



HOPE Advisory Board

October 2023 Public Meeting



10/25/2023

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 September 2023 meeting minutes.....4:10pm
- IV. Co-Chair Election.....4:15pm
- V. HOPE Board Action Items in HB 4123 Strategic Plan.....4:30pm
- VI. HOPE Advisory Board Bylaw Amendments.....5:00pm
- 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

Board Membership Update

- Two new members: Ailiah Schafer and Matthew Easdale
- 20 Total members, room for one more

Benton County Coordinated Homeless Response Office:

HOPE Advisory Board Action Items in HB 4123 Strategic Plan

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The Strategic Plan

- I. Community and Organizational Systems and Policy Change
- II. Comprehensive Care Coordination
- III. Prevention
- IV. Street Outreach and Rapid Response
- V. Housing
- VI. Community Engagement, Inclusion, & Neighborhood Belonging

Strategic Plan Revised formatting: 5-year Timeline with integrated metrics

The Work: Actions – Projects – Progress	Partners	Timeline				
		FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
1. Solicit projects and allocate housing and community development funding annually.	Lead: City of Corvallis	Annually				
2. Support coordination and additional funding for affordable units and shelter capacity.						
3. Modify county code language to allow vehicle camping and micro-shelter options.	Lead: Benton County Coordinated Office Collaborators: Unity Shelter, City of Corvallis	2021				
4. Support funding and coordination for the Navigation Center to add more 24/7/365 sheltering for all populations.	Lead: Benton County Coordinated Office					
5. Maintain partner commitments and program models that can be scalable to site availability and funding. (e.g. Project Turnkey 2.0)	Convenor: Benton County Coordinated Office Collaborators: All community partners					
6. Provide affordable housing technical support to rural areas and smaller cities.	Lead: City of Corvallis	As needed				
7. Determine appropriate metrics for affordable housing production at various area median income (AMI) levels	Leads: City of Corvallis Collaborators: All community partners	2023 – 2024				
8. Supporting community partners in sustaining the retention of affordable housing efforts						
9. Increasing access to units by working in partnership with landlords to better serve marginalized populations.	Lead: Coo					

VI. Community Engagement, Inclusion, & Neighborhood Belonging

Review from
8/23

Current draft action items that involve HOPE:

- HOPE Advisory Board community progress updates to highlight partner achievements.
- Improve public visibility of HOPE Advisory Board as Community Education forum.
- Build Communitywide awareness and understanding in and around homelessness.

VI. Community Engagement, Inclusion, & Neighborhood Belonging

Proposed action items that involve HOPE:

NEW BUSINESS

- **Educational components and community progress updates.**
 - Schedule educational components for HOPE Board meetings that elevate speakers and issues from communities of color around housing and homelessness.
 - Invite Culturally Responsive Organizations to attend HOPE Board meetings and share progress updates.
 - HOPE Board members attend existing community forums as a HOPE ambassador.
- **Community engagement and Inclusion:**
 - Ensure HOPE Board membership includes representation from communities of color, marginalized groups, and people have personally experienced homelessness.
 - Evaluate ways to make HOPE Board participation more available to all community members.

Benton County Coordinated Homeless Response Office:

HOPE Advisory Board Bylaw Amendments. Integrating HB 4123 Requirements

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Update and Discussion

HOPE Advisory Board Bylaw Amendments



Integrating HB 4123 Organizational Components.



Scope and Purpose of Amendments

What is Changing?



Next Steps

Integrating the organizational components required by House Bill 4123 for a Benton County Coordinated Homeless Response System that includes:

- **Formation of a Coordinated Homeless Response Office (CHRO) and hiring necessary support staff. Includes:**
 - HOPE Program Coordinator, HOPE Project Manager, and Grant Researcher and Writer.
- **An Advisory Board with representation from the governing body from each member government.**
 - To date, Benton County has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (HB 4123 MOU) with the Cities of Corvallis and Philomath, and Community Services Consortium (CSC).
- **Support coordinated communications, public engagement and outreach for policy development.**

Scope and Purpose of Amendments

Presented to Board of Commissioners 10/24

- Create clear distinction between the operational and policy functions within the Coordinated Homeless Response System.
- Formalize the formation of the Advisory Board as specifically required by HB 4123.
- Define the role of the HOPE Board within the System.
- Increase transparency of the System for improved community engagement.

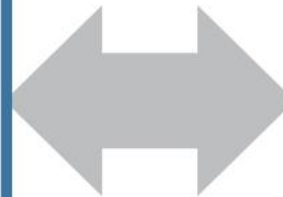


CURRENT STRUCTURE

- Board of Commissioners
- City Council



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- Community Services Consortium
- Government Operations





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PROPOSED STRUCTURE



- **Board of Commissioners**
- **City Council**
- **Community Services Consortium**



**Coordinated
Office
Staff**



**HOPE
Executive
Committee**



**HOPE
Community
Engagement
Board**

Coordinated Homeless Response System: The HOPE Advisory Board's Role



Forum for community and stakeholder engagement, consisting of a wide array of community expertise and representation of groups working on homelessness, housing, and social determinants of health.



Liaison between the community and the governing boards of each member government of the Intergovernmental Council in collaboration with the Coordinated Office for policy improvement.



Input to support the development and ongoing updates of the 5-year Strategic Plan.

Next Steps.

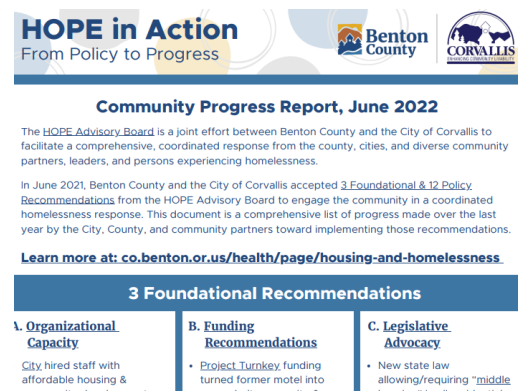
- 10/10: Direction from BOC. (Completed)
- 10/11: Update to Executive Committee. (Completed)
- 10/24: Present first draft amendments to BOC. (Completed)
- 10/25: Update to HOPE Advisory Board. (Today)
- 11/6: Informational update to City Council.
- 11/13: BOC adoption
- 12/4: City Council adoption.

Central Point of Communications



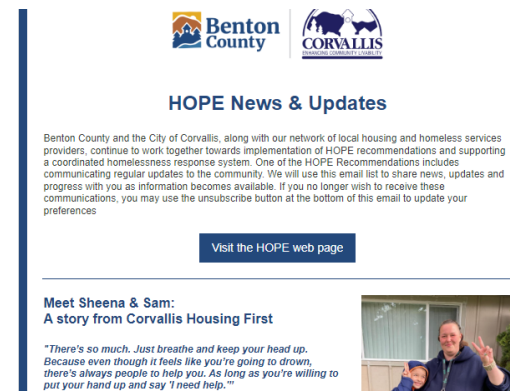
HOPE Website

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Graphics & Visuals

- [Storytelling](#)



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Social Media

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



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