

# HOPE Advisory Board

May 22, 2024 Public Meeting

Meeting Facilitated by the  
Coordinated Homeless Response Office



# 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.

# 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

Curiosity ✓

transparency

Recognize personal bias

Kindness ✓

time management

concise communication

Open minded ✓

opinions matter

data driven

Do your homework!

patience

authentic

Valuing personal experience

dedication/work ethic  
honor the expectations of  
the work



The Coordinated Homeless Response System includes these four entities.



- The Coordinated Homeless Response Office staff reside within Benton County Health Department.
- The HOPE Board and HOPE Executive Committee have representation from elected officials and highest staff members from these four entities.

# Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome and Overview of Agenda.....4:00pm
- II. Public Comment\* (up to 10 minutes) .....4:00pm
- III. Roll Call and Meeting Minutes Approval.....4:10pm
- IV. Educational Component: Legislative Update from 2024 Session.....4:15pm  
Guest Speaker: Zack Reeves, CFM Advocates
- V. Community Progress Update: The Situation Table.....4:40pm  
Guest Speakers: Captain Joel Goodwin, Corvallis Police Department  
Dan Easdale, Corvallis Housing First
- VI. Coordinated Homeless Response Office Community Engagement.....5:15pm
  - a. HB 5019 (2023) Rapid Rehousing Initiative Update
  - b. Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) Program Development
- VII. Coordinated Homeless Response Updates from HOPE Board Members.....5:45pm

# 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, there will be an opportunity for public comments.

Can also submit written comments to the Board via email to [Julie.Arena@bentoncountyor.gov](mailto:Julie.Arena@bentoncountyor.gov)

# Vote on March 2024 minutes, roll call

Jessica Andrade\* (Philomath City Councilor)

Karyle Butcher

Bruce Butler (excused)

Alice Carter (excused)

Bryan Cotter

Cade DeLoach

Sarah Devine

Anita Earl

Matt Easdale

Joel Goodwin

Ari Grossman-Naples

Barbara Hanley

Briae Lewis\* (Corvallis City Councilor)

Rachel McEneny\* (Benton County Administrator)

Pegge McGuire\* (CSC Director) (excused)

Andrea Myhre (excused)

Ailiah Schafer

Mark Shepard\* (Corvallis City Manager)

Chris Workman\* (Philomath City Manager)

Nancy Wyse\* (County Commissioner)

\*Executive Committee Members

# HOPE Board Membership Changes 2024

## Departures

Catherine Biscoe  
Ricardo Contreras  
Aaron Lewis

Note: Openings for Co-Chairs – reach out to Julie

## New Additions

Jessica Andrade\* (Philomath City Councilor)  
Rachel McEneny\* (Benton County Administrator)  
Mark Shepard\* (Corvallis City Manager)  
Chris Workman\* (Philomath City Manager)

\*Executive Committee Members



# CFM State Affairs

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Experience  
Connections

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years  
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# AGENDA

- **2024 Legislative Session**
  - Timeline and dates
  - Major issues
- **Overview of Housing/Homelessness bills**
- **Deeper Dives**
  - SB 1537
  - SB 1530
- **Benton County-specific issues**





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# 2024 SESSION

- Important Dates and Timeline
  - February 5, 2024 – Start of Session
  - March 7, 2024 - Sine Die
  - Economic Forecast – 2/7
- Major Issues
  - Housing and Houselessness
  - M110 Changes
  - Campaign Finance Reform

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# BILLS OF INTEREST

- SB 1564 – Optional Model Housing Ordinances
- HB 4063– House Housing Omnibus Bill
- HB 4134 – Housing Oregon’s Workforce
- SB 1529– Emergency Weather Resources Update





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# SB 1537

- Housing Accountability and Production Office (HAPO)
- \$3 million for access to infrastructure programs
- Moderate-income housing revolving loan fund
- One-time UGB expansion
- Requires acceptance of up to 10 adjustments to siting and design standards



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# SB 1530

- ~\$280 million allocation to support SB 1537
  - \$65 million for existing shelters
  - \$95 million directly to cities
  - \$36 million to OHA
  - \$30 million to DAS
- Financial allocations scaled down from original proposal, but still a massive allocation for a short session



