



**Home, Opportunity, Planning, and Equity (HOPE)
Executive Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes
April 9, 2025 from 4 pm to 5 pm
Virtual Meeting**

Members Present:	Dina Eldridge (Community Action Agency Director Designee); Nancy Wyse (Benton County Commissioner); Mark Shepard (Corvallis City Manager); Rachel McEneny (County Administrator); Jessica Andrade (Philomath City Councilor); Chris Workman (Philomath City Manager);
Excused:	Jim Moorefield (Corvallis City Councilor);
Absent:	None
Staff Present:	April Holland (Interim County Health Department Director); Rebecca Taylor (CHRO Program Manager, Benton County); Brigetta Olson (Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager, City of Corvallis); Paul Bilotta (Community Development Director, City of Corvallis); Julie Arena (Program Coordinator, Benton County)
Community Members:	None

- I. Welcome and Introductions. Meeting overview.
- II. Public Comment: none.
- III. Approval of prior meeting minutes and other business.
 - a. Mark Shepherd moves to approve January 8, 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes, Commissioner Wyse seconds. Approved.
- IV. HOPE Board Structure and Membership
 - a. HOPE Evolution: system 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.
 - i. Leave in policy recommending function for HOPE to be able to bring policies back to their bodies for review/change.
 - ii. Need to make sure elected officials are included in HOPE.
 - iii. 7 members currently on HOPE – occupation role, oath of office role, and liaison role to bodies they come from. Governance and funders – leaders who can direct staff members to participate in an agreed upon project.
 - iv. Continue as public meetings.
 - b. Discussion: Natural evolution of the HOPE Board with new resources and staff capacity,

growth. Messaging will be helpful about why are we doing this and how we are losing no functions. Communications support to make sure this is explained well to the community.

- c. Consensus among members: HOPE Policy recs great and have informed growth. Held up over time and been accomplished – success story for HOPE. Many have been achieved. Policy victory with this evolution. Why we are evolving to be more operational based with the housing successes we are having as a community. Support among all the agencies, from planning to action. This is where our community was meant to go, towards progress and coordination at the operational level. No need to keep planning when you're doing.
- d. Work groups – questions: how does it work with this new direction? Leadership support in convening experts and key partners to move forward partners on improvements. Thoughts from members and CHRO staff:
 - i. Work in progress at first as we figure out process and topics.
 - ii. Some items are resolved at the staff level, some rise to the level of needing participation and improvements across multiple organizations with changes that need buy in at a leadership level.
 - iii. Want to coordinate among entities while each org has independence and a role to play.
 - iv. Work group topics can be brought to HOPE by CHRO staff or HOPE members for discussion and consensus among HOPE members.
- e. What does this look like from Philomath city councilor perspective? Structure of this would be helpful to see visually. Flow chart of how this works and who does what. Slide from Rebecca – update for this new vision.
- f. Use lay person language to communicate this.
- g. Decision points and questions:
 - i. Motion: I move to direct staff to prepare changes to the HOPE Bylaws that include functional and membership changes to be reviewed by the HOPE Executive Committee and recommended for final approval by the Board of Commissioners.
 - ii. Commissioner Wyse makes the motion, Councilor Andrade seconds. Chris abstains. Motion passes.
- h. Next steps:
 - i. June HOPE hybrid meeting with thank you items and food for last meeting. Questions concerns ideas about this evolution/progression for HOPE. Email communication in early May about this progress with a step wise process – what's in progress, where we're headed, how to learn about and provide input/questions, HOPE meeting.
 - ii. June CHRO to return to HOPE Executive Committee with Bylaws proposals.
 - iii. Opportunity to participate on any openings on other advisory boards – consider these

options.

V. Coordinated Homeless Response Round Table Updates – none.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:06pm