



# HOPE Advisory Board

January 2023 Public Meeting

Meeting facilitated by HOPE Coordinator, Julie Arena

1/25/2023



# Virtual Meeting Housekeeping

- Please mute your microphone until it is your turn to share.
- All attendees can unmute themselves and choose to be seen visually by clicking “Mic” or “Camera” at the top right of the screen.
- **Public comment:**
  - Type your name into the “Chat” area, say you want to make a public comment, and on what topic.
    - Example: “Julie – public comment – crisis response.”
  - For those on the phone, there will be an opportunity to comment, too.
- **Questions during the meeting:**
  - Type into the “Chat” area and send it to host, Julie Arena.

# Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome, Meeting Housekeeping, Overview of Agenda.....4:00pm
  - II. Public Comment (up to 10 minutes) .....4:00pm
  - III. Roll call and approve December 2023 meeting minutes .....4:10pm
  - IV. HOPE Board Membership Update .....4:15pm
  - V. Co-Chair Election .....4:20pm
  - VI. HOPE Board’s role in HB 4123 Pilot: Coordinated Homeless Response.....4:25pm
- Guests: staff from Benton County, City of Corvallis, and Community Services Consortium
- VII. Education and Community Engagement .....5:30pm
    - a. Executive Orders from Governor Kotek on Homelessness
    - b. Continuum of Care Update
    - c. Governor Kotek’s roundtable discussions on homelessness by region
  - VIII. Next Steps .....5:55pm



# Agreements for our culture + conduct:

Fun

Inclusive ✓✓

humor

Food ✓

Action/roll up sleeves

Change the face of Homelessness

honesty

Respect ✓

consensus

Think before you speak

Courtesy ✓

transparency

Recognize personal bias

Kindness ✓

time management

Concise communication

Open minded ✓

opinions matter

data driven

Do your homework!

patient

authentic

Valuing personal experience

dedication/work ethic  
honor the expectations of  
the work

# Public Comment

10 minutes

- Comment limited to 2-3 minutes based on number of people wanting to comment
- Type into the “Chat” and say you want to make a public comment and on what topic.
- For those on the phone, I will ask if there are any public comments from callers.
- Can also submit written comments to the Board via email to [Julie.Arena@co.Benton.or.us](mailto:Julie.Arena@co.Benton.or.us)

# Vote on December 2022 minutes, roll call

Catherine Biscoe

Karyle Butcher

Alice Carter

Ricardo Contreras

Bryan Cotter

Cade DeLoach

Anita Earl

Joel Goodwin

Ari Grossman-Naples

Barbara Hanley

Melissa Isavoran

Briae Lewis\* (Corvallis City Councilor)

Cindee Lolik\* (Business Community)

Charles Maughan\* (Corvallis Mayor)

Pegge McGuire\* (CSC Director)

Andrea Myhre

Chanale Propst

Nancy Wyse\* (County Commissioner)