# OPEN HOUSE

We are happy to invite you to our new office

**11:00 a.m. -  
1:00 p.m.**  
**May 31, 2024**

4185 SW Research Way  
2nd floor  
Corvallis, OR 97333



**Benton  
County**  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## BENTON COUNTY \$\$\$

- \$5 million for relocation of Children and Family Services Center
- \$2.5 million to add 11 units to the County Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool
  - Pared down from original ask of \$4.9 million

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# LOOKING AHEAD

- Budget challenges
  - Creating expectation of ongoing funding
  - Leadership changes
  - City/County priorities?
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# THANK YOU

Zack Reeves | CFM Advocates | [www.cfmadvocates.com](http://www.cfmadvocates.com)

# Benton/Corvallis Situation Table

Six month update



# What is the Situation Table?

- Structured program
- Collaboration across multiple service sectors
- Addresses individuals or families at Acutely Elevated Risk
- Mobilizes resources tailored to their situation
- Rapid response – 24 to 48 hours

# Where did the Situation Table come from?

- Originated in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan in 2011
  - Adapted from a Scottish program
- Has become widespread in Canada
  - 14 Tables in Saskatchewan
  - 70 Tables in Ontario
- Started in Chelsea Massachusetts in 2015 (“Hub Model”)
  - Most dangerous city in Massachusetts in 2014, #11 in US
  - Off the “Most Dangerous Cities” list by 2019

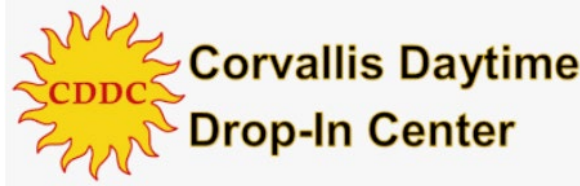
# How did it end up here?

- HOPE Advisory Board (Home, Opportunity, Planning and Equity) formed in fall of 2019
- Twelve recommendations in spring of 2021, including a coordinated response
  - Three major milestones:
    - Building support among service providers
    - Identifying a hosting agency (CORE Team)
    - Securing funding for training (IHN-CCO)
- Training held October 19 & 20, 2023
- First Situation Table October 29, 2023

# How does it work?

- Four filter process:
  - Filter 1: Originating agency screening (frontline staff)
  - Filter 2: De-identified discussion at Situation Table
    - Gender, age range, risk factors, synopsis
    - Group consensus of AER must be achieved to move to Filter 3
  - Filter 3: Identifiable discussion for agency recognition/filter 4 identification at Situation Table
  - Filter 4: Response planning at Situation Table, with intervention within 24-48 hours in the field

