

HOPE Advisory Board

October 23, 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

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

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. Meeting Business.....4:10pm
 - a. Roll Call and Meeting Minutes Approval – May and August meeting minutes
 - b. Co-Chair election
- IV. Coordinated Homeless Response Office (CHRO) Community Engagement.....4:15pm
- V. Community Progress: Severe Weather Overflow Sheltering ‘23-’24.....4:30pm
- VI. Educational Component: 1115 Waiver New Benefits.....5:15pm

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

Meeting Business

- a. Roll Call and Meeting
Minutes Approval – May and
August meeting minutes
- b. Co-Chair election

Vote on May and August 2024 minutes, roll call

Jessica Andrade* (Philomath City Councilor)

Karyle Butcher

Bruce Butler (excused)

Alice Carter

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)

Dina Eldridge* (CSC Designee)

Andrea Myhre

Ailiah Schafer (excused)

Mark Shepard* (Corvallis City Manager)

Chris Workman* (Philomath City Manager)

Nancy Wyse* (County Commissioner)

*Executive Committee Members

Co-Chair Election

- Matt Easdale

HOPE 2024 Work Plan

March & 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.

Going into 2025 – likely quarterly meetings starting 1/29/25

**Coordinated
Homeless
Response Office
(CHRO)
Community
Engagement**

Staff:

