

Continuum of Care Board Meeting

March 21, 2024

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Land & Labor Acknowledgement

Multnomah county rests on the stolen lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, and Clackamas Bands of Chinook Indian Nation; Tualatin Kalapuya; Molalla; and many others along the Columbia River. This country is built on stolen Indigenous land and built by stolen African people. This land was not stolen and people were not enslaved by ambiguous entities and actors. The land was stolen by, and African peoples were enslaved by White settlers who had government support.

We also want to honor the members of over 400 tribal communities who live in Multnomah County. Many of these People and their cultures still survive and resist despite the intentional and ongoing attempts to destroy them.

Let us please take a moment of silence to acknowledge the history of how we are here in this place and to honor the People.

Credit to: Dr. Aileen Duldulao and Heather Heater, Multnomah County

Community Agreements

1. Account for power dynamics in the room and in the work.
2. Assume best intentions while honoring impact. Acknowledge that intent does not trump impact.
3. Be accountable. Commit to acknowledging and working through harm caused.
4. Be mindful of privilege, historical structures of oppression, and the shared goal to lead with a lens of equity, inclusion, diversity, and anti-racism.
5. Expect and accept non-closure.
6. Honor the diversity in the room and stay open to different perspectives. There may be several different roads that lead to a great outcome.
7. Language matters. Use intentional, direct, non-violent language. Speak your truth responsibly.
8. Make space, take space. Make space for those who are not speaking up as often, take space if you usually don't speak up.
9. Maintain confidentiality. share lessons learned while keeping names and identifiers confidential.
10. Meet folks where they are at. Do not assume knowledge on behalf of others. Be thorough, clear, and transparent in our dialogue.
11. Refrain from stigmatizing language and use people-first language.

Racial Equity Lens Tool

Questions from GARE and BHD to guide us when a quick decision is needed (longer Equity Lens Tool [here](#)):

- What are the racial equity impacts of this particular decision?
- What intersectional identities will be impacted by the proposal?
- Who will benefit and who will be burdened by the decision?
- Are there strategies to mitigate these consequences? What targeted strategies do we add to meet the needs of people of color in order to reduce disparities?

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
10 min	Community Agreements, Land and Labor Acknowledgement, RELT Questions	Co-Chairs
30 min	Provider Presentation: Transition Projects	Micahel Kuhn, Olivia Asato, Miro Paljevic
5 min	HUD & JOHS Updates	Alyssa Plessner
15-30 min	Homelessness Response Action Plan	Chris Fick
2 min	Co-chair recruitment	Malka Geffen
5 min	Break	
Remaining time	Action Plan Breakout Discussions and Report Back	Co-Chairs & Strategy Leads



Transition Projects CoC Programs Overview

Prepared for: JOHS CoC Board, March 21 Meeting

Introductions

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CoC HUD Projects

Transition Projects has 6 HUD-funded CoC housing programs:

- Collaboration
- Horizons
- OTIS
- Women's Housing
- Winter Housing
- Spectrum

Transition Projects is a subcontractor on two additional projects:

- HOPE
- Safehome



Collaboration

*Permanent Supportive Housing
(PSH)*

Collaboration provides PSH to 34 individuals.

- Collaboration seeks to connect the adult homelessness system to the homeless youth system.
- Includes Single Room Occupancy (SRO), studio, and 1-bedroom units.
- Includes Case Management and connection to mainstream resources.
- Outside In, Cascade AIDS Project, and New Avenues for Youth (NAFY) are subgrantees.

Horizons

Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

Horizons provides RRH to 20 adults with an emphasis on homeless and chronically homeless adults.

- Includes Case Management and connection to mainstream resources.
- Transition Projects leverages staffing for this project.
- Includes SRO units.
- Almost everyone in horizons is placed directly from Transition Projects shelters.

OTIS

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

OTIS provides PSH for 31 units.

- Cascadia is a subrecipient.
- Includes SRO, studio, and 1-bedroom units.
- Includes Case Management and connection to mainstream resources.

Women's Housing

Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

Women's Housing provides RRH to 20 female-headed households experiencing homelessness, with a focus on pregnant and parenting African American Women.

