



HOPE Advisory Board

May 2023 Public Meeting

Meeting facilitated by HOPE Coordinator, Julie Arena

5/24/2023



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 March 2023 meeting minutes4:10pm
- IV. Community Progress Updates.....4:15pm
- V. Community Engagement: City of Corvallis Consolidated Plan4:25pm
- VI. HOPE Board feedback on Strategic Plan Draft for HB 4123 Pilot ...4:40pm
Goals: Review, Questions, Discussion, Feedback
- VIII. Next Steps5:55pm



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

Vote on March 2022 minutes, roll call

Catherine Biscoe* (Co-Chair)

Karyle Butcher (excused)

Alice Carter

Ricardo Contreras

Bryan Cotter (abstain)

Cade DeLoach

Anita Earl

Joel Goodwin

Aaron Lewis (abstain)

Ari Grossman-Naples

Barbara Hanley

Melissa Isavoran

Briae Lewis* (Corvallis City Councilor)

Cindee Lolik* (Business Community)

Charles Maughan* (Corvallis Mayor)
(excused)

Pegge McGuire* (CSC Director)

Andrea Myhre (joining at 4:30)

Chanale Propst

Nancy Wyse* (County Commissioner)

* Executive Committee Members



Progress Update

- New projects in Benton County that implement HOPE Recommendations.
- Role of Coordinated Office staff to support and coordinate community partners.
- Community updates will happen regularly at HOPE meetings.



KEYS FOR THE PEOPLE

A BIPOC-CENTERED HOUSING FESTIVAL

Make connections. Build community. Cultivate equity.



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Linn Benton Branch



Keys for the People

Community Event

April 29, 2023

Ty Anderson-Hubler


Coordinator

Linn Benton Health Equity
Alliance (LBHEA)

Coordinated entry (CE): A system-level improvement



Prioritizing our most vulnerable folks for housing with data-informed decisions and human-centered case conferencing.

- **Coordinated Office** 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 housing resources & funding to help most vulnerable
-  role: HMIS and case conferencing

Progress on Coordinated Entry

- CSC is convening community partners twice per month for case conferencing:
 - Making housing connections
 - Learning about gaps/needs
- Coordinated Office staff has supported consistent Release of Information (ROI) language across organizations so we can talk to each other about helping folks with housing.

HOPE Rec. #9: Communications

Countywide
communication
and outreach for
education,
collaboration, and
system
improvements

Coordinated Office outreach:

- Monroe City Council
- Adair Village City Council
- Philomath City Council
- Albany City Council 5/22/23
- Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) outreach events in Monroe and Alsea 5/23/23

**City of
Corvallis:
Consolidated
Plan**

**Brigetta Olson
Housing Manager
Community Development
City of Corvallis**

Benton County Coordinated Homeless Response Office:

Strategic Plan Draft Community Engagement

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Coordinated Office Staff



- April Holland, Interim County Health Director
- Rebecca Taylor, Project Manager
- Julie Arena, Program Coordinator

Today's Goals: Understanding and Feedback



The work and history that got us **where we are today in Benton County**



HOPE Policy Recommendations Integration

Mission ➔ Values ➔ Policies ➔ Operations



HB 4123 **Coordinated Office Strategic Plan**

- HOPE Policy Recommendations & HB 4123 priority areas
- Review a draft strategic plan
- Hear HOPE Board feedback

Why?

Everyone in Benton County should have the opportunity to live in decent, safe, and affordable housing.