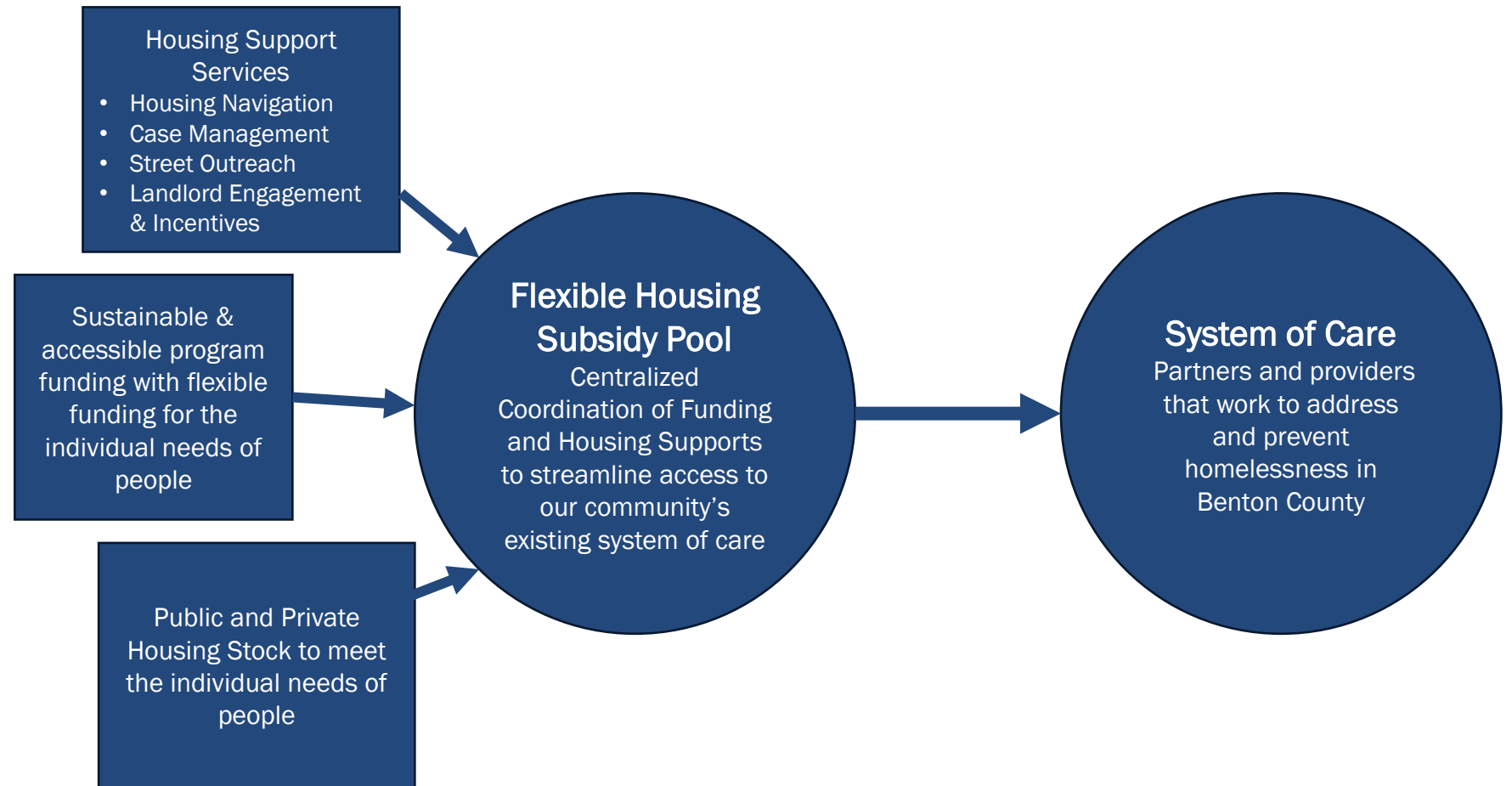
Rebecca Taylor, Project
Manager

Julie Arena, Program
Coordinator

- **OHCS Rehousing Funding**
 - HB 5019 (2023) Rapid Rehousing
 - Oregon Rehousing Initiative (2024)
- **Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) Program**
- **Updates and Feedback**

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.



Flexible Housing Program Contractors

- **Street Outreach** to connect people experiencing homelessness with the system of care and referrals to the FHSP:
 - Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center
- **Case Management** to support people on their housing journey and make connections to FHSP resources:
 - Corvallis Housing First
 - Faith, Hope, and Charity, Inc.

**Special thanks to Ari Grossman-Naples, Cade Deloach, and Barbara Hanley who scored the applications for funding.*

To ensure equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout this work, the CHRO engaged the HOPE Board and included HOPE Board members with lived experience with homelessness in decision-making for this funding.

FHSP Participant Experience

As of August 2024, within one month of engaging with the FHSP, here is the human impact:

- 5 set aside units at an affordable housing location – and 5 housed families! *One year from when we heard from our HB 5109 Local Planning Group that we needed to add capacity like this.
- In those 5 households:
 - 6 adults
 - 11 children in beds with a roof over their heads
- 10 more households in progress

