



**Home, Opportunity, Planning, and Equity (HOPE)
Executive Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes
April 12, 2023 from 4 pm to 5 pm
Virtual Meeting**



Members Present: Nancy Wyse* (Benton County Commissioner); Charles Maughan* (Mayor); Pegge McGuire* (CSC); Cindee Lolik* (Business Community Member); Catherine Biscoe* (Co-Chair)

Excused: None

Absent: Briae Lewis* (Corvallis City Councilor)

Staff Present: Julie Arena (Benton County Health, HOPE Program Coordinator)

Community Members: none

*Executive Committee Members.

- I. Welcome and Introductions. Meeting overview.
- II. Public Comment: none.
- III. March 2023 Executive Committee Meeting minutes approval. Pegge moves to approve, Charles seconds, Cindee abstains. Minutes approved.
- IV. Debrief from March HOPE meeting: well-received, good snapshot in time of where we’ve been and where we’re going. Helped provide good foundational understanding for people not involved.
 - a. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) feedback – what role could the HOPE board play to improve upon EDI policies or add some EDI components to existing HOPE Recommendations?
 - i. Pegge – received feedback from staff about racism in shelter environments. Some solutions: more single-resident occupancy (SRO) shelter options, conduct policies for racists actions. Options available for Black centered shelter or queer centered shelter options in Portland.
 - ii. Talking to City of Corvallis’s Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) committee for feedback that the Exec committee can discuss: which items or policies to take to the full HOPE board to add an EDI policy layer to any existing recommendations?
 - iii. HOPE Exec request for Corvallis City Council: can HOPE Board present to JEDI and ask for feedback?

iv. Motion: Pegge – The HOPE Executive Committee requests Corvallis city council allow some HOPE representatives to approach the JEDI committee to review the HOPE recommendations and offer insights and/or policy recommendations. The HOPE Exec committee would like to examine their feedback and discuss the option of adding any policy layers to existing HOPE recommendations to factor in DEI considerations. The intent of this policy input is to reduce the disparities of people from marginalized communities in our homeless system.

1. Charles seconds, all approve, motion passes.

v. Julie to send directly to Charles to discuss with city leadership.

V. New Member Board Application discussion and vote. New applicant brings youthful perspective to board and is a member of a marginalized community. Experience in research and policy making on this topic from University of Oregon. No concerns from any members. Nancy moves to approve application, Pegge seconds, motion passes.

a. Julie to reach out to new member with an invitation to join board. Will brief them on the roles/functions of the board, time commitment, etc.

VI. Agenda setting for May 2023 HOPE Board meeting:

a. Housekeeping: public comment and minutes approval.

b. Community Updates:

i. Update on JEDI input on EDI policies for HOPE Board.

ii. Intergovernmental Council (IGC) and Coordinated Office Rural Outreach update

iii. State funding update – legislation in the pipeline, already signed.

c. Community engagement and feedback: Strategic Plan

i. HOPE Board’s role in HB 4123: review and feedback of draft strategic plan content. City and county staff attend to present and hear HOPE’s feedback.

1. 1.5 hours of meeting. Feedback about any other projects that fall under areas of this plan.

ii. Intent is to send out Strategic Plan two weeks ahead of time.

1. Idea from Pegge – look for the Money map from MWVCAA – shows all the money that comes to the table on this issue regardless of the source of the funding. What’s funding the whole system.
- d. May meeting will be hybrid in-person and virtual. Julie to test run IT equipment next week. Julie will send out this update to Board one week prior to estimate in-person attendees.