

**SHS Advisory Committee
Meeting
August 8, 2024
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**



Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator	Action
3:00	Welcome Land and Labor Acknowledgement Introductions	Breanna Flores	Inform
3:15	SHS Advisory Committee System Improvement Recommendations: Leadership Response	Anna Plumb	Inform, Discuss
3:55	Equity Workgroup Recommendations Preview	Breanna Flores	Inform
4:00	SHS Advisory Committee Priorities for FY25	Breanna Flores	Discuss
4:30	Session closes	Close	

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

Introductions

- Name
- Pronouns
- Organization/community you represent

SHS Advisory Committee
System Improvement
Recommendations:
Leadership Response



Framing the Conversation: System Improvement Recommendations

What are we talking about?

In December & January, the committee **learned** about Multnomah County's Coordinated Access system, **read** a case study to understand how someone would access housing services here, and **generated** recommendations to improve this process.

Why is it important?

Submitting these recommendations to the Joint Office is an opportunity to improve how folks access housing services in Multnomah County.

System Improvement Recommendations

The committee's recommendations fall into three categories:



SHELTER AND HOUSING



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



SYSTEM COORDINATION

Leadership Response

Anna Plumb

Deputy Director of the Joint Office of Homeless Services

Homelessness Response System

- A reset of the community's response to homelessness.
- Focused on implementing the **Homelessness Response Action Plan**.
- Formalizes collaboration between healthcare partners, community members, justice system, housing providers, service providers, treatment providers and government partners at all levels.

Equity Workgroup Recommendations Preview



Framing the Conversation: Equity Workgroup

What are we talking about?

The equity workgroup met from September 2023 to May 2024 to address one of the SHS committee's top FY24 priorities: **ensuring equity** in SHS programming.

Why is it important?

This is an opportunity for the committee to provide guidance on funding and policies related to equity in our SHS work.

Recommendations

The group's recommendations fell into three categories:



DEFINING EQUITY

Including the LGBTQIA2S+ community in our equity discussions while still leading with race and acknowledging intersectionality.



EQUITY INVESTMENTS

Direct cash assistance, long-term rent assistance, priority populations, small/new/emerging orgs.



EVALUATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

Identify specific equity goals, provide clear guidelines, and ensure accountability.

Next Steps

- **Review** full equity recommendations document before September meeting
- **Discuss and vote** in the September meeting
 - If approved, the recommendations will be shared with JOHS executive leadership
 - If revisions are suggested, SHS team will help revise and bring back to the committee

SHS Advisory Committee Priorities for FY25



What are your top priorities for SHS committee work in FY25?

To have a sign up for the homeless people in the SW Library and the Safeway on 10th Ave for the waitlist and access to information on treatments and other services available

Women's crisis center here in the SW area

Maintain ongoing conversation concerning equity

Making sure services are accessible for physical and neurological (invisible) disabilities.

Ensure appropriate vouchers for different folks.

Equity for undocumented and immigrant clients.

Create data collection practices that track users' requests and successes or challenges in connecting to services that providers can use and analyze

make sure to elevate formally incarcerated voices

get out and see who's doing the work that we talk about

Maintain/enhance commitment to equity as #1 priority

Ensure future grant applications don't get stuck in needing to fit a certain formula to get approved.

Establish training parameters for funded projects.

Accessible data that providers can use.

Access to true housing first, robust 24 hour supportive housing. This would include people who use drugs and people with chronic and persistent mental health diagnoses.

Increase in family shelter and services dedicated to pregnant and parenting people who use drugs. Appropriate, evidence based training and education for the staff that work with them

Extreme weather coordination and criteria.

Comprehensive, user friendly access to service provision. I.e, Making it easier for people to know where to go to get the things that they need.

Expanding access to initial entry points to housing and other services. Training or increasing the number of community partners that can provide assessments.

Creation and maintenance of paid seats on advisory boards and governing bodies comprised of people with lived or living experience.

Keep the Metro housing bond.

City/county coordination and shared goals and practices that don't work against each other.

Maintain connections with other departments (behavioral health) etc.

More in depth collaboration on building evaluation criteria.

Maintain and develop relationships with researchers to ensure creation of good evaluation measures that center/prioritize lived exp./people on the ground.

connect more of the elderly with the work that we do so they can be properly served

Emerging Themes

- Racial Equity
- Data
- Collaboration
- Evaluation

Goals for Today

Identify: Finish adding ideas to the priorities list.

Discuss: Get an initial sense of the committee's highest priorities.

Discussion Questions

What would you most like to see the committee focus on in FY25?

What is missing from the list?

Next Steps

- Survey in follow up email
 - Vote on your top two

Close