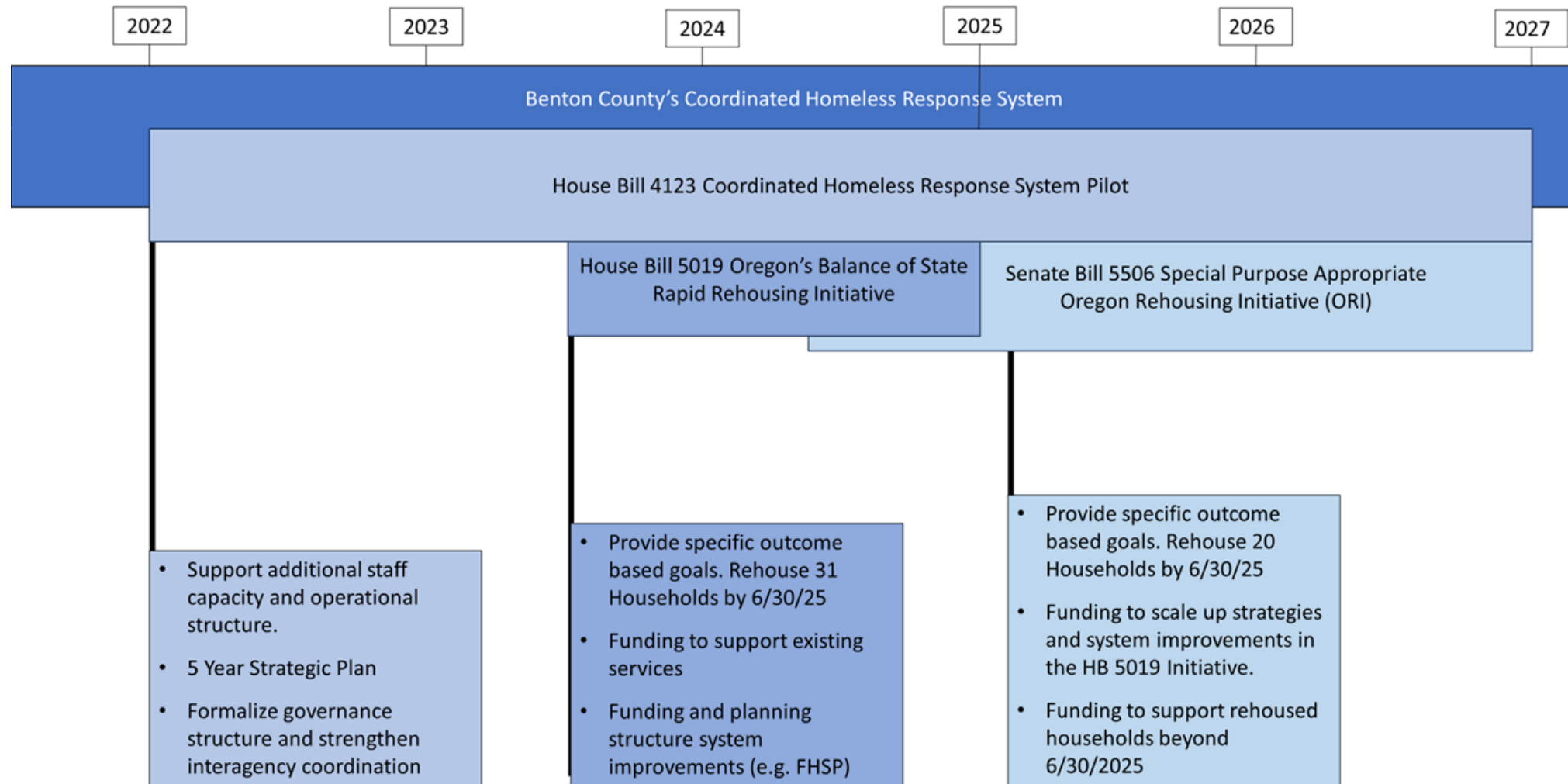
As of October 2024, 14 households have been connected to housing and are receiving wrap around supports: 16 adults and 22 children.

Flexible Housing Program Funding

- In July 2023, [the CHRO was awarded \\$1.2 million](#) through House Bill 5019 with a goal of achieving long-term housing stability for 31 households by June 30, 2025.
- An additional \$975,000 was awarded through [Oregon Senate Bill 5701](#) as part of the Oregon Rehousing Initiative (ORI) which increased the goal by twenty (20), for a total of 51 households.

Benton County's Coordinated Homeless Response System

Timeline of Supporting Initiatives



Additional funding awards:

CHRO successfully competed for two (2) one-time funding opportunities through [InterCommunity Health Network – Coordinated Care Organization](#) (IHN-CCO):

- \$112,910 in [Community Capacity Building Funds](#) (CCBF) to establish pathways to connect FHSP program participants with Medicaid waiver Health-Related Social Needs benefits, in coordination with the [Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties](#).
- \$123,300 in [Delivery System Transformation](#) (DST) funds to support the development and implementation of a landlord engagement and incentive program, an integral component of the FHSP.

CHRO Progress Update

- FHSP website: <https://health.bentoncountyor.gov/coordinated-homeless-response/fhsp/>
- FHSP outreach to 2 more affordable housing locations has yielded access to more affordable units.
- City of Corvallis City Manager, Mark Shephard, appointed to League of Cities Board of Directors for 2025-2027.