\*Executive Committee Members

# HOPE Board's role in HB 4123 Pilot: Coordinated Homeless Response

## Benton County:

Suzanne Hoffman, Health Department  
Director

Rebecca Taylor, Project Manager

Libbi Loseke Winter, Grant Writer

## City of Corvallis:

Paul Bilotta, Community Development  
Director

Brigetta Olson, Housing Director

## Community Services Consortium:

Pegge McGuire, Executive Director

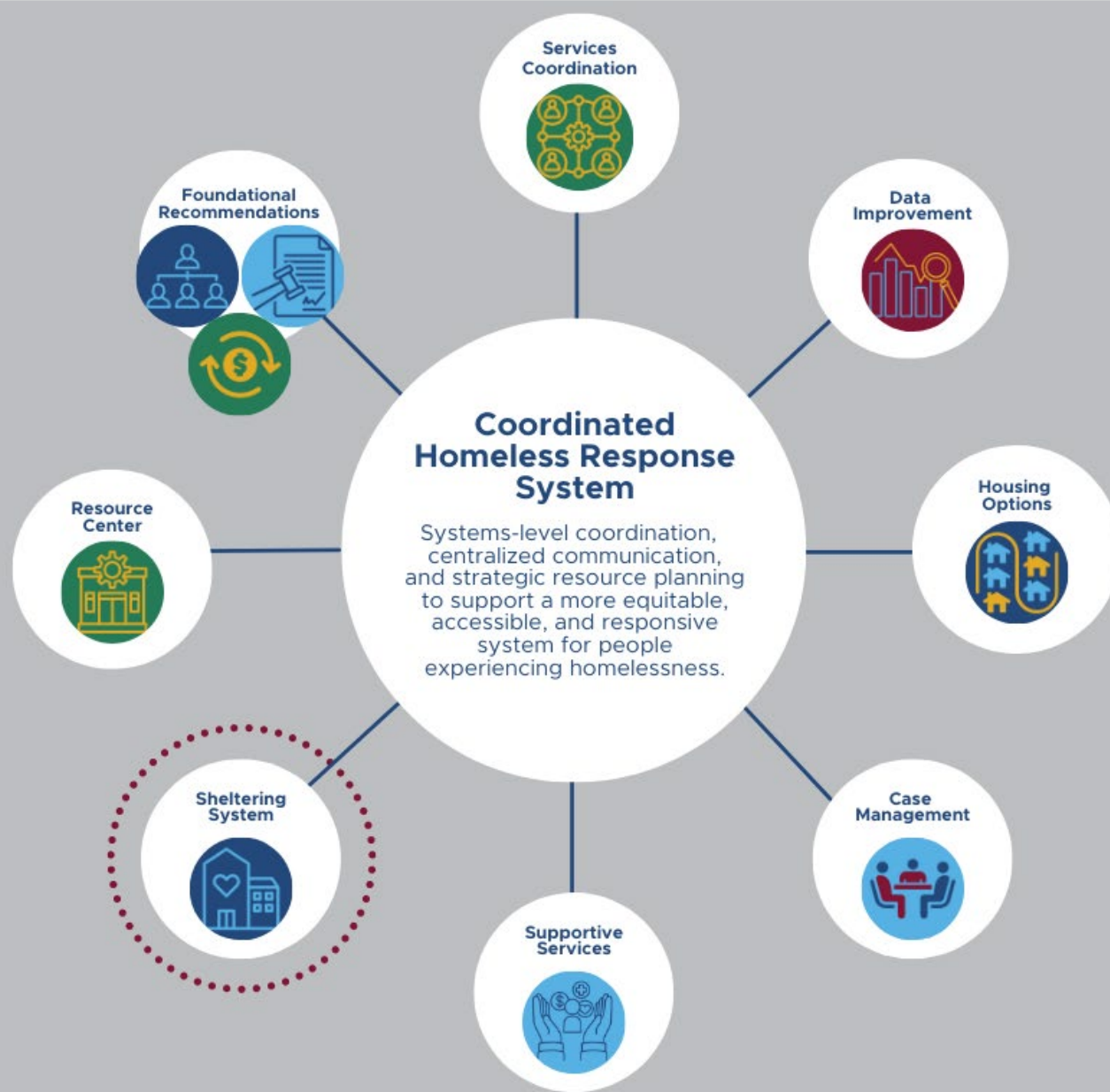
Kayla Armstrong, Deputy Director



# Goals for Today's Presentation and Discussion

- HB 4123 Pilot update
- Coordinated Response Office organization and functions
- Timeline
- HOPE Board role in strategic planning process and community engagement





# HB 4123 Pilot on Coordinated Homeless Response

## Pilot Components:

- 2 Year pilot funding for 8 counties statewide
- Coordinated response office for housing needs and homelessness prevention.
- Point of contact and communication.
- Develop 5 year Strategic Plan that includes:
  - Sustainable funding ideas to leverage existing resources
  - Incorporate best practices
  - Eliminate racial disparities
  - Pathways to housing
- Execute agreement between county and other interested jurisdictions

## What's happening now?

- Outreach and engagement with providers, stakeholders, and small cities.
- Developing the Roles/Functions of an office
- MOU completed with City of Corvallis and Community Services Consortium (CSC) that includes commitment to collaborate as part of a coordinated office.
- Executing the functions of the office with ongoing work.