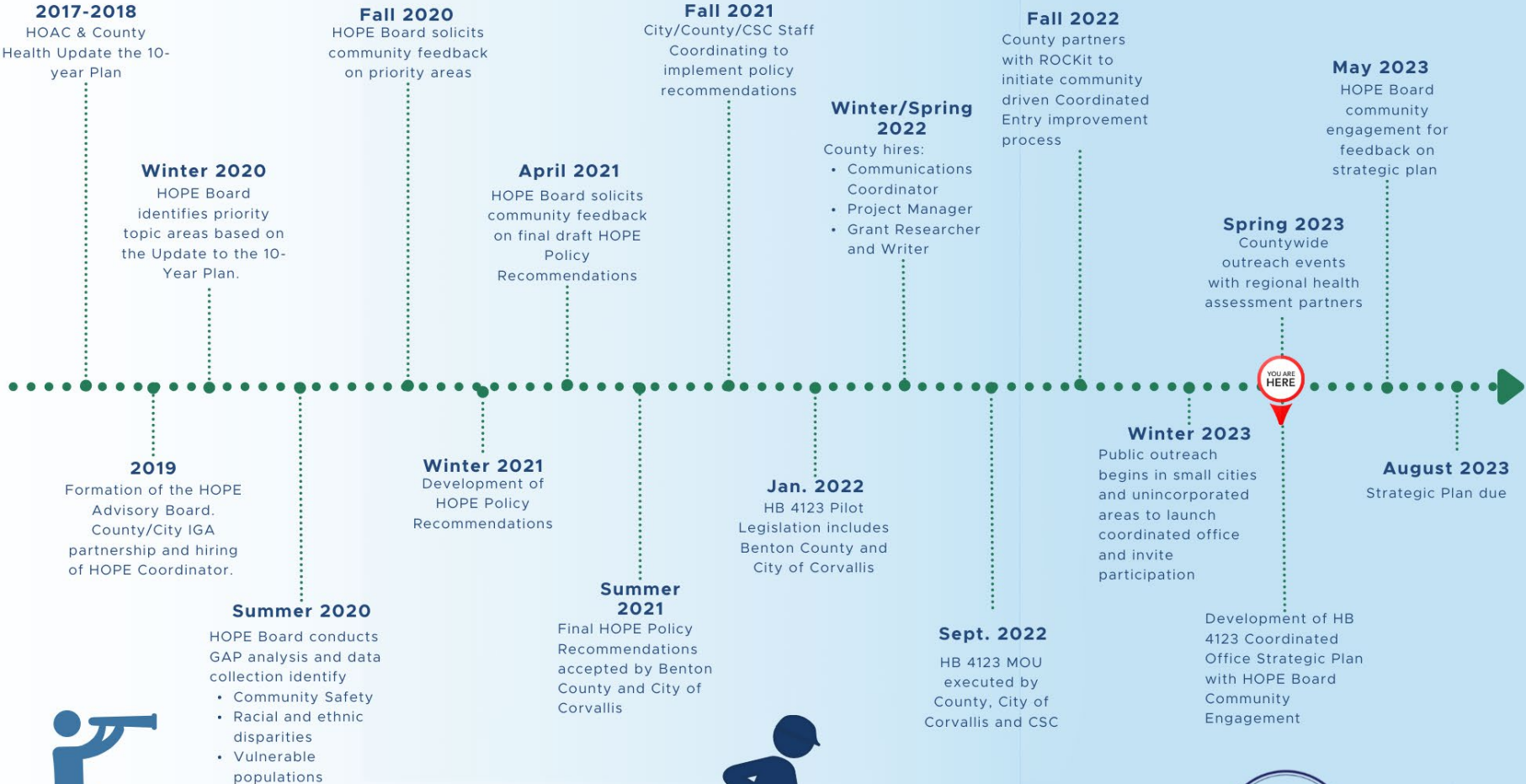
- HOPE Bylaws



The Coordinated Office creates a framework to provide **cross-sector operational coordination** to support *countywide efforts* and support cities and service providers with the ultimate goal to sustain housing in every community.

Community Progress Timeline

The Foundation for a Coordinated Homeless Response in Benton County, OR



From Policy to Progress...

What are we hoping to achieve today with the HOPE Board?

Strat Plan purposes:

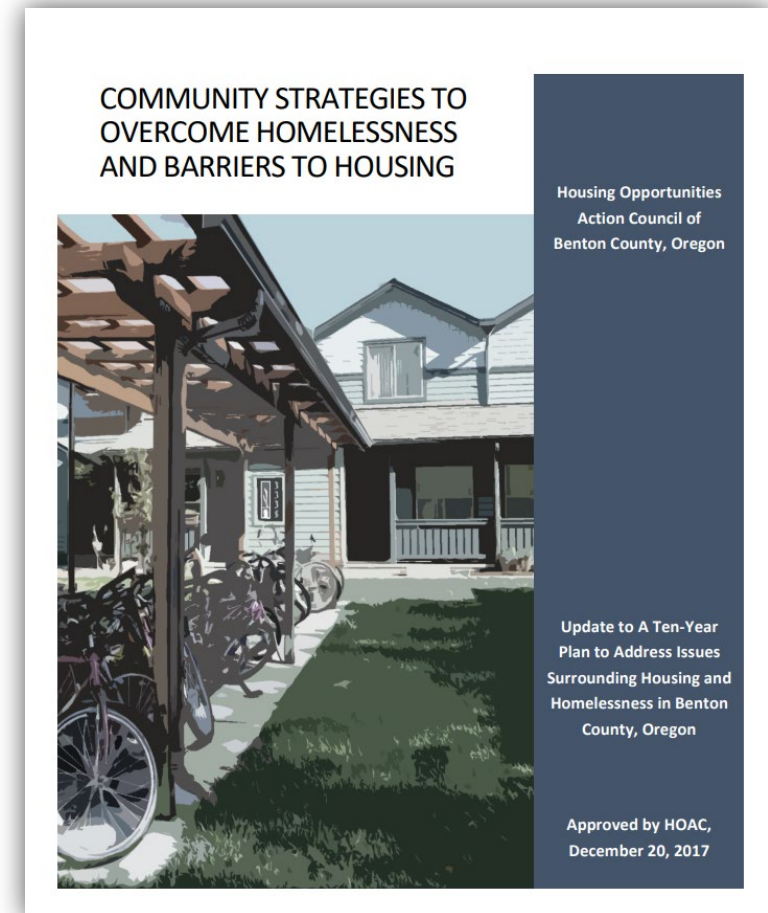
- Goal 1: Strategic Plan communicates our local work to the State within the framework they are funding.
- Goal 2: Strategic Plan guides staff work to implement policy recommendations.
- Goal 3: Community Roadmap

HOPE Feedback Purpose:

Help us effectively communicate our local work to the State and to Benton County communities.

