

HOPE Advisory Board

May 28, 2025 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 Business4:10pm
 - Roll Call and October 2024 Meeting Minutes Approval
- IV. Coordinated Homeless Response Office (CHRO) Update.....4:15pm
 - a. Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) Program
 - i. HB 5019 (2023) Rapid Rehousing and Oregon Rehousing Initiative (ORI)
 - ii. Property Manager Outreach and Engagement
 - b. Behavioral Health Housing 360 Grant Update
- V. HOPE Board Evolution and Role.....4:25pm
- VI. In-Person Gratitude Gathering for HOPE Board Members.....5:00pm

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

Roll Call and October Meeting

Minutes Approval

- One correction about attendance.

Vote on October 2024 minutes, roll call

Jessica Andrade* (Philomath City Councilor)

Karyle Butcher (excused)

Bruce Butler (excused) – Todd Jeter attending

Alice Carter (excused)

Bryan Cotter (excused)

Cade DeLoach

Sarah Devine

Anita Earl (excused)

Matt Easdale (excused)

Joel Goodwin

Ari Grossman-Naples

Barbara Hanley

Jim Moorefield* (Corvallis City Councilor)

Rachel McEneny* (Benton County Administrator)
(excused)

Dina Eldridge* (CSC Designee) (excused)

Andrea Myhre

Ailiah Schafer (excused)

Mark Shepard* (Corvallis City Manager)

Chris Workman* (Philomath City Manager)

Nancy Wyse* (County Commissioner)

*Executive Committee Members

Coordinated Homeless Response Office (CHRO) System Update

Staff:

Rebecca Taylor, Program
Manager

Julie Arena, Program
Coordinator

- **Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) Program**
- **Evolution of HOPE and CHRO**
- **Current Needs for an Advisory Board**

Flexible Housing Program Success

Behavioral Health Housing 360 Grant Update

- CHRO awarded \$900,000 to leverage available homes in the community for people in need of housing and coordinate pre-treatment services, secure housing, and behavioral health support services.
- Small cohort of four organizations spanning rural and metro areas who are participating in the pilot program: [Washington County](#), [Mid-Columbia Community Action Council \(MCCAC\)](#) in Wasco County, and [Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action \(MWVCAA\)](#) in Marion County.
- Housing 360 is administered by [Oregon Housing and Community Services \(OHCS\)](#), which provides technical assistance to recipients and sets outcome-based metrics for performance in a shared learning environment.



47
households moved from
homelessness to housing
through Benton County's
FHSP

47 familias pasaron de no tener un techo a tener una vivienda por medio del programa FHSP del Condado de Benton

Benton County | Corvallis | CSC | City of PHILOMATH

Press release:

<https://health.bentoncountyor.gov/housing-360-funding-and-47-rehoused/>

Coordinated Homeless Response Office (CHRO) System Update

Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) Program

- FHSP rehousing numbers as of *5/27/25: 51 households, including 62 adults and 49 children for a total of 111 individuals.

