



**Home, Opportunity, Planning, and Equity (HOPE)
Executive Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes
October 11, 2023 from 4 pm to 5 pm
Virtual Meeting**



Members Present: Charles Maughan* (Mayor); Briae Lewis* (Corvallis City Councilor); Catherine Biscoe* (Co-Chair); Nancy Wyse* (Benton County Commissioner); Cindee Lolik* (Business Community Member) (CSC)
Excused: Julie Arena, HOPE coordinator; Pegge McGuire*
Absent: None
Staff Present: April Holland (Interim Health Director); Rebecca Taylor (Benton County Health, HOPE Project Manager); Paula Felipe (Environmental Health Support Expert)
Community Members: Chris Ligterink (Guest)
*Executive Committee Members.

- I. **Welcome and Introductions.** Meeting overview.
- II. **Public Comment:** none.
- III. Mel Keller from Fair Housing Council (FHC) was unable to join to talk fair housing opportunities at this time.
- IV. **Meeting Minutes Approval.** Charles Maughan made a **MOTION** to approve the September 2023 minutes, Briae Lewis seconded the Motion, which passed and is approved. Cindee Lolik abstains.
- V. **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion HB 4123 Strategic Plan items for inclusion** (Rebecca Taylor)
 - a. Review items sent via email
 - b. To improve coordination services for homeless: working to meet requirements of funding including 5 year strategic plan.
 - c. Look at ways to leverage resources in community.
 - d. Look at items to include in strategic plan, including equity work.
 - e. Key component to eliminate racial disparities in homeless services.
 - f. HOPE bylaws elevate that as important component in local response and we want to align with community response. Highlight alignment with equity and inclusion.

g. Updates to the 10 year plan: community engagement and inclusion.

Questions/Comments:

- Charles: what is done with that information? Rebecca: part of process of planning; context likely due to other housing initiatives we are working on; HB 5019 workgroup focused on 31 people to be housed by June. And how to deploy those resources, so need to identify populations and find ways to leverage resources to reach them. HOPE as board with body of expertise; and accountability structure. Charles: supportive of language.
- Catherine: Like idea of education to have partners present to us; when we talk about inclusion with 4-6 pm meeting time, that is also dinner time for families. Do we want broader community forum? School gymnasium was an engaged location—topic around accessibility. Would we reach more people that way.
- Catherine: Another topic: Need a liaison group—we say we don't know how they find more time—why aren't we asking for HOPE board members to serve on their boards? And report back to this board to report so we are not putting so much on Casa Latinos or NAACP and other groups. So HOPE gathers info and bring it back to us. To be more community engaged and meet where they are at. Important consideration – community engagement.
- Rebecca: how to participate in existing forms and advisory committees. Catherine: confidence you can capture that in language—we should go to the folks instead of expecting them come to us on the HOPE board.
- Charles: Make sure we are inviting those organizations; and encourage board members to participate in other organizations, at the very least.
- Cindee: board members meet with business organizations to help inform our work in HOPE. Christina at Corvallis; Julie gave us contact info; Lane county working on

presentation on how to deal with mental health issues and addiction issues when people come into your business. We are working with them. I will reach out to Joel Goodwin and Shawn at Unity Shelter to see if they can present to community at large. And we can do a HOPE update—about having confidence to deal with people one on one.

VI. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion collaboration

- a. Charles: Jedi board meeting to discuss role and responsibility and public meeting law. Have them come to our meetings in future and visa versa and collaborate.

VII. Agenda setting for October 25th HOPE Board meeting

- a. October in-person and virtual hybrid meeting
- b. Co-Chair Election (5 minutes on Oct. agenda) Charles: If multiple people, think of best method of voting after each has opportunity to share background and interest. Send out email reminder about election and give people time to think about it. Include if can self-nominate. Rebecca will send out agenda a week before the next meeting. Could include topic in subject line of email too.
- c. Educational Components and Community Updates
 - i. Educational Ideas for discussion for October and/or November meetings (April Holland): HOPE Bylaws and ICA with City and County; HB 4123 requirements of strategic plan; governing council to serve as advisory board for policy issues, all pieces are really giving us an opportunity to look at foundational documents. To look at where guidance should be centered. Sought guidance from Board of Commissioners on how to center adoption of strategic plan with expertise that sits with this body.

Discussion/Comments:

- Rebecca: Take a look at bylaws and new tools and figure out how to enable executive committee to fulfill the role of advisory board as required by HB 4123. Great opportunity

to align our county documents to leverage great resources in development over many years. Hope to accomplish change to bylaws to have a ripple impact for MOA, to provide a collaboration for City of Corvallis and Benton County. To have unity and move forward with Strategic Plan. Hope to go before BOC on Oct 24/25; BOC might recommend HOPE review draft and come back with their recommendations to integrate into that document.

- April and Charles in close communications with coordinated office partners on these issues and with other HOPE executive members.
- Catherine: bring bylaws in congruence—I like that word. Reviewing HOPE bylaws; advisory board as described in HB4123; subject matter expert component; coordinated care organization; speak to importance of work on strategic plan and with executive committee to define more clearly to capture intergovernmental council with executive committee component of HOPE advisory board.
- April, Libbi, and Rebecca will be in communication with HOPE Executive Committee and will bring proposed changes to this committee or to full board.
- April: HOPE bylaws could use some massaging; to align the work of HOPE with requirements of House Bill and to center expertise of board, and involve you all into this work. All learning along the way really valuable; merging and expertise we have now could hit a sweet spot and valuable journey.
- Rebecca: Having historical knowledge is valuable and it is collaborative process. And some members have seen how this has been implemented over the years.
- Put space in Agenda for the meeting on the 25th—board agrees.
- Catherine: excited about this—a lot has changed and appropriate to do review and to have two sets of resources and core sits with this group and collectively bring those in comprehensive package and bring that forward.

VIII. Items from last Exec meeting were not discussed due to limited time, so consider the following for next meeting's agenda items:

- a. League of Women voters for community engagement event in 2024 – overlap and alignment with HOPE and staff where relevant. Catherine to follow up when ready.
- b. Briae's ward 2 community event, any update to share?
- c. Reviewing Bylaws – this item will come after county process for roles.
- d. McKinney Vento program for school children (Sarah Devine as guest speaker – would likely take about 20 minutes with another 15 for questions and discussion)
- e. Update from service providers – we have multiple new Executive Directors in the social service system who could be introduced to the community: Greg Moore COI, Emma Deane CHANCE, Stephanie McClure CARDV, Kendra Phillips Neal JSYS (kendra.phillipsneal@jacksonstreet.org and director@jacksonstreet.org). Could also include Unity, CHF, and CDDC for roundtable updates about program expansions/changes/urgent needs. (This would take more like an hour plus questions and discussion.)

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 pm.