



**Home, Opportunity, Planning, and Equity (HOPE)**  
***Executive Committee Meeting***  
**Approved Minutes**  
**January 8, 2025 from 4 pm to 5 pm**  
**Virtual Meeting**

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**Members Present:** Dina Eldridge (Community Action Agency Director Designee); Nancy Wyse (Benton County Commissioner); Mark Shepard (Corvallis City Manager); Briae Lewis (Corvallis City Councilor); Rachel McEneny (County Administrator); Jessica Andrade (Philomath City Councilor); Chris Workman (Philomath City Manager);

**Excused:**

**Absent:**

**Staff Present:** April Holland (Interim County Health Department Director); Rebecca Taylor (Benton County Health, HOPE Project Manager); Brigetta Olson (Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager, City of Corvallis); Paul Bilotta (Community Development Director, City of Corvallis)

**Community**

**Members:** None

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- I. Welcome and Introductions. Meeting overview.
- II. Public Comment: none.
- III. Approval of prior meeting minutes and other business.
  - a. Rachel moves to approve September 11, 2024 HOPE Executive Committee meeting minutes, Mark seconds. Approved.
- IV. HOPE Work Plan for 2025
  - a. HOPE Board role – discussion about what we need as a community based on where we are now. We have a Coordinated Homeless Response Office (CHRO) and have launched a Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) program doing actual rehousing of people experiencing homelessness. We have state funding and an active Governor and OHCS department.
    - i. Would benefit from an advisory body that includes key funders and policy decision makers with ad hoc work groups that meet quickly and nimbly to work on specific issues in our zone of control.
  - b. Decision points and questions – CHRO staff to work in February and March to address these issues and return to Executive Committee with some options to answer these questions:
    - i. What would the structure of a HOPE board look like to meet our current needs?
    - ii. What members would be necessary to include key funders and policy makers?

- iii. What would the process be for creating ad hoc work groups to address programmatic issues case by case?
- iv. What bylaws amendments are needed to achieve those goals?

**V. Agenda Setting for HOPE Meetings**

- a. Date for next HOPE meeting:
  - i. HOPE Executive Committee will reconvene once CHRO staff have developed options for next steps for the HOPE Board.
  - ii. HOPE Board will reconvene once HOPE Executive Committee has reviewed staff proposals and made decisions.

**VI. Coordinated Homeless Response Round Table Updates – none**

**Meeting Adjourned at 5pm**