

**City of Bend and Deschutes County
Emergency Homelessness Task Force Meeting
August 31, 2021**

The meeting of the Emergency Homelessness Task Force was called to order at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 31, 2021, online and by phone.

Convene Meeting: Brittani Manzo, Housing & Homelessness Policy Strategist & Facilitator, Carolyn Eagan, City of Bend Strategy and Impact Officer, Colleen Sinsky, Central Oregon Fuse Program Manager, Colleen Thomas, Deschutes County, Deschutes County Health Services Homeless Coordinator, Elaine Knobbs-Seasholtz, Mosaic Medical Director of Strategy & Development, Eric King, City of Bend City Manager, Erik Kropp, Deschutes County Deputy County Administrator, Kathy Skidmore, Central Oregon Veterans Outreach Executive Director, Kay Vincent, City of Bend Human Rights and Equity Commissioner, Ian Leitheiser, City of Bend Assistant City Attorney, Janice Garceau, Deschutes County Behavioral Health Director, John Lodise, Shepard's House Ministries Director of Emergency Services, Keith Witcosky, City of Redmond City Manager, Mary Winters, City of Bend City Attorney, Megan Perkins, City of Bend Councilor, Molly Wells Darling, Deschutes County Health Services Program Manager, Patty Wilson, Neighbor Impact Deputy Executive Director, Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner, Shelly Smith, City of Bend, Senior Management Analyst, Stacey Witte, REACH Founder & Executive Director, Tom Anderson, Deschutes County Chief Administrator, David Brant, Housing Works Executive Director, Mickie Derting, City of Bend Strategic Initiatives Manager, Tammy Baney, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council Executive Director (COIC), Anna Bohac, Faith-Based Jericho House Board Member, Carlos Salcedo, St. Charles Health System Manager, Elizabeth Wilson, J Bar J Youth Services Central Oregon Program Manager, Mike Krantz, Chief of Bend Police, Shane Nelson, Deschutes County Sheriff, Tricia Wilder, PacificSource Central Oregon Coordinated Care Organization Director

1. Welcome

○ **Introducing New Task Force Members**

New Task Force members introduced themselves and shared information on their organizations.

2. Community Agreements

Members discussed the following Proposed Group Agreements:

- Listen with Respect
- Acknowledge Impact
- Share Airtime
- Ask the Hard Questions: Move Through Conflict
- Prioritize Racial Equity and Equity More Broadly
- Recognize Your Power, Share Your Power
- Value Diverse Expertise

- Center the Perspectives and Guidance of People Experiencing Homelessness
- Normal
 - Be Present
 - Be Respectful of Others Times and Constraints
 - Give Ample Notice as You're Able if You're Unable to Attend a Meeting
 - Use Raise Hand Function to Jump into a Crowded Conversation
- Avoid Stigma, Stereotypes, Generalizations
- Commitment to Executing the Plan

3. Emergent Priorities

- **Authorized Encampment Update**

Carolyn Eagan, City of Bend Recovery Strategy and Impact Officer, shared updates on the following:

- August 18, 2021 City Council Meeting – City Council identified two places for authorized encampments
- September 1, 2021 9th Street Stakeholder group meeting – two City Councilors to discuss their objectives around establishing an authorized encampment development
- 9/2 Joint City Council and County Commission Meeting
- 9th Street location moving forward
- September 1, 2021 City Council Meeting – Council to discuss a possible authorized encampment at Juniper Ridge
- Managed camp would be between \$350,000 to \$400,000 a year to run – would include services
- 15 to 25 individuals at each encampment

Colleen Sinsky, Central Oregon FUSE, presented the following updates on the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Development Strategy and Financial Modeling:

- Program combines affordable housing with onsite services to meet the needs of people most vulnerable in the community
- No designated source of funds for PHS – pulling together numerous funding sources
- FUSE is taking the lead on collaborating with firms and consultants and other stakeholders
- FUSE just issued a request for proposal (RFP) to leading consultants in the industry – project funded by the Central Oregon Health Council
- Next steps would be inviting people to join the workgroup – would go through February
- County Commissioners allocated \$2 million to go towards the capital development for PHS
- Possible funding from the Oregon Health Authority

Molly Wells Darling, presented the following update on the Emergency Protocol Development:

- Meeting today with a number of service providers, Deschutes County and emergency management to start the work

4. Stakeholder Mapping: Roles

Members discussed their organizations' roles and answered the following questions:

- What is your role or mandate, as you see it in preventing and ending homelessness in Central Oregon?
- What are the main functions of your team's role (e.g. strategy-setting, service design, budgeting, service provision, advocacy)?
- What are your top three priorities related to preventing and ending homelessness in Central Oregon?
- What tools are at your team's disposal for achieving your mandate and implementing your priorities?
 - Programs
 - Staff
 - Services
 - Link to information (progress reports, updates, etc.)

5. Strategic Plan: Scoping

Members discussed the following proposed scope of the Strategic Plan:

- Scope:
 - All available federal, state, and local capacity and funding streams needed to prevent and end homelessness will be mapped and included in strategic planning, budget commitments and projections
- Timeline:
 - 3-year plan, 10-year vision
- Geography:
 - Deschutes County, with plans to address broader regional interdependence and needs
- Domains
 - Homeless Service System Governance, Roles, Responsibilities
 - Gap Analysis
 - Funding Proprieties
 - Service Strategies
 - Continuous Quality Improvements
 - State and Regional Partnerships

6. Next Steps + Closing

Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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