# Who is involved?



*Benton County  
Behavioral Health*



*Benton County  
Harm Reduction*



*Benton County  
Juvenile Department*





# How have the first six months gone?

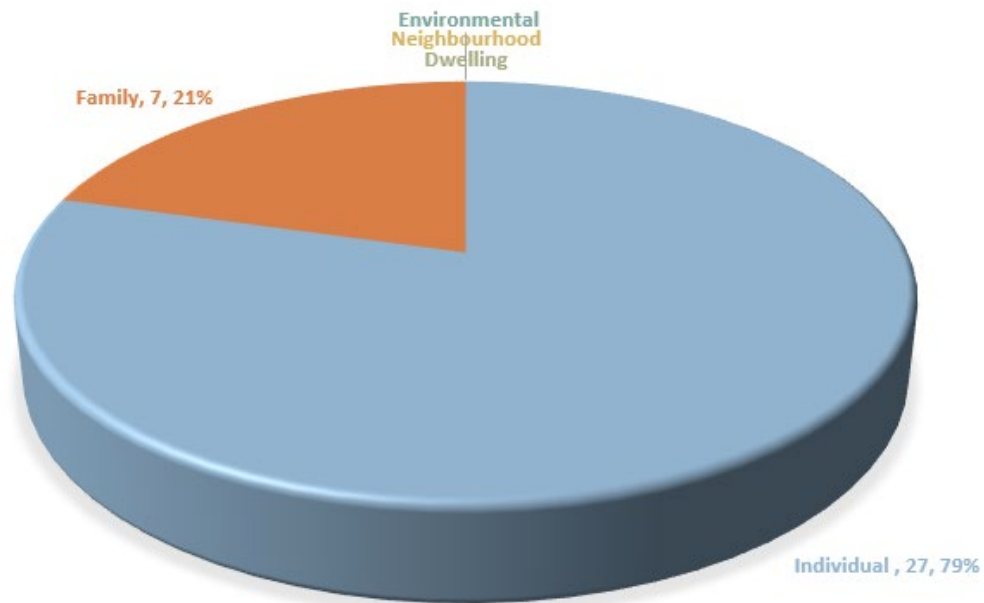
