



**Home, Opportunity, Planning, and Equity (HOPE)
Executive Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes
December 6, 2023 from 4 pm to 5 pm
Virtual Meeting**



Members Present: Catherine Biscoe* (Co-Chair); Charles Maughan* (Mayor); Briae Lewis* (Corvallis City Councilor); Nancy Wyse* (Benton County Commissioner); Sarah Devine (Co-Chair)*; Cindee Lolik* (Business Community Member);

Excused: Pegge McGuire (Community Action Agency Director)*; Rebecca Taylor (Benton County Health, HOPE Project Manager)

Absent: None

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

Community Members:
*Executive Committee Members.

- I. **Welcome and Introductions.** Meeting overview.
- II. **Public Comment:** none.
- III. **The November 2023 Executive Committee Meeting minutes approval.** Cindee Lolik moves to approve the minutes with one minor correction, Nancy seconds. Catherine abstains. Approved.
- IV. **HOPE Bylaw Draft Amendment Discussion.** HB 4123 requirements to form a coordinated homeless response system, including having an advisory board to act as a liaison to member governments of coordinated system. Last year we had MOU with Benton County, City of Corvallis, City of Philomath, and Community Service Consortium, to collaborate and fulfill the requirements of HB 4123. Formed intergovernmental council to include representation from operational standpoint. Want to make sure community engagement components and expertise of HOPE closely informs strategic plan adoption. Want better continuity in planning process with HOPE advisory board and HOPE Executive Board. Executive Committee needs to make changes moving forward.
 - a. HOPE presented proposed changes to the Board of Commissioners. Got feedback on formatting and since Bylaws dictate 2-year term, but other advisory boards have 3-year terms, we made that change to the Bylaws, and the BOC was comfortable with the proposed changes.
 - b. City of Corvallis provided an update on November 6th.
 - c. Philomath City Manager provided Corvallis with amendment bylaws along with MOA for HB 4123 – to change as executive committee serving as advisory board. They were comfortable with those changes.
 - d. We returned to the BOC on November 13th for final approval and then the changes went out to the rest of MOU members for final approval.

- e. Changes in structure of Executive Committee (to comply with HB 4123). As we implement changes moving forward, the membership on executive committee will change. Likely Sarah's term will be limited. Want more continuity between HOPE advisory board, the executive committee to have close engagement with chartering jurisdictions. Relying heavily on input from this group.

V. Agenda setting for future HOPE Board Meetings:

- a. December meeting: have main Kalapuya room reserved.
- b. Educational Components and Community Update:
 - i. Continuum of Care – Pegge at least 5 min foundation, then however much time she wants. News coverage images and links for the board.
 - ii. HB 5019 Funding: shelter funds update. Invite Shawn Collins or another Unity representative to share the impact it is having on shelter operations? 10 for a CHRO update, 15-20 minutes from Unity's perspective.
 - iii. HOPE and 4123 exec committee update – IGC members, build in time for intros if they can attend 20
 - iv. Fair Housing Council? Prefer January or February – check with Mel about her preference.
- c. Public Engagement and Feedback
 - i. Last meeting discussion about setting aside time for information sharing and upcoming opportunities for personal advocacy.
 - ii. Personal advocacy opportunities 10-15
- d. Corvallis City Council on 12/4: check in with Paul and Brigetta about any city updates on this topic

VI. Next Steps:

- a. January – in person highly encouraged unless unable?
 - i. Ask about budget for food for January or February dinner for second half of meeting. Activity of what else you are involved in, favorite places to hike, common interests.
- b. Julie follow up with CMLC Elena to discuss educational dates with Sarah's team.

Meeting Adjourned