

**City of Bend and Deschutes County  
Emergency Homelessness Task Force Meeting  
June 24, 2021**

The meeting of the Stewardship Council Subcommittee was called to order at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 24, 2021, online and by phone.

**Convene Meeting:** Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner, Megan Perkins, City of Bend Councilor, Kathy Skidmore, Central Oregon Veterans Outreach Executive Director, Keith Witcosky, City of Redmond City Manager, Tara Feurtado, Bethlehem Inn Program Manager, Tom Anderson, Deschutes County Chief Administrator, Colleen Thomas, Deschutes County, Homeless Community Outreach Coordinator & Homelessness Leadership Coalition, Elaine Knobbs-Seasholtz, Mosaic Medical Director of Strategy & Development, Patty Wilson, Neighbor Impact Deputy Executive Director, Eric King, City of Bend City Manager, Janice Garceau, Stacey Witte, Relationship Empowerment Action Compassion Heart Founder & Executive Director, Curt Floski, The Shepherd's House, Executive Director, Jon Skidmore, City of Bend Assistant City Manager, Carolyn Eagan, City of Bend Recovery & Strategic Impact Officer, David Brant, Housing Works Executive Director, Ian Leitheiser, City of Bend Assistant City Attorney, Mickie Derting, City of Bend Strategic Initiatives Manager

**1. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

- **City/County Matching Proposal**
- **Questions for EHTF Members:**
- **Discuss Needs, Source, Gaps**

Councilor Perkins presented a report on the proposed Quick-Strike Funding Allocation.

Service providers shared the following plans being made to address cooling:

- Shepard's House made adjustment to hours on Second Street to provide more options to get inside – partnership work with a church in Redmond that is used for a warming shelter
- First Presbyterian Church opening a cooling shelter this weekend
- Mosaic Mobile Community Clinic is installing a refrigerator freezer for bottled water – will have several pallets of water to give out
- Red Cross is looking at the dynamics of what excess heat impacts will do for humidity versus dry heat – Deschutes County Emergency Response Team is working with the Red Cross and will bring information forward to the County Commissioners to see how that is to be deployed

Members discussed the following on houselessness and housing:

- Managed camps to be a short-term priority
- Permitted supportive housing to be a long-term priority
- Need to look at the continuum of services for those experiencing homelessness across the region
- Look at the capacity of services and the need for treatment housing is critical

- The Oregon Legislature created opportunities for communities with \$30 million in funding identified for residential treatment for people with behavioral health and substance use disorders
- Measure 110 funding will create opportunities to develop more wraparound services and support for people with significant substance use conditions
- Need for additional detox beds
- Need for a navigation or day center
- Request for lockers to store personal belongings
- Lack of Medicaid beds for assisted living facilities and foster homes
- Have an entity willing to set up a residential treatment foster home or adult treatment foster home
- Service providers struggle with the needs currently on the street and the different types of people on the streets
- The meaning of a managed camp needs defined
- There is a need for respite care for people coming out of the hospital
- There is a need for a navigation center for people to have an easy access point
- Keep in mind trauma informed care

## **2. Managed Camp – Overview**

- **Funding**
- **Land**
- **Services**
- **Question for EHTF Members:**
  - **Small Sites (15-30) – Your Thoughts?**
  - **Best Practices for RFQ/Services**
  - **Capacity for Service Providers**

Carolyn Eagan, City of Bend Economic Development Director, presented a report on managed camps.

Members discussed the following in regard to a managed camp:

- Smaller groups located around the community – worked well in other cities
- Smaller is better with the dynamics of the population who would be accessing the potential camps – 15 to 20 people
- The guidelines, policies and procedures are going to be key and potentially streamlined across potential camps
- Not to call it an encampment with barricades, but a safety zone
- Look to providers who have plans already and looking for a location
- Region to help professionals relocating to the area
- Having a designated camp for families would be effective
- Need to think creatively and regionally
- Create a continuum – easy to follow graph for elected officials and service providers
- Possible joint County Commissioner and City of Bend Council quarterly meetings

## **3. Questions for EHTF Members:**

- **Future Potential Agenda Items**
- **Hiring of EHTF Facilitator**

Mickie Derting, Strategic Initiatives Manager, presented a framework and potential agenda items for future meetings.

**Adjourned at 11:31 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deputy City Recorder