Total # of Situations

33

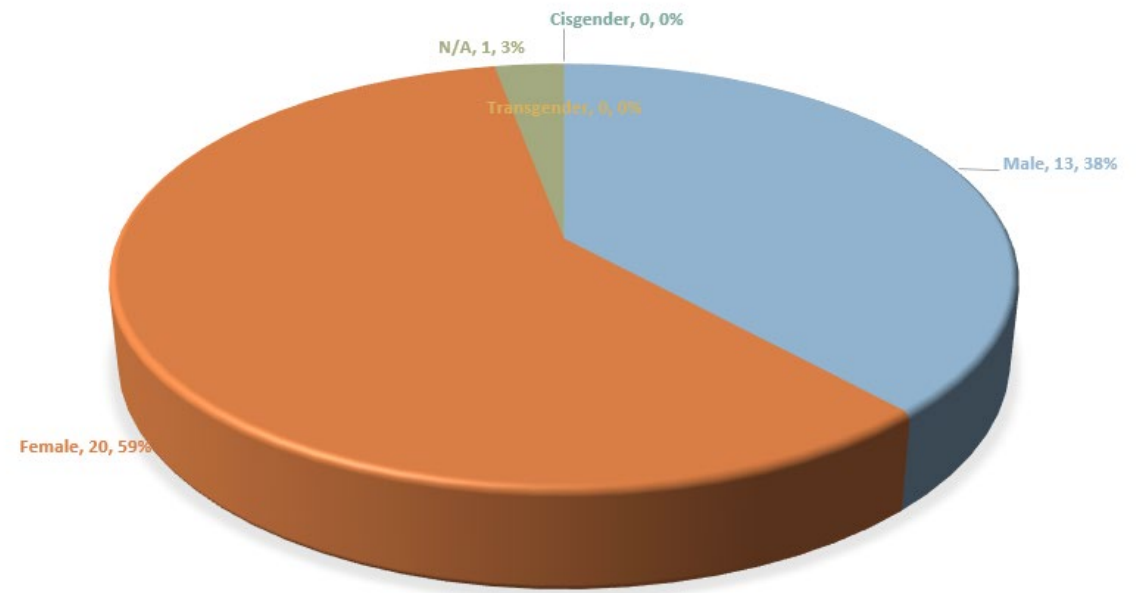
Number of People Supported

48

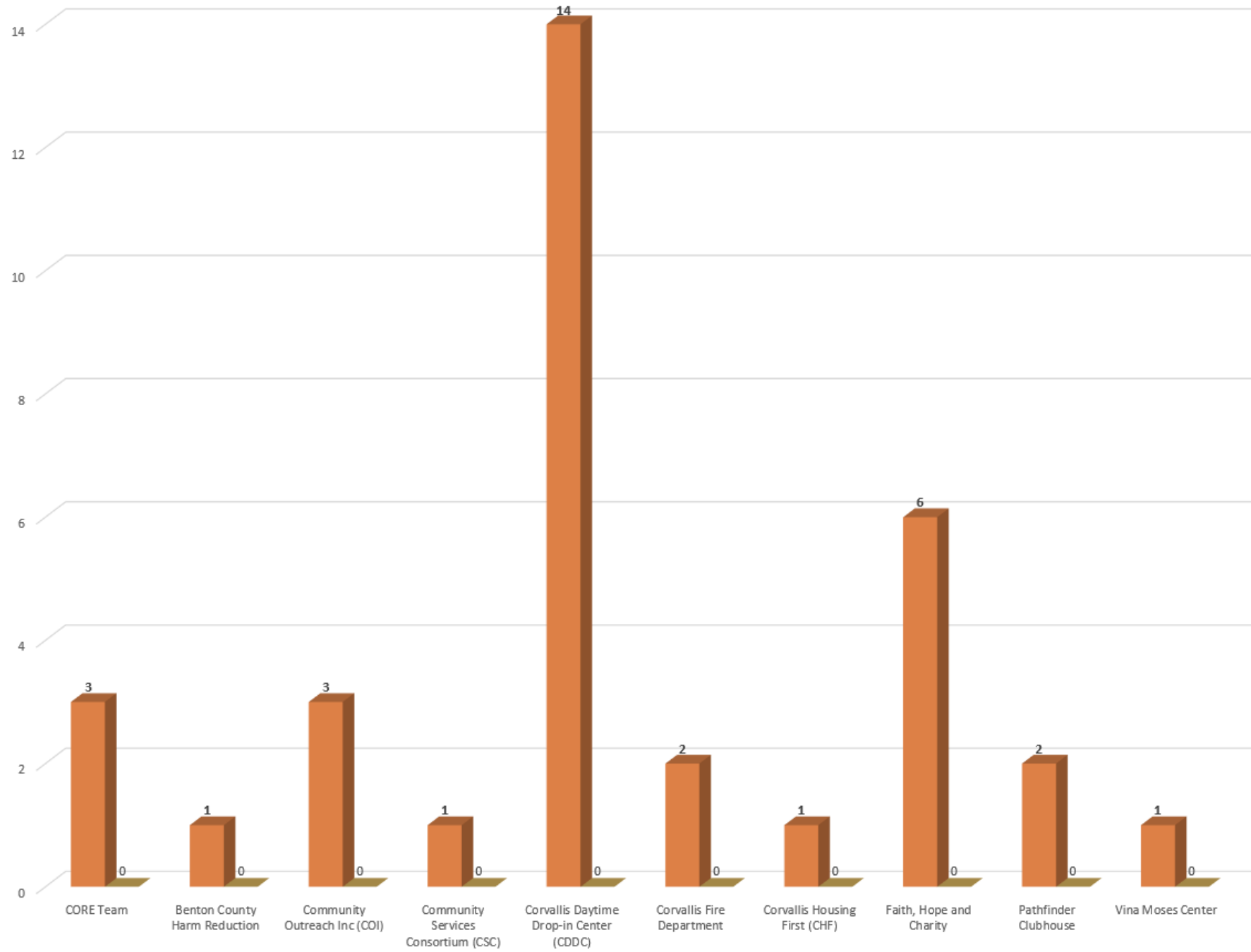
SITUATION TYPE  
(INDIVIDUAL VS. FAMILY)