- Multnomah County's Healthy Birth Initiative is an outreach and referral partner.
- Includes Case Management and connection to mainstream resources.
- Includes SRO, studio, and 1- and 2-bedroom units.

Winter Housing

*Permanent Supportive Housing
(PSH)*

Winter Housing provides PSH to 20 women who are accessing shelter programs in Portland.

- Includes Case Management and connection to mainstream and domestic violence resources.
- Includes studio and 1- and 2-bedroom units.

Spectrum

*Permanent Supportive Housing
(PSH)*

Spectrum provides PSH to 17 individuals who are transgender, gender nonconforming, and non-binary.

- Includes SRO, studio, and 1-bedroom units.
- Responds to an unmet need for transgender individuals experiencing homelessness in our community.
- Includes Case Management and connection to mainstream resources ([Policy Paper: LGBTQAI2S+ Homelessness in the Portland Region, 2024](#)).

HOPE

*Permanent Supportive Housing
(PSH)*

HOPE provides PSH to 23 individuals.

- Subcontracted from Central City Concern.
- Includes SRO and 1- and 2-bedroom units.
- Case Management provided by Transition Projects.
- Peer Support provided by Central City Concern.

Safehome

*Permanent Supportive Housing
(PSH)*

Safehome provides PSH to 5 individuals with a focus on chronically homeless women.

- Subcontracted from Our Just Future.
- Includes 1- and 2-bedroom units.
- Case Management provided by Transition Projects.

Questions?

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**Transition
Projects**
from homelessness to housing

Thank You!



Updates from HUD & JOHS

- FY 2024 HUD Appropriations Bill was passed Senate on March 8th with an \$8.3 billion increase over FY 23
- The annual HUD CoC NOFO moving to a 2-year cycle starting in 2025. There will be a NOFO in 2024, expected to be released in May and will be due in September. No NOFO in 2025.
- Cost of living adjustments approved in the FY 24 federal fiscal budget. HUD is unclear how they are going to implement these COLAs but they expect to be able to provide a 4% increase to the supportive service budget lines
- FMR/Actual Rent increases were very large in the 2023 awards and HUD expects them to be even larger in the 2024 awards.

Updates from HUD & JOHS

- The Joint Office is taking large steps to ensure that ALL projects within our community are funded at an appropriate level and to reduce the financial and administrative challenges to operate HUD CoC projects. In that vein, JOHS is committed to funding the 25% match for all HUD CoC-funded projects for FY 2024.
- Currently this funding is designated as One-Time-Only (OTO). However, we have asked for the HUD CoC Match to be provided to all projects in our department submitted budget for FY 2025. This is pending final budget adoption by the Multnomah County Chair and Board of County Commissioners.
- The full JOHS proposed budget can be found [here](#)

**Homelessness
Response
Action Plan**

Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Responsibilities:

- The Co-Chairs of the CoC Board shall be responsible for conducting the regular operations and meetings of the Board including facilitating the monthly meetings
- Co-Chairs will sit on the Jurisdictional Committee and be charged with co-creating Board meeting agendas, coordinating with Joint Office of Homeless Services Staff, and stewarding the CoC Board processes.

Expected Time Commitment:

- Attendance at monthly CoC Advisory Board meetings
- Preparation and planning with JOHS staff, pre- and post-meetings (max 2 hrs/month)
- Attendance at bi-monthly Jurisdictional Committee meetings (1 hr/bi-month)

Co-Chair Selection Process Proposal

Step 1: Receive nominations - CoC Board members will submit names to nominate for the Co-Chair position. Members may nominate themselves and/or other members. There is no limit to the number of names that can be submitted. Names will be sent to: johnscommunityadvisory@mutlco.us by **April 4th**.

Step 2: Confirm nominations - Members who were not self-nominated will be contacted to confirm they accept or decline the nomination on **April 5th**.

Step 3: Vote - A list of confirmed nominations will be sent electronically to the full board membership, via an anonymous survey on **April 11th**. The voting period will be 5 business days. Each member will vote for the Co-Chair position by **April 18th**.

Step 4: Select Co-Chair - Individuals will be contacted, by rank order, to inquire if they accept or decline the Co-Chair position. The top individual who accepts will become Co-Chair. Co-Chair will begin their role in the **May 16th** meeting.

**5 minute
break & move
to breakouts**