronic medical conditions, and addiction are made worse, and become barriers to housing placement.</p>



Exhibit A to Resolution No. 20-5083

- **Local implementation plans must include the following: A description of how the key objectives of Metro's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion have been incorporated.**

This should include a thorough racial equity analysis and strategy that includes:

- (1) an analysis of the racial disparities among people experiencing homelessness and the priority service population;
- (2) disparities in access and outcomes in current services for people experiencing homelessness and the priority service population;
- (3) clearly defined service strategies and resource allocations intended to remedy existing disparities and ensure equitable access to funds; and
- (4) an articulation of how perspectives of communities of color and culturally specific groups were considered and incorporated.



Exhibit A to Resolution No. 20-5083

- **Annual Report.** Each county must provide a report annually on its progress under the local implementation plan to the regional services oversight committee that will discuss progress towards outcomes in each of the service areas identified in the local implementation plan and a separate analysis of progress toward the implementation of the county's racial equity strategy.
 - Reports will also include municipal investments from cities within Metro who have either increased or decreased contributions to homeless services for the priority population. Existing reports may be used. (See page 5, Exhibit A to Resolution No. 20-5083)



Exhibit A to Resolution No. 20-5083

Equity and Community Engagement

- **1. Metro has adopted a Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion** which includes specific goals and objectives to ensure that all people who live, work and recreate in the greater Portland region have the opportunity to share in and help define a thriving, livable and prosperous region. A key objective throughout the strategy is a commitment to advance equity related to stable and affordable housing.
- **2. In implementing the Supporting Housing Services Measure**, Metro will rely on the goals and objectives within the Strategic Plan to: Convene regional partners to advance racial equity outcomes in supportive housing services. Meaningfully engage with communities of color, Indigenous communities, people with low incomes and other historically marginalized communities in establishing outcomes and implementing the Supportive Housing Services Program.



How we have centered racial equity

- Completed a racial disparity analysis of JOHS system outcomes in the Local Implementation Plan
- Revisited the analysis in our first Annual Report and incorporated initial findings from the Point-In-Time count
- Established the SHS Advisory Committee and specifically sought out Black, Indigenous, people of color committee members
- Initiated a new allocation process with qualified vendors to ensure new vendors enter into contracts with the JOHS
- Work with the SHS Advisory Committee to refine recommendations to center racial equity in system investments, capacity building, and community engagement



SHS FY 24 Work Plan Goals

What is the Metro Work Plan?

In February 2020, the Metro Council adopted **Ordinance No. 20-1442** which provided guidelines for SHS program implementation including:

- Eligible services
- Priority populations
- Governance
- Local implementation plans
- Allocation of revenue
- Equity and community engagement
- Tri-county planning

SHS FY 24 Work Plan Goals

What is the Metro Work Plan? (cont.)

In June to September 2020, Metro also convened a **stakeholder advisory table** that developed:

- Recommendations for regional values to guide program implementation.
- Outcome metrics to ensure transparent oversight and accountability.

SHS FY 24 Work Plan Goals

What is the Metro Work Plan? (cont.)

The **SHS Work Plan**:

- Incorporates and supplements the guidelines in Ordinance No. 20-1442 and stakeholder advisory table recommendations.
- Provides a comprehensive plan for implementing the SHS program.
- Serves as one of the governing documents for program implementation.
- Addresses how SHS revenues will be administered to achieve the goals described in the measure.

SHS FY 24 Work Plan Goals

What is in the Metro Work Plan for FY24?

- Four categories:
 - Housing/Program Quantitative Goals
 - Racial Equity: strategies to meet regional goals and local/LIP strategies to address racial disparities
 - Capacity Building: lead agency/systems infrastructure, provider capacity
 - Other annual goals based on LIP

SHS FY 24 Work Plan Goals

Category 1: Housing/Program Quantitative Goals

- 552 new PSH opportunities brought online
- 1,345 people placed (PSH + RRH)
- 656 people in PSH
- 689 people in RRH
- 800 people prevented from homelessness
- 85% housing retention rate for PSH & RRH/STRA
- SHS-funding supporting 247 emergency shelter beds

SHS FY 24 Work Plan Goals

Category 2: Racial Equity

- 100% of contracted service providers will submit the race, ethnicity, gender identity, and sexual orientation data of their employees.
- Hold 6 SHS Advisory Committee meetings and 1 annual retreat. Planning work will include FY25 SHS annual work plan goals and overall FY25 investment portfolio.
- Coordinate 12 training opportunities that prioritize culturally specific orgs & expand Assertive Engagement training for SHS providers.
- 100% of SHS-funded providers will submit an equity goal or work plan.

SHS FY 24 Work Plan Goals

Category 3: Capacity Building

- Provide technical assistance and/or capacity building funds for 15-20 new and expanding providers.
- Engage and provide support to 10-15 new and emerging Culturally Specific Organizations.
- Complete analysis of effective shelter models, specifically focusing on best practices in moving from unsheltered homelessness to housing and assessing the effectiveness of alternative shelter models.

SHS FY 24 Work Plan Goals

Category 3: Capacity Building (cont.)

- Develop a quality By-Name List for Chronically Homeless adult households in order to have current and detailed information on every person that meets the Population A definition.
- Expand data collection and update coordinated entry processes to be more timely, more accurate, and more comprehensive.
- Launch a new Coordinated Access tool for the adult and family systems of care.

SHS FY 24 Work Plan Goals

Category 4: Other Annual Goals Based on LIP

- Complete analysis of unmet needs and JOHS investments in Multnomah East County.
- Wage Study Goal: Conduct follow-up outreach with participating agencies regarding their planned actions and support needs in classification, compensation, and benefits.

SHS FY 24 Work Plan Goals

What are next steps for the FY24 Metro Work Plan?

- The work plan is annually due on April 1st
- A draft of the FY 24 plan was submitted to Metro in April
- After the final budget is released, the SHS team will send the final Work Plan to Metro for approval.
- After the break, we'll discuss the SHS AC's ongoing engagement with the Work Plan and provide space for feedback.

Break

Ten minutes—return at 4:10

SHS FY 24 Work Plan Goals Feedback

Jamboard Activity

Workgroup Overview: Capacity

May 25 Agenda:

- Opening Discussion: What are members hoping for from the workgroup?
- Overview of Capacity Building Workgroup Brief
- Workgroup Q&A
- Brainstorm Work Products

Close

