

# **SHS Advisory Committee Meeting**

May 9, 2024 | 3:00-4:30 pm

**Attendance:** Sandra, Cheryl, Desiree', Jamar, Jessica M, Jessica H, Johnnie, Julia, Xenia, Yvette, Ria **STAFF:** Anna Johnson, Cristal Otero, Breanna Flores

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/ Action
Welcome Land and Labor Introductions SHS Updates	<ul> <li>Advisory Committee recruitment update</li> <li>SHS Charter—"No more than one-third of the membership can be new to the advisory committee at any given time."</li> <li>However, due to our current membership levels (11 out of a possible 20) we can bring on more than that if the committee is in favor.</li> <li>Committee was in favor of bringing on more than one-third new members.</li> </ul>	
System Improvement Recommendations	<ul> <li>Reviewed three changes to the recommendations based on feedback received in the April meeting.</li> <li>The document in the meeting packet is the final version we voted on.</li> <li>Committee approved the recommendations using the fist to five method.</li> <li>Vote passed, receiving five 5's and five 4's</li> </ul>	Decision: Committee approved the system improvement recommenda tions.  Action: SHS team will submit approved recommenda tions to JOHS leaders for review

# FY 2025 SHS Annual Work Plan

#### See slides for content

Capacity building/cross-departments partnerships

- Metro split up capacity building into two sections this year in the Work Plan: lead agency/systems capacity, and provider capacity. We have goals for both.
- In the systems capacity category we have a goal to fund cross-department programming. These relationships are expanding, with new investments coming online next fiscal year.
- Question: What are cross-departments? Different departments within Multnomah County, such as the Joint Office of Homeless Services and the Health Department.
- The goal of cross-department SHS partnerships is to break down silos and work together to address homelessness across our spheres of expertise, because so many of our departments interact with folks experiencing homelessness.
- Our current SHS cross-department partners include the Department of County Human Services (DCHS), the Health Department (HD), and the Department of Community Justice (DCJ)
- A few of our new partners for FY25 include the Library and the DA's office

## PSH service cap

- Culturally specific providers will receive a premium in the new services cap for PSH
- Question: Does this service include caseworker and welfare checks?
  - The PSH service cap includes an increase to per-household supportive services funding for select PSH projects. This includes the support services rendered to participants of SHS programs, which can range widely depending on individual needs.

#### **HUD** match

 HUD provides funds but often asks the local continuum of care to match those funds. SHS will pay the match for 28 CoC projects in FY 2025.

## Pathways to housing project

• The Pathways to Housing project in category 5 of the

Work Plan will improve the quality and effectiveness of shelter as a pathway to permanent housing. It will also give folks with lived experience an opportunity to visually represent, through art, how they navigate the system. This study will be done in collaboration with Homelessness Research and Action Collaborative (HRAC) from Portland State University.

# Behavioral health in the work plan

- Question— will the plan provide more detail on what we mean regarding health/substance use? Housing first is good, and we need services for users too.
  - The cross department investments section briefly highlights some of these programs.
  - SHS has a housing-first philosophy and also prioritizes behavioral health investments. SHS funds behavioral health stabilization, recovery oriented housing, substance use treatment, and more.
  - Through our partnership with the county's Behavioral Health Division we pair housing vouchers with folks receiving ACT (assertive community treatment) or ICM (intensive case management), which are the highest levels of mental health assistance someone can receive
  - We have also built out three behavioral health shelter programs, including one at the Behavioral Health Resource Center (BHRC).
  - In the coming year SHS will also fund programs at the DA's office to help resolve legal barriers to housing.
  - There is also a new investment with the public health division to house folks with communicable diseases who are experiencing homelessness. This will provide greater stability for those folks to manage those conditions.
  - Suggested action: The SHS team could put together a presentation on the cross-department investments for this group in an upcoming meeting. These investments have increased over the last year and will continue increasing next year.
    - There seemed to be interest for this

Action: SHS team will put together a presentation on cross-depart ment

- There is about \$20M from unanticipated revenue held over from the previous fiscal year for the behavioral health division. These funds are supporting five new recovery housing programs that were just awarded contracts. A request for proposals also went out for a 24/7 stabilization center which received one applicant.
- There is more detail on these projects in the SHS Q3 report that is due to Metro on May 15. We will share this report with the committee when it is final.
- Question: Do you know if Clean and Safe will receive funding?
  - The Joint Office is presenting our budget to the Multnomah County Board of commissioners on May 14 we will have more info after that.
  - The advisory committee is welcome to attend that meeting virtually or in person on Tuesday, May 14, at 10 a.m.
  - More info about the meeting here: <a href="https://www.multco.us/board/about-board-meetings">https://www.multco.us/board/about-board-meetings</a>

Next steps for the work plan:

- After the Multnomah County Chair releases her final budget in June, the SHS team will make any necessary changes to the Work Plan and submit to Metro for approval.
- Final versions are due in August.
- SHS team will share more with the committee in coming months.