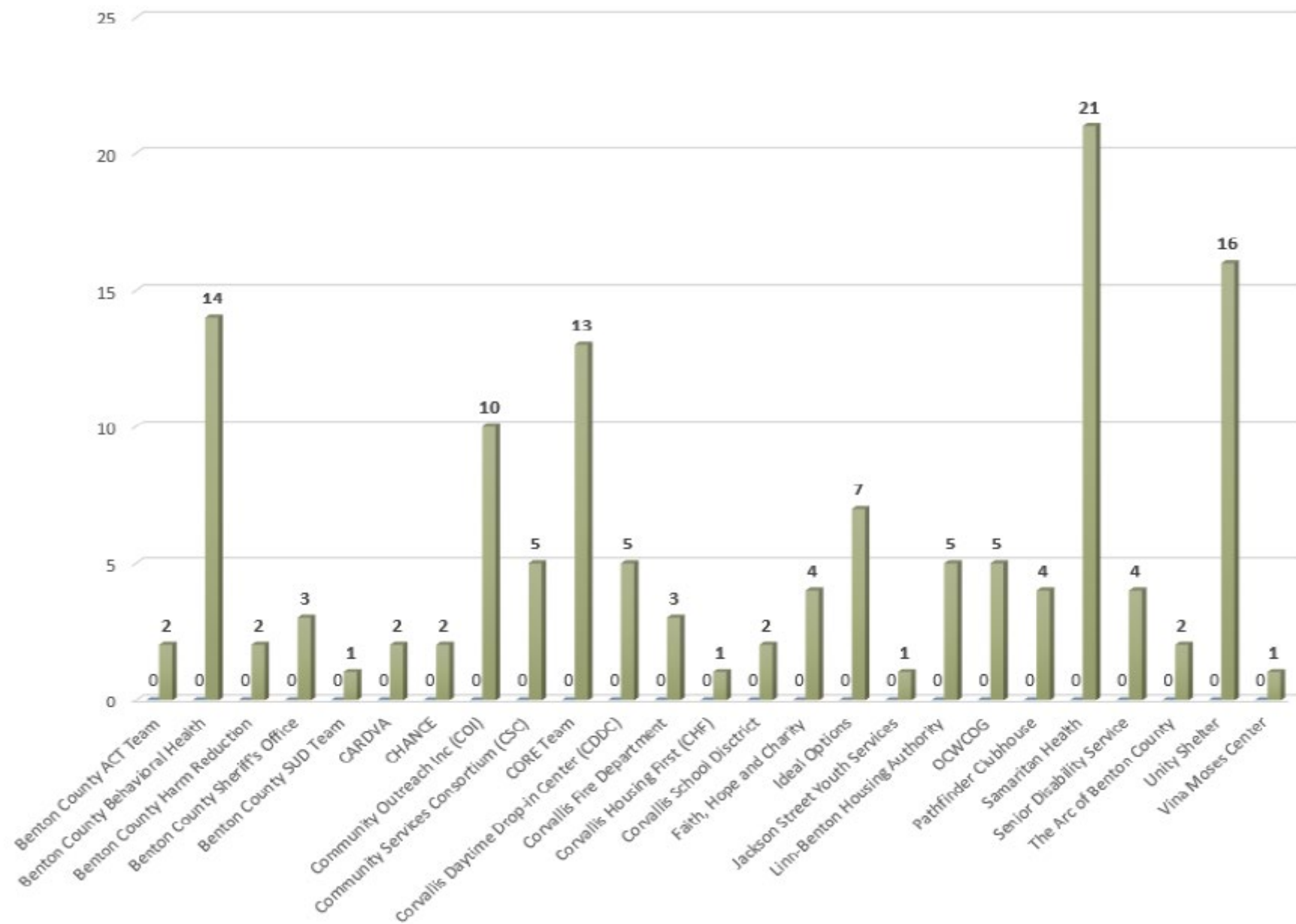
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