

**City of Bend and Deschutes County
Emergency Homelessness Task Force Meeting
Action Planning: Community Engagement
December 16, 2021**

The meeting of the Emergency Homelessness Task Force (EHTF) was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021, online and by phone.

1. Introductions & Strategic Plan Overview

Brittani Manzo, Policy Strategist and Facilitator, presented the following slides:

- Vision
- Milestones
- Strategies

2. Strategies for Community Engagement

3. Brainstorming Actions

Participants brainstormed the following and provided input in terms of actions, challenges, and needs:

- Action Planning: Public Education
 - Actions
 - Businesses losing revenue – business partnerships with non-profits
 - Campfire Hotel
 - Staff and community training
 - Strategies
 - Policy implications
 - Spanish language resources and public education materials
 - By who
 - Audiences
 - Service providers and community members
 - Health Council, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC), and Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC) meeting on December 23, 2021 to ensure efforts are not being duplicated
 - Needs
 - City of Bend – visual narrative mid-January
 - HLC – topical content calendar
 - City webpage on homelessness
 - HLC outreach
 - Mosaic annual community impact report
 - Planned initiatives
 - Transparency
 - Funding

- Sharing information about shelter availability and Point-in-Time count
- Understanding basic economics of homelessness and capitalism
- The community has grown fast, inequitably and services are underfunded in catching up
- Central Oregon FUSE (Frequent Users System Engagement) can share information from info gathering on cost
- Connecting to local job market and barriers
- Community cost of not supporting people experiencing homelessness
- Understanding resource availability for people experiencing homelessness
- Multi-generational housing instability
- Latinx housing instability
- Topics for education
- Mosaic Medical Latinx Communication Specialist (Jason Villa Nueva)
- Siting authorized camping, shelters, permanent supportive housing, addressing Not in My Back Yard (NIMBY) perspective's
- Preempt worst case scenarios – meeting assumptions head-on
- What we can and cannot do
- Creating safer places for people to live outside
- Action Planning: Community Engagement
 - Actions
 - Business interest in investing resources
 - Transparency in public resources – service provision and responsibility
 - Input from people experiencing homelessness on what kind of services they need and want to see available in the community
 - HLC and Lived Experience Committee
 - Coordinated entry intake information gathering
 - Strategies
 - Mapping places to invest and support
 - Ensuring safety of people without identification and Social Security Numbers and protection from surveillance
 - Clarifying and ensuring access for Spanish-speaking community members
 - Needs
 - Who to give to, where to give and how?
 - Joint office streamline information sharing consistency and transparency
 - City engagement with Dawn's House, Family Kitchen and Shepard's House
 - HLC efforts to better inquire than prescribe
 - Information sharing across public agencies

- Joint Office Advisory Committee of people with lived experience (paid), open access, and equitable representation
- By Who
 - Latino liaisons
 - Family Access Network advocates
 - Latino Community Association
 - Core Area Board
 - Advertising Federation – annual non-profit campaign
 - Visit Bend
 - Envision Bend
 - Health Care – Mosaic and St. Charles
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Bend Parks and Recreation
 - Mapping funding gaps – holding pooling funds with private partners, landlord mitigation funds (arrears, past rent, utilities, deposits)
 - Companion Animal Medical Project

4. Break

5. Action Planning

6. Confirming Strategies

7. Summary, Next Steps, and Closing

Manzo explained the next steps will include taking all the information discussed during the weeks action planning meetings and translating them into actions that are beneath the strategies inside the strategic plan over the next month.

Adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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