



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

February 11, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

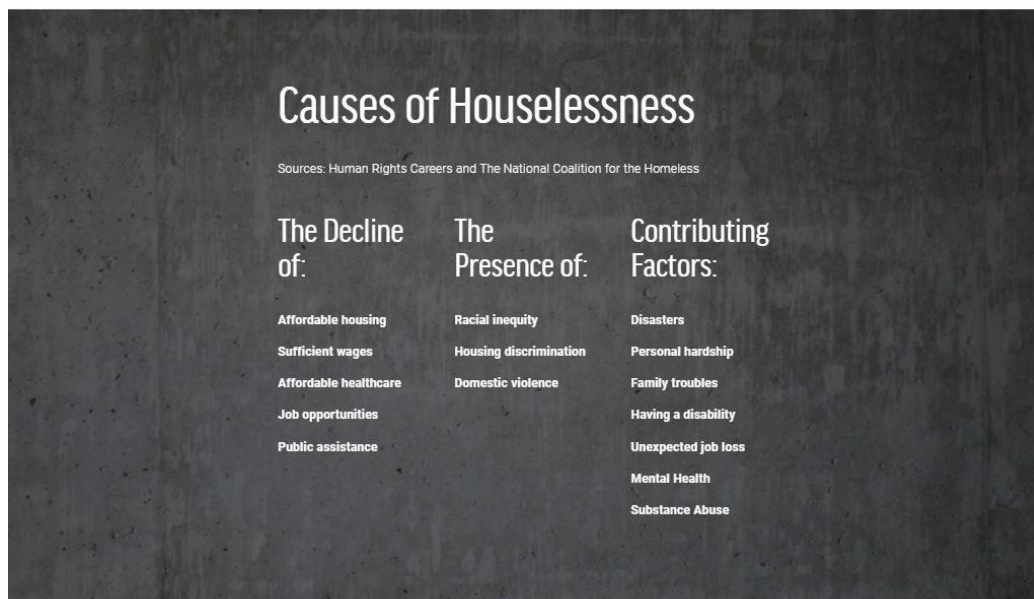
MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	February 16	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Virtual
Council Meeting	March 2	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Virtual

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PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

At the January 28, 2022 Joint Deschutes County and City of Bend Meeting, Commissioner Adair, Commissioner Chang, and Mayor Pro-Tem Goodman-Campbell requested that we add **Mental Health** and **Substance Use Disorder** to the [Emergency Homelessness Task Force \(EHTF\) Visual Narrative](#):

1. On the "What We've Learned" page (mid-page), a "Causes of Houselessness" box was added under "Contributing Factors:"



2. At the bottom of the “**Misconceptions**” page, a new “Learn More” box was added:

Learn More

Myth: Most Homeless People Are Either Mentally Ill or Have a Substance Use Disorder

HUD 2019 CONTINUUM OF CARE POPULATIONS

Reality: "The HUD estimates that in 2019, 36% of the chronically homeless suffered from a chronic substance abuse problem, a several mental illness, or both."

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Reality: "Decades of epidemiological research reveals that one-third, at most, have a serious mental illness."

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Myth: The Majority Abuse Drugs or Alcohol

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Reality: "It is believed that only about 20-40% of homeless have a substance abuse issue. In fact, abuse is rarely the sole cause of homelessness and more often is a response to it because living on the street puts the person in frequent contact with users and dealers." - Deborah K. Padgett, Leading Scholar on Homelessness

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Note: The visual narrative’s content is from our local regional housing and houselessness experts. Content in boxes with a grey background and where it says “Learn More” are from outside our local experts.

Thank you to Erik Kropp and Molly Wells Darling with Deschutes County Behavioral Health, and Lindsey Stailing with Mosaic Medical for their help with verifying that the additions are based on facts and are from credible sources.

Next:

Crimes and Houselessness: I’ve noted to bring to the EHTF at a future review meeting, Councilor Campbell and Commissioner Chang request/recommendation to add to the EHTF **Strategic Plan** → Action Plan → **Community Engagement** and **Education** → research clear info/facts and educate the public re: Understand What Crime Means in the Houseless Community; What Crimes are the Houseless Community Members Committing (e.g. Survival Crimes)?; What are Crimes Committed Against the Houseless Community Members?; What are the Impacts on Public Safety System?

Please reach out to [Mickie Derting](#) with questions.



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