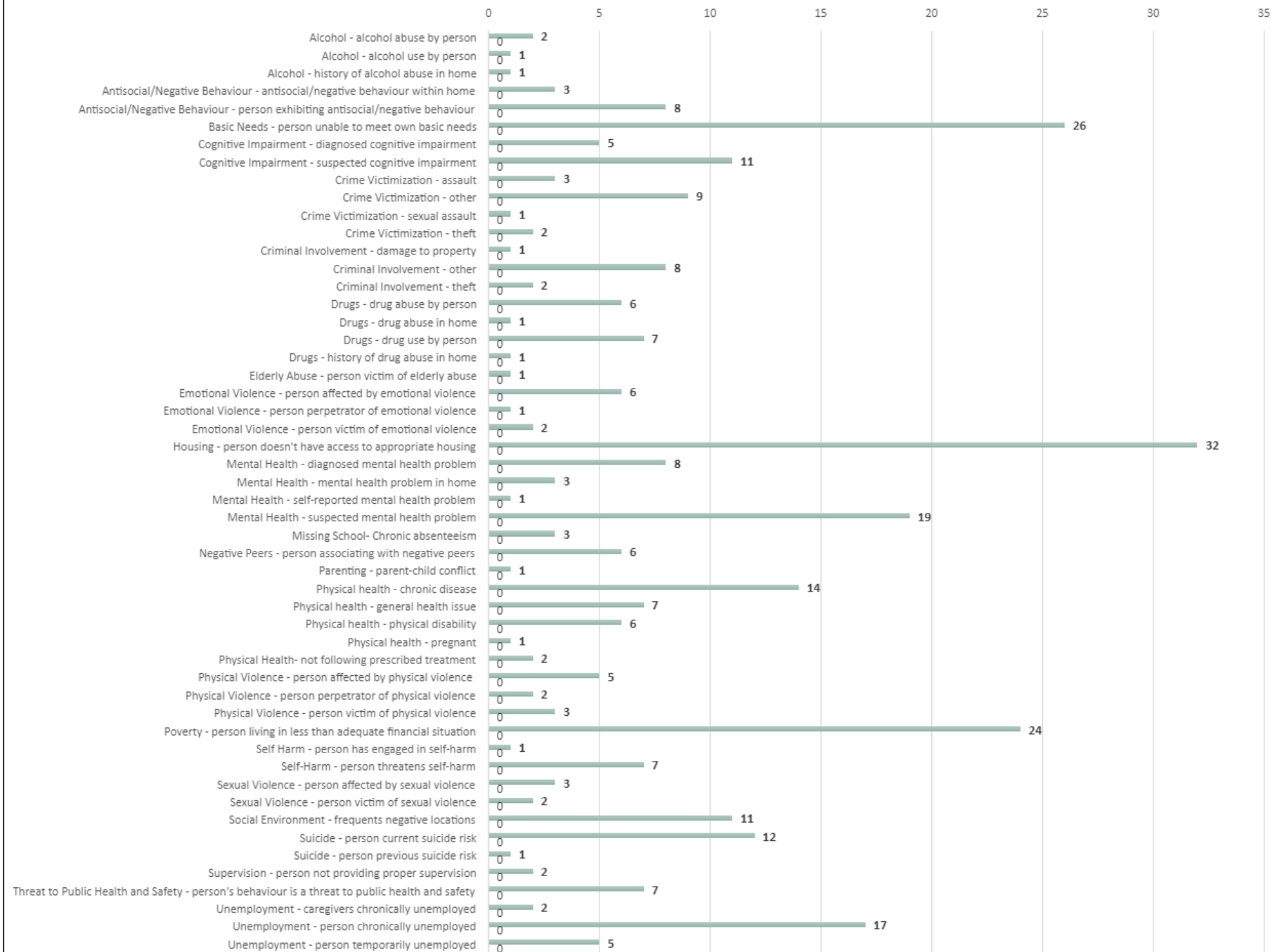
## ORIGINATING AGENCY REFERRALS