State funding for 331 new homes in rural areas

October 2024: The Oregon Housing Stability Council approved funding to develop or preserve 429 homes. Forty-eight of them will be preserved, while 381 are new, and of those, 331 are in rural areas. All projects will range in affordability from 30%-60% of area median income.

Developments include:

- 2100 East Barnett, Medford, 36 new homes
- Colonia Libertad I, Salem, preserving 48 homes
- **Corvallis Spruce, Corvallis, 50 new homes**
- High Desert Veterans Village, Burns, 20 new homes
- Hillcrest Veterans Village, Grants Pass, 36 new homes
- Manzanita Pines Apts., Manzanita, 60 new homes
- Nebraska Trail, Grants Pass, 50 new homes
- Nehalem Bay House, Manzanita, 24 new homes
- North Bend Family Housing, North Bend, 105 new homes

Affordable housing update in Corvallis

- City of Corvallis purchased property on Van Buren that is planned to add at least 7 supported transitional housing units with the county providing other resources onsite. Moving forward with next steps for renovations.
- **450 units of affordable housing are either newly leased up or have been awarded construction financing to building this includes:**
 - 358 units of new affordable housing that is close to being fully leased up and families/individuals are moving in.

Q&A on CHRO Updates

Questions about the program or other progress

Community Progress Update: Severe Weather Overflow Sheltering

Guest Speakers from Faith, Hope, and
Charity, Inc.

Sheila Thompson

Fred Edwards

Dr. Johanna Hamilton

**April Holland, Director, Benton County
Health Department – cannot attend
tonight but put together all slides.*

Severe Weather Overflow Sheltering

Season in Review
Winter 2023 - Summer 2024



Overview

- Contract with Faith Hope and Charity Inc. (FHC)
 - Emergency hotel-based and congregate sheltering for individuals that do not have access to current shelter system
- Program triggered by weather and air quality criteria
 - 30 degrees or less overnight and/or 1" of snow in 24-hour period and/or freezing rain lasting overnight
 - At least two days of temperatures above 100 degrees, or at least two days when heat and humidity feel like 105 degrees or more
 - Air Quality Index (AQI) reaches 300 (Hazardous)

Process Overview

- First come, first serve while prioritizing those most at risk
- Guests sign hotel/congregate sheltering agreement
- Transportation provided to and from participating hotels
- Storage of client's personal items handled case by case

Summary, Winter 2023-Summer 2024

24 nights of overflow sheltering, 6 activation events

Dates	Number of nights
October 27 – 29	3
November 24 – 29	5
December 22 – 23	2
January 12 – 18	6
March 5 – 7	3
July 5 – 9	5

Summary, Winter 2023-Summer 2024

Activation	Nights	Rooms / guests	Congregate guests
October	3	21 / 55	0
November	5	25 / 68	64
December	2	17 / 39	37
January	6	34 / 58	79
March	3	10 / 13	42
July	5	12 / 12	38

Program cost

- Total cost for winter 2023 – Summer 2024
 - \$120,320.27
- Average cost per night = \$5,009.59
 - Similar to 2023 costs (\$5,000/night)