Update to the 10-year Plan

- Recommended advancing priority policy recommendations – led to the creation of HOPE Board.
- Identified strategic priorities across the whole spectrum of housing issues – "Broad Intervention Areas"
 - Research and best practices in the field show are each key to reducing homelessness.



HOPE Values from Bylaws:

- Use data to drive assessments, prioritization and accountability.
- Take a comprehensive systems and multi-sector approach.
- Engage and involve the community, not just direct service providers.
- Prioritize vulnerable populations.
- Promote community safety for all.
- Promote racial and ethnic justice.

HB 4123 strategic plan requirements:

- Sustainable funding for ongoing operations of coordinated homeless response system.
- Increasing or streamlining resources and services to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
- Incorporating national best practices for ending homelessness.
- Eliminating racial disparities within the service area.
- Create pathways to permanent and supportive housing that is affordable to local populations experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Alignment of HOPE Policy Recommendations with HB 4123

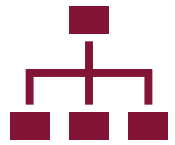
HOPE Policy Recommendations	HB 4123 Required Focus Areas				
	Sustainable Funding to support the ongoing operations of the coordinated homeless response system	Increasing or streamlining resources and services to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.	Incorporating national best practices for ending homelessness	Eliminating racial disparities within homeless services within the services area;	Creating pathways to permanent and supportive housing that is affordable to local populations experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
Facilitate and coordinate data improvement efforts with community partners.			X		
Work with providers to create metrics for successful program goals.			X		
Prioritize collaboration and coordination of providers and partners with routine meetings for improved care coordination facilitated by a full-time staff member.		X	X		X
Collaborate with social services and health care partners to increase the number of paid full-time case managers to support people transitioning out of homelessness.	X	X			
Pursue implementation of a crisis response team and collect data on the scope and scale of need for crisis response.		X		X	
Provide organizational capacity to facilitate and coordinate providers in establishing a 24/7/365 Sheltering System for all populations with onsite resources at shelter locations to transition people out of homelessness.		X	X	X	
Facilitate and support the creation of a Resource Center		X	X	X	X
Explore and investigate the need and the barriers to accessing housing for individuals and their families in our community whose history has impacted their ability to secure housing				X	X
Provide routine communication, notice, and opportunities for community involvement on the topic of homelessness services.					
Increase development or acquisition of affordable housing units for permanent supportive housing (PSH) by 20 new units per year for the next eight years to add at a minimum 160 new units of PSH in Benton County.		X			X
Increase available rental/income assistance options.	X				
Increase supportive services and stable funding streams to provide services to residents at more affordable housing locations.	X	X			

Development since the March HOPE meeting:

We are organizing our 5-year strategic plan with the same broad priority areas from the 10-year plan to accomplish the following:

- Strategic priorities that are inclusive and relevant for community partners working on urban and rural solutions.
- Showing alignment for collective impact.
- Community roadmap of all the work beyond HOPE recs and HB 4123 requirements.
- Holding space for countywide and even regional approaches.

5-year Strategic Plan will inform our work as Coordinated Homeless Response Office



- **Leadership, structure, and support** for providers and system improvements.



- Build **sustainable resources and additional funding** beyond the local level.



- Central point of **communication**.

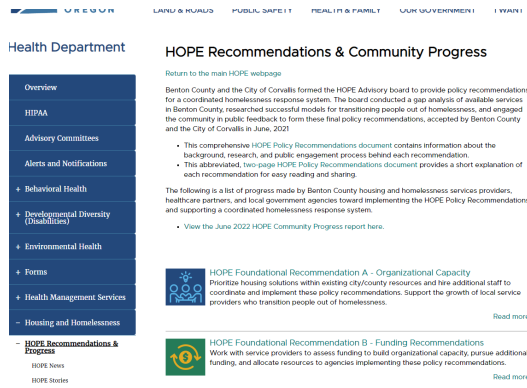


- **Community engagement**.

Coordinated Office Strategic Priorities

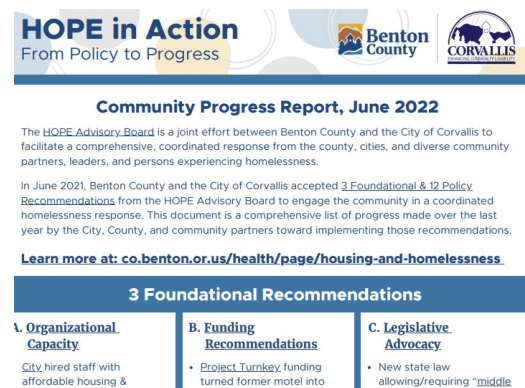
- Strategic Plan feedback work session
- Does this make sense?
- Will it be understandable to a broad range of community members?

Central Point of Communications



HOPE Website

- [Central point of communication](#)



Graphics & Visuals

- [Storytelling](#)



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Social Media

- [Amplifying aligned messaging through partner engagement](#)





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