#### **Zoom Chat:**

From Cheryl Carter to All Panelists 03:07 PM I'm not able to access my camera or mic my iPad said it's full but I'm here thx

From Me to All Panelists 03:08 PM Oh no, thank you Cheryl!

From Cheryl Carter to All Panelists 03:11 PM Mz Anna could you please call me after meeting thank you

From Me to All Panelists 03:11 PM

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investments for a future committee meeting Yes I can.

From Xenia Sachez to All Panelists 03:12 PM Hey I'm here mic don't work Sorry She/her

From Cheryl Carter to All Panelists 03:13 PM She/her and I can see and hear mtg yhx

From Breanna Flores (she/they) to All Panelists 03:14 PM Oops, yes forgot JOHS team intros - Breanna Flores (she/they), SHS team with Joint Office Johnnie has been part of those conversations too if I can recall to earlier meetings (it has been a few months of conversations):)

From Johnnie Shaver (he/him); Equi Institute to All Panelists 03:15 PM I have, thanks No worries!

From Jessica Mathis to All Panelists 03:15 PM Sorry folks, my network connection dropped. I had to hot spot my phone!

From Cheryl Carter to All Panelists 03:16 PM Do I need to be a contractor to attend TY

From Jessica Harper to All Panelists 03:20 PM Adding 5-7 seems like a good idea to me

From Desiree' DuBoise (She/They) to All Panelists 03:20 PM Agreed

From Johnnie Shaver (he/him); Equi Institute to All Panelists 03:20 PM Agreed

From Yvette Hernandez to All Panelists 03:20 PM In favor of more committee members

From Xenia Sachez to All Panelists 03:20 PM Agreed

From Julia Maria Delgado to All Panelists 03:20 PM all good

From Me to All Panelists 03:27 PM

The full recommendations document is in your meeting packet.

(If that is helpful)

From Jessica Mathis to All Panelists 03:28 PM No notes!

From Cheryl Carter to All Panelists 03:28 PM



From Jessica Harper to All Panelists 03:28 PM

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From Jessica Mathis to All Panelists 03:29 PM

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From Jamar Summerfield to All Panelists 03:29 PM

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From Julia Maria Delgado to All Panelists 03:29 PM

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From Desiree' DuBoise (She/They) to All Panelists 03:29 PM

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From Cheryl Carter to All Panelists 03:29 PM

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From Yvette Hernandez to All Panelists 03:29 PM

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From Johnnie Shaver (he/him); Equi Institute to All Panelists 03:29 PM

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From Sandra Comstock to All Panelists 03:29 PM

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From Xenia Sachez to All Panelists 03:29 PM

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From Cheryl Carter to All Panelists 03:30 PM

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From Cheryl Carter to All Panelists 03:45 PM

I'm excited about this as well

Does this service include caseworker and welfare checks

Yes that's what I mean

From Johnnie Shaver (he/him); Equi Institute to All Panelists 03:48 PM

Apologies y'all I've got to run.

From Cheryl Carter to All Panelists 04:00 PM

Great question

Do you know if clean and safe will be a part of this so they can cover all of downtown areas right now they're cut off at 10th and Taylor

Generally

Okay

What time

ΤY

Sounds good

Absolutely

From Me to All Panelists 04:00 PM https://www.multco.us/board/about-board-meetings The one on Tuesday starts at 9:30 am

From Cheryl Carter to All Panelists 04:00 PM Thx for all of your support and work

From Me to All Panelists 04:00 PM So sorry 10am Yes they stream live.

From Cheryl Carter to All Panelists 04:03 PM This was a great meeting thank you

From Jessica Mathis to All Panelists 04:03 PM Thank you! I felt it was well presented.

From Jessica Harper to All Panelists 04:03 PM sunshine!