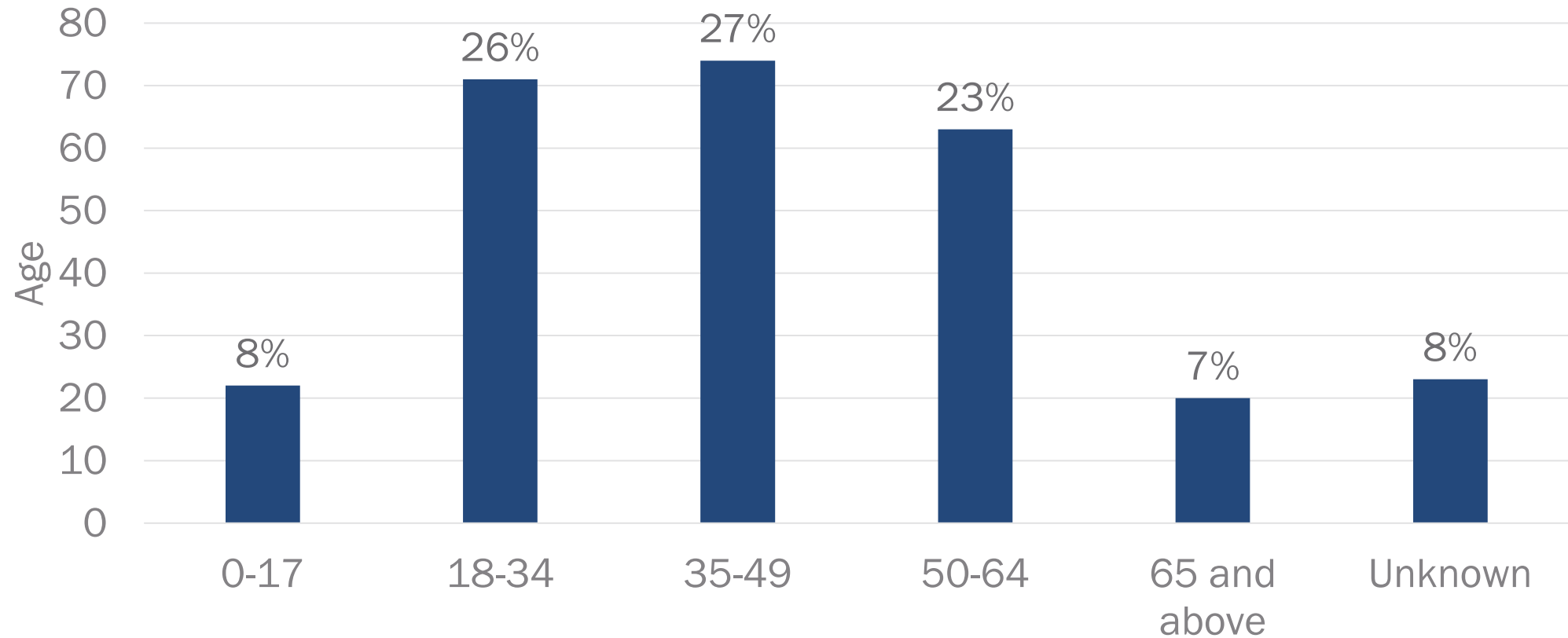
Guest Demographics

273 unique
individuals
served

- Age range: 4-76
 - Average age of 41
- 65% male

Guest Demographics

Shelter Guests by Age Group



Guest Demographics

Race of Guests	Total Guest Population (people) n= 264
White	85% (225)
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	11% (30)
Black/ African American	5% (14)
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	4% (11)
Asian	2% (5)
Ethnicity of Guests	
Hispanic	8% (21)