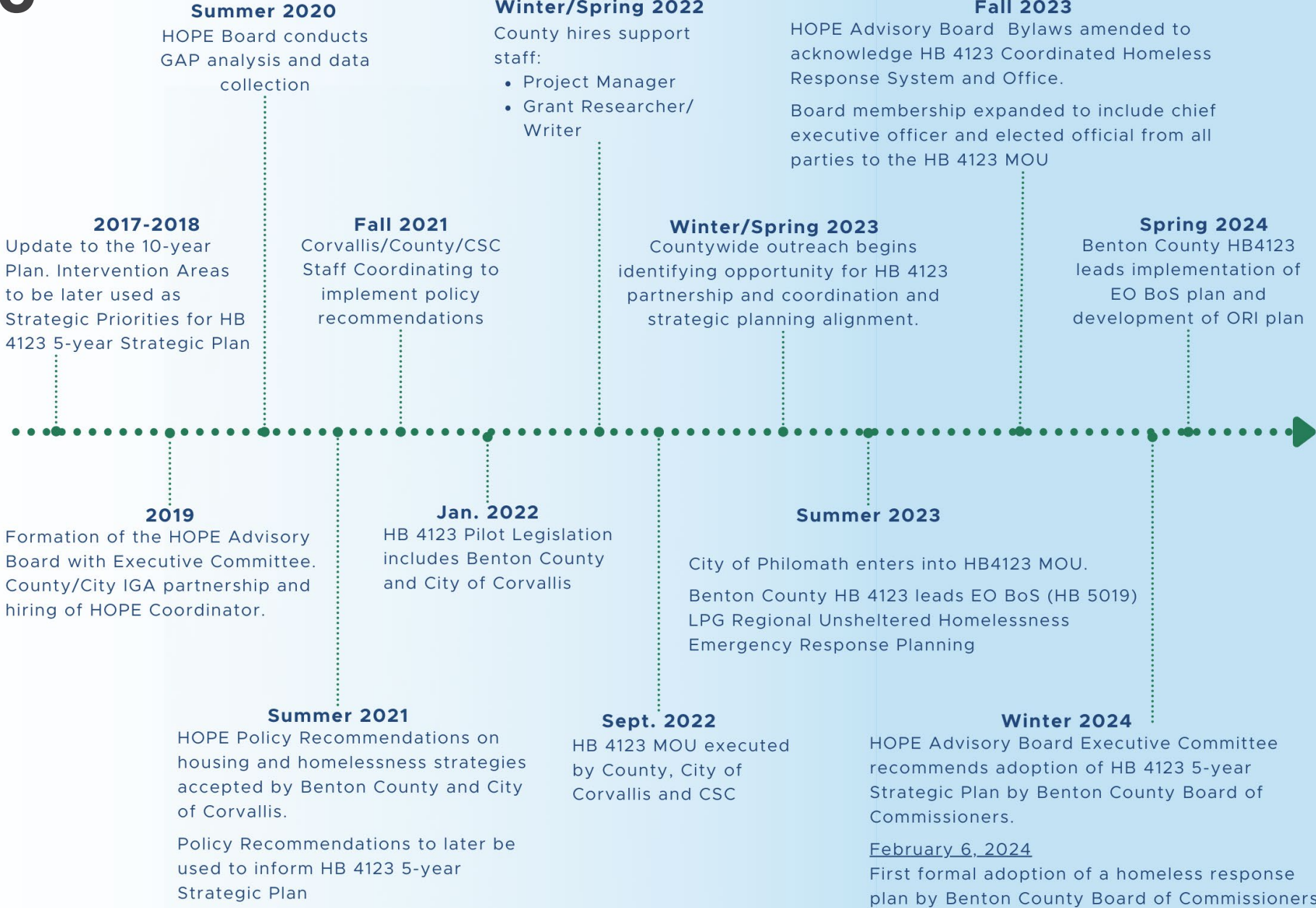
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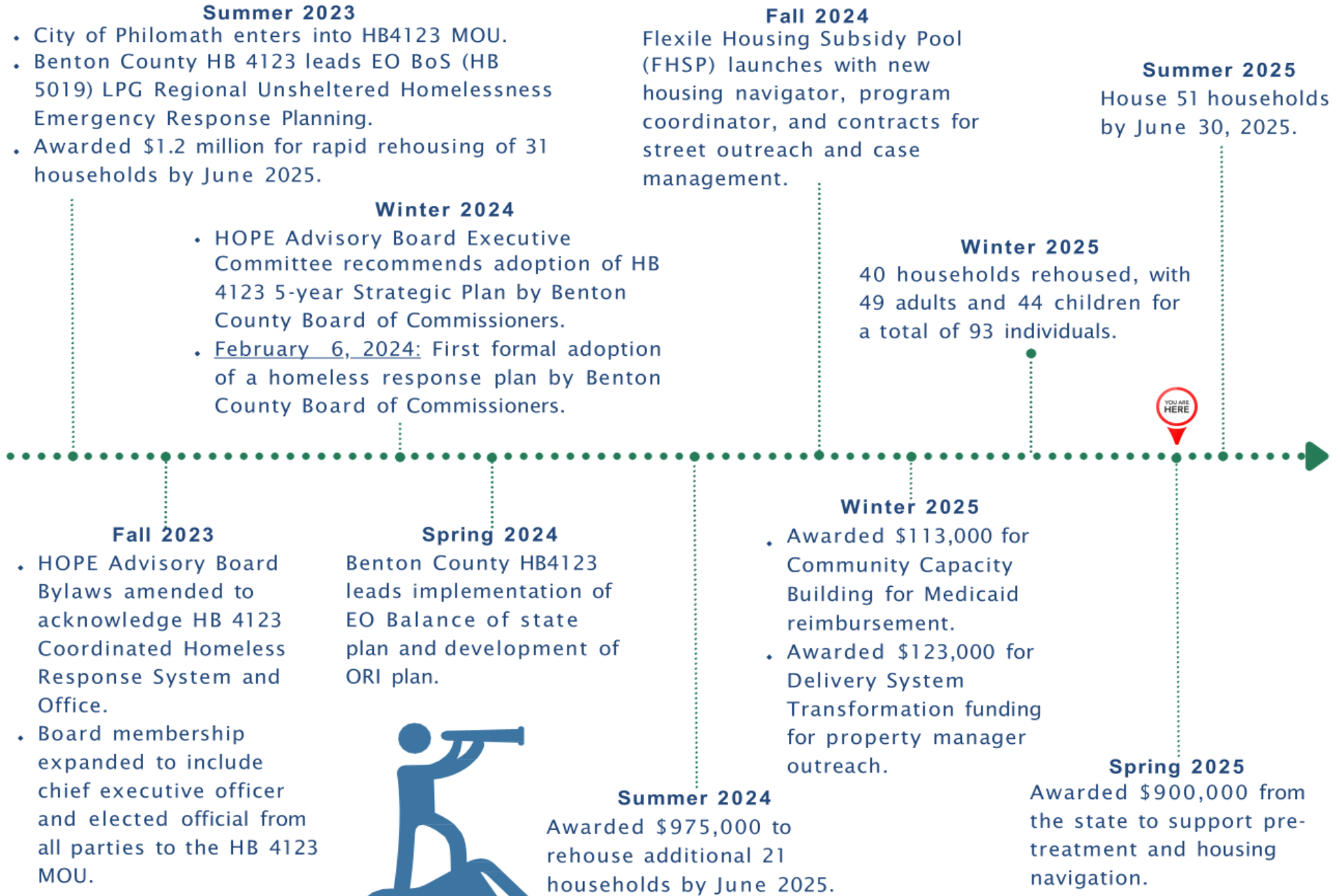
- Everything we built with HB 5019 we intend to sustain with the Oregon Rehousing Initiative and the work of the FHSP.