## ASSISTING AGENCIES



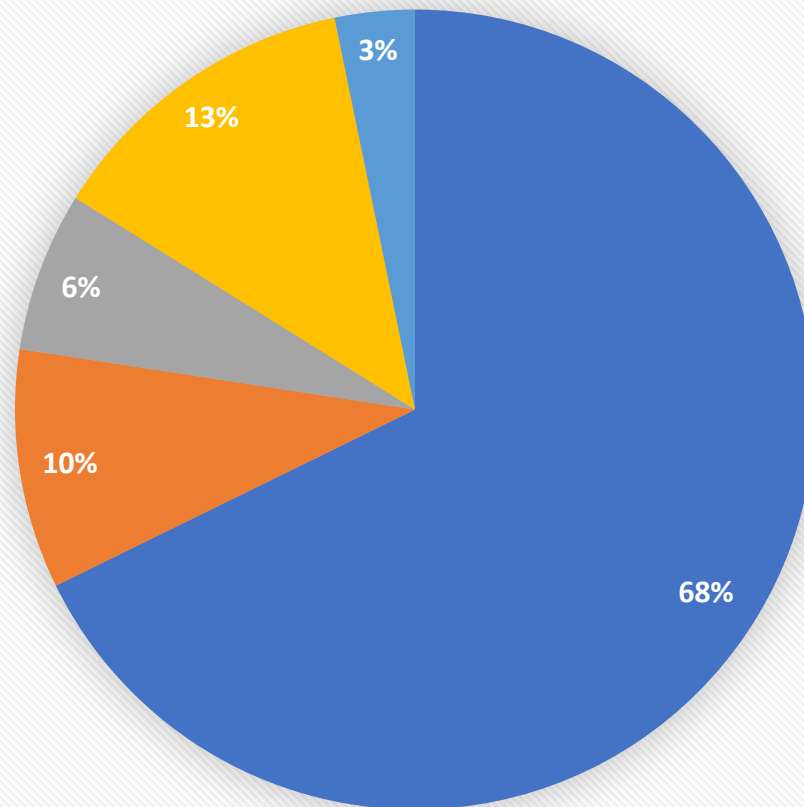
## RISK FACTORS



Reason for Closure	Count
Rejected - Originator has not exhausted all options to address the issue	1
Rejected - Situation not deemed to be one of acutely-elevated risk	1
Overall risk lowered - connected to services	20
Overall risk lowered - connected to personal supports	1
Still AER - Informed about services; not yet connected	3
Still AER -Refused services/uncooperative	2
Still AER - Systemic issue	4
Other - Unable to locate	1



## Closure reason



■ Reduced risk   ■ Informed, not connected   ■ Refused services   ■ Systemic issue   ■ Unable to locate

# 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 member governments in collaboration with the Coordinated Office for communications, community engagement, and informed decision-making for elected officials.



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

# HOPE 2024 Work Plan

May: Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) progress on program implementation – another opportunity for community partner engagement as we move forward with implementation.

August: Final community engagement session on the FHSP.

October: Severe weather emergency response plan.

\*We will be seeking HOPE members to volunteer on smaller work groups for specific projects. Example: FHSP and a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Review Committee with participation from people with lived experience with homelessness.