# Requirements of the legislation:

- Coordinated Homeless Response Office - functions and workload: 5 Year Strategic Plan with specific components
- Governing body for the City/County/CSC Coordinated Office operations and staff. (Intergovernmental Council that includes city and county leadership)
- Community Engagement Body: HOPE Advisory Board

# Examples of Coordinated Office Role

- Projects that illustrate the functions and the work of the Coordinated Office.
- Also serves as a community progress update.



# Coordinated entry (CE)

- Prioritizing our most vulnerable for housing with data-informed decisions and human centered case conferencing.
- CE improvements are an example of a system-level improvement.
- The Coordinated Office's role: support system improvements in our community with the purpose to better match more individuals with housing, prevent duplication of efforts across providers, best use our housing resources and funding to help our most vulnerable folks.

## **Sustainable funding, grant writing, coordination across system to leverage funding:**

- Identify and vet relevant funding opportunities for the County, Coordinated Office, and service providers that align with HOPE Recommendations:
  - Creating and continue to build database of funding opportunities for County, Coordinated Office, and service providers.
  - Develop strategies and models for sustainable funding (part of the Strategic Plan for the Coordinated Office).
  - Create ready-made models of funding that providers can use.
- Collaborate and coordinate with internal and external partners on funding opportunities.

# Central Point of Communications for Outreach, Engagement, & Education

Kailee Olson

Communications  
Coordinator

Benton County Health  
Department

- Ongoing communications/campaigns
- Coordination with internal and partners' communications staff
- Support of Coordinated Office Communications
- Support of Health Department Communications
- Building capacity for sustainable communications



# Central Point of Communications

<https://www.co.benton.or.us/health/page/hope-recommendations-community-progress>

[Subscribe to the HOPE News & Updates email list here:](#)

<https://www.co.benton.or.us/health/page/housing-and-homelessness>





# HOPE Board Role

- How the HOPE Exec Committee serves a unique and separate role from the Intergovernmental Council
- Community Engagement & Feedback on the Strategic Plan
  - Timeline:
    - March 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Outline that will inform the content
    - May 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Content

# Distinct Roles for Different Purposes

## HOPE Exec Committee

- Liaison between the HOPE Board and the two elected bodies BOC and CC for updates and guidance on agenda setting for the HOPE Board.
- Agenda setting guides the work for the board: what is researched, topics to educate the community, communications, policies that are recommended to the elected bodies.

## Intergovernmental Council

- Operational decisions and staff work direction.
- Coordination between city, county, and CSC management to operationalize policies.

(Examples of different roles)

# HOPE Board Role in Strategic Planning Process

- Community Engagement & Feedback on the Strategic Plan
  - Timeline:
    - March 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Outline that will inform the content
    - May 1st Draft Content
- Analyze and give feedback on the plan.

# HOPE Board Role in Strategic Planning Process

- Effectively communicating our local plan and ongoing needs.
  - To the state legislature – did that make sense, will it make sense to a state committee member?
  - How it might be received by our community, how to make it more digestible or understandable?
- What did we miss or what might make more sense? Suggestions to improve it, organize it.
- Vet the plan to make sure we are building on the HOPE recs and adding value for our implementation efforts.
- Flexible enough to respond to changing landscape and resources?

# Questions and Discussion

- About the Office
- Pilot
- HOPE Board Role
- Other?

# Next steps...

## Upcoming HOPE Meeting: March 22, 2023

- City and County staff will attend to hear feedback from the HOPE Board on the Strategic Plan Draft Outline for HB 4123.

## Coordinated Response Office working on:

- HB 4123 Pilot requirements, structure, and projects for a coordinated response to homelessness solutions. Rural outreach and engagement.
- Improving coordinated entry by implementing ROCKit action items for coordinated entry training and case conferencing.
- Coordinating and supporting community partner projects.





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County**