Guest Residence

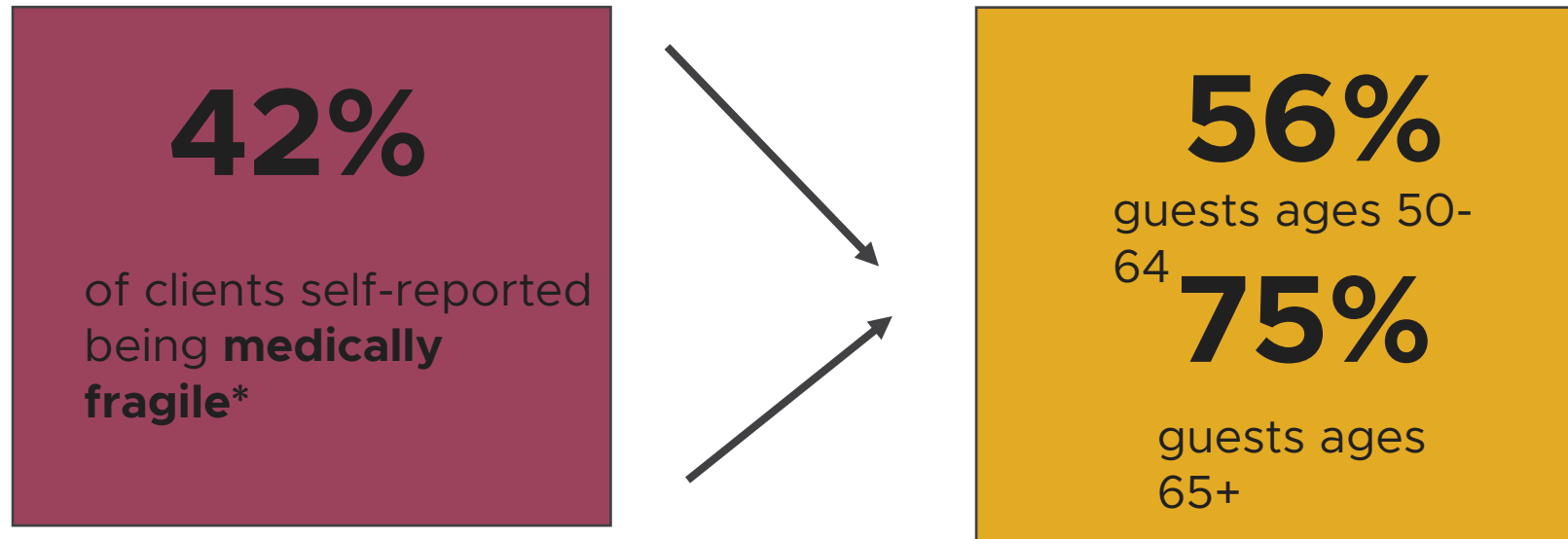
Guest County of Residence	
Benton	94% (254)
Other: Linn (9), Marion (3), Polk (2), Lane (1), Multnomah (1)	16 (6%)

Guest Residence Continued

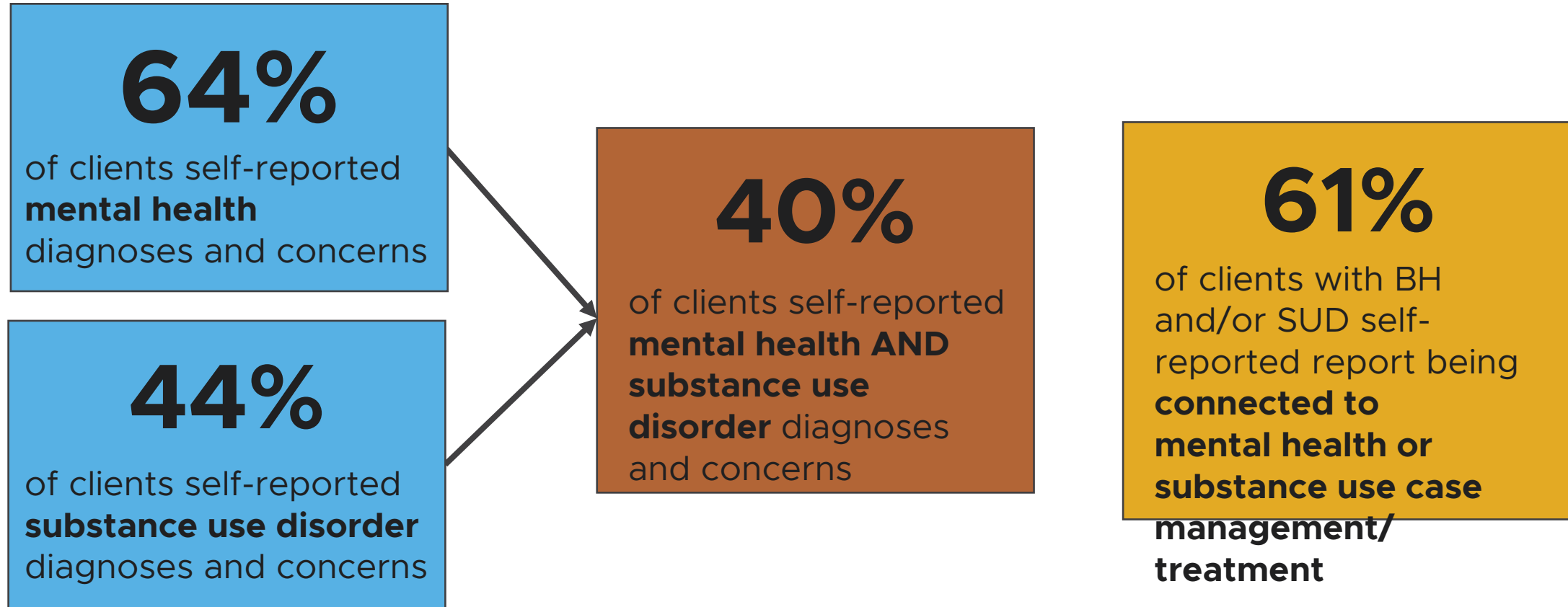
Current Housing Status (n=271)	
Outside/tent	79% (214)
Vehicle	17% (46)
Hospital	1% (4)
No response	1% (3)
With friend/family	1% (2)
Hotel	% (1)
Abandoned house	% (1)