*Special thanks to Ari Grossman-Naples, Cade Deloach, and Barbara Hanley!*

# Coordinated Homeless Response Office Updates

## Staff:

Rebecca Taylor, Project  
Manager

Julie Arena, Program  
Coordinator

## FHSP Staffing Updates

- Housing Navigator hired
- Program Coordinator recruitment almost complete

## NOFO update

- NOFO moving into negotiations

# Staff and System Capacity for FHSP

## Staff Capacity at Benton County

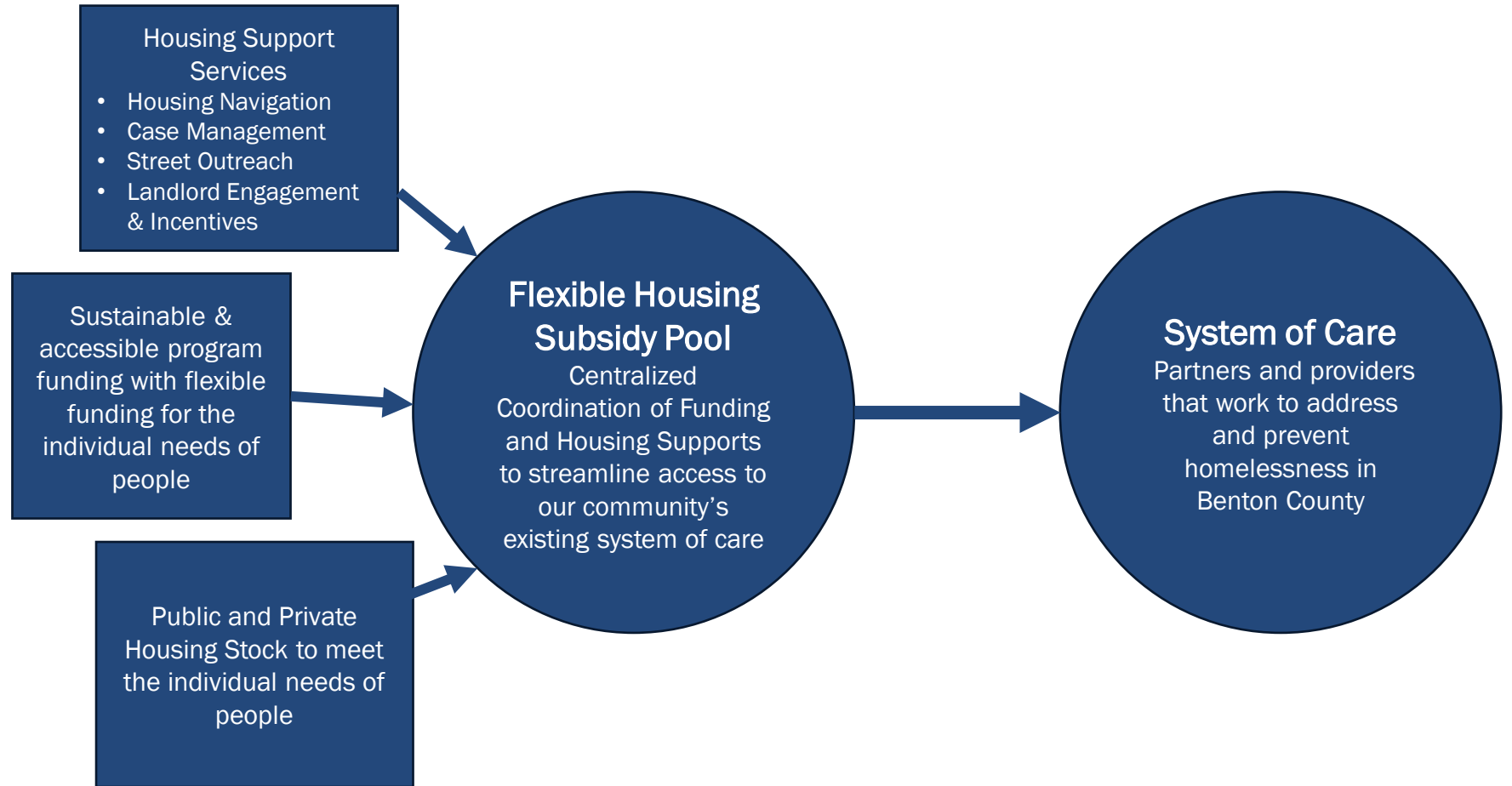
- Program Coordinator to support FHSP program referrals, data collection, communications, outcomes, etc.
- Housing Navigator for direct client support with housing navigation, care coordination, referrals and housing placement.

## Community Capacity (NOFO)

- Street Outreach to connect people experiencing homelessness with the system of care and referrals to the FHSP.
- Case Management to support people on their housing journey and make connections to FHSP resources.

## FHSP: Centralized coordination of systemwide housing resources

FUND, LOCATE, AND SECURE HOUSING WITH SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH A COORDINATED SYSTEM OF CARE. FLEXIBILITY TO SUPPORT THE PERSON AND THE PROVIDER.





# **Feedback on Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP)**

**Questions about the program?**

**Share how you envision interacting with the FHSP?**

# Community Updates

## Website Update – now available:

- 5-Year Strategic Plan for HB 4123 was approved and submitted to Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS).
- HB 4123 Annual Report

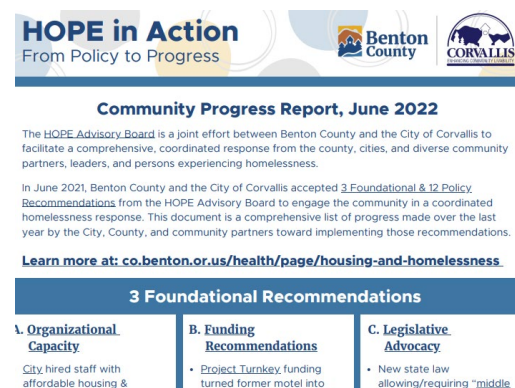
<https://health.bentoncountyor.gov/coordinated-homeless-response/chro-strategic-plan/>

# Central Point of Communications



## HOPE Website

- [Central point of communication](#)



## Projects & Progress

- [Coordinated Homeless Response Office](#)



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





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