Location of Most Recent Housing	
Corvallis, OR	68% (184)
Albany/ Lebanon/ Sweet Home	7% (20)
Other state	7% (20)
Elsewhere in OR	2% (1)

Self-reporting – medically fragile



Self-reporting – Mental Health and Substance Use Concerns



Highlights

- 273 unique community members, including 22 children, 20 seniors, and 13 veterans, received respite from severe weather.
- Benton County received funding from OHCS to continue overflow severe weather sheltering program for the coming season.
- Numerous guests have been referred to various support services.

Opportunities

- Increased coordination would ensure that available sheltering is filled when applicable.

Acknowledgments

This was a collaborative effort of **Faith Hope and Charity** with support from local organizations including **First Christian Church**, **Benton County Health Department staff**, and volunteers.

Educational Component: 1115 Waiver New Benefits

Health Related Social Needs (HRSN):
Medicaid Coverage for Limited Rental
Assistance for Eligible Members

Guest Speaker: *Alicia Bublitz*, Social
Determinants and Transformation,
Intercommunity Health Network
Coordinated Care Organization (IHN-
CCO)

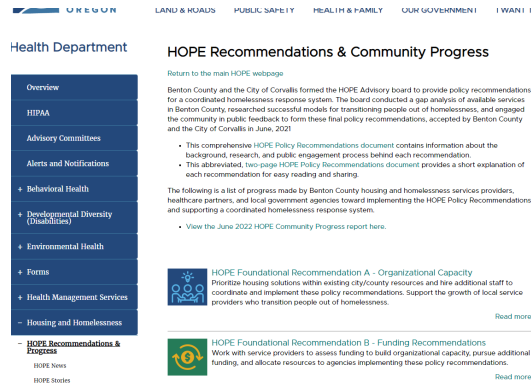
Community Updates

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 from 2023
- HB 4123 Annual Report for 2024 in Progress

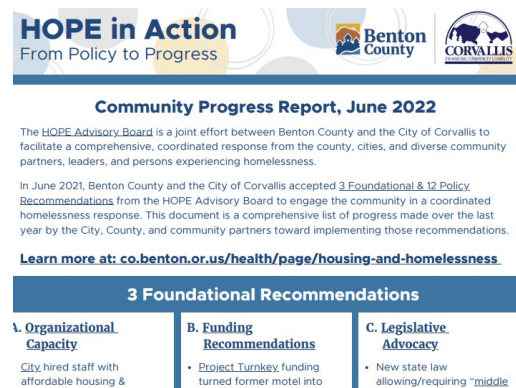
<https://health.bentoncountyor.gov/coordinated-homeless-response/chro-strategic-plan/>

Central Point of Communications



HOPE Website

- [Central point of communication](#)



Projects & Progress

- [Coordinated Homeless Response Office](#)



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