Property Manager Outreach and Engagement

- Leases with thirteen property management companies including 3 affordable development locations and some out of county placements.
- Grant from IHN supporting this outreach and engagement to build relationships in private market.
- Engagement Strategy with recruitment
 - Events – FHSP case managers, property managers luncheon.
 - 1:1 targeted outreach
 - Leveraging existing relationship from trusted partners.

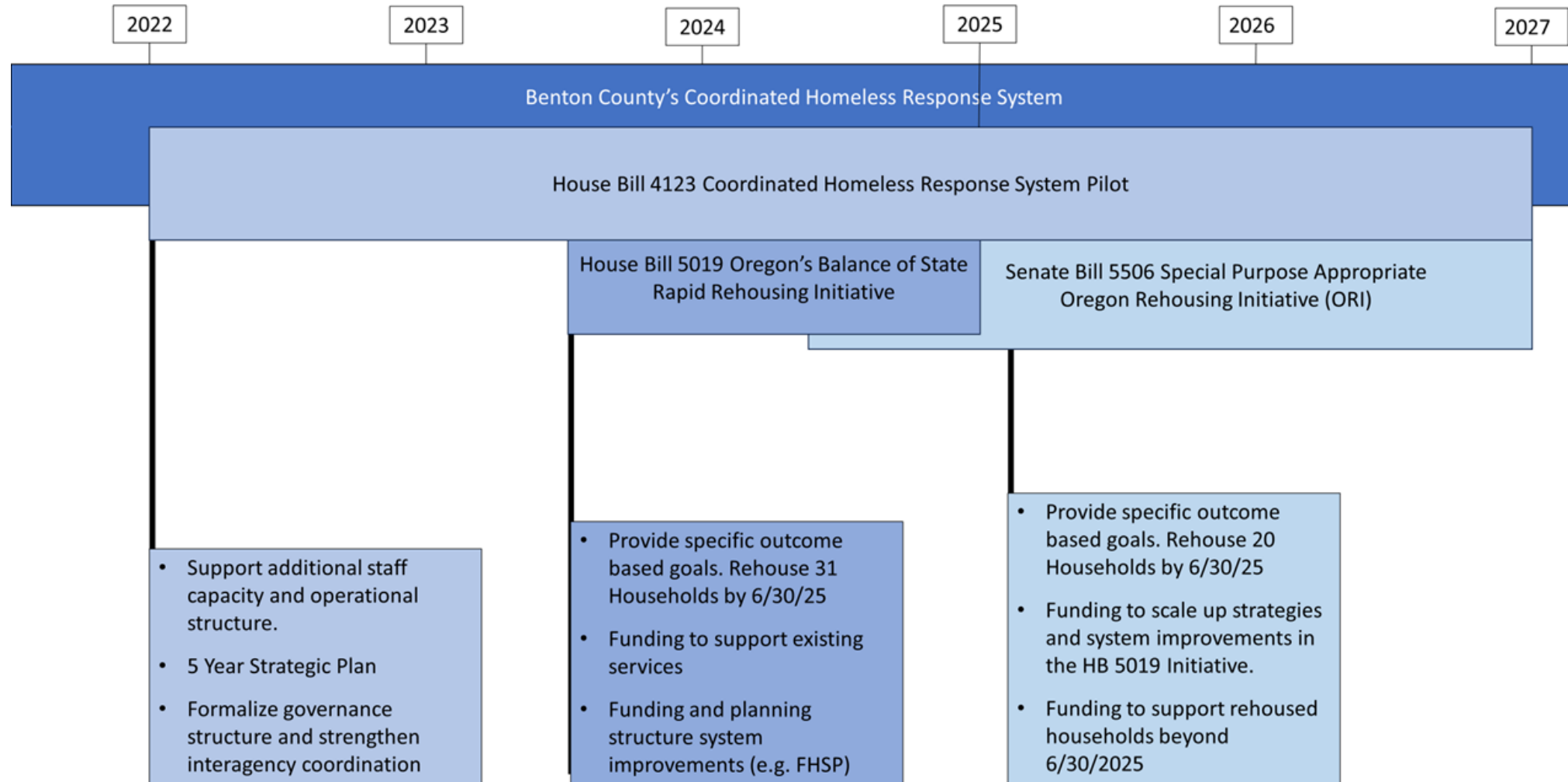
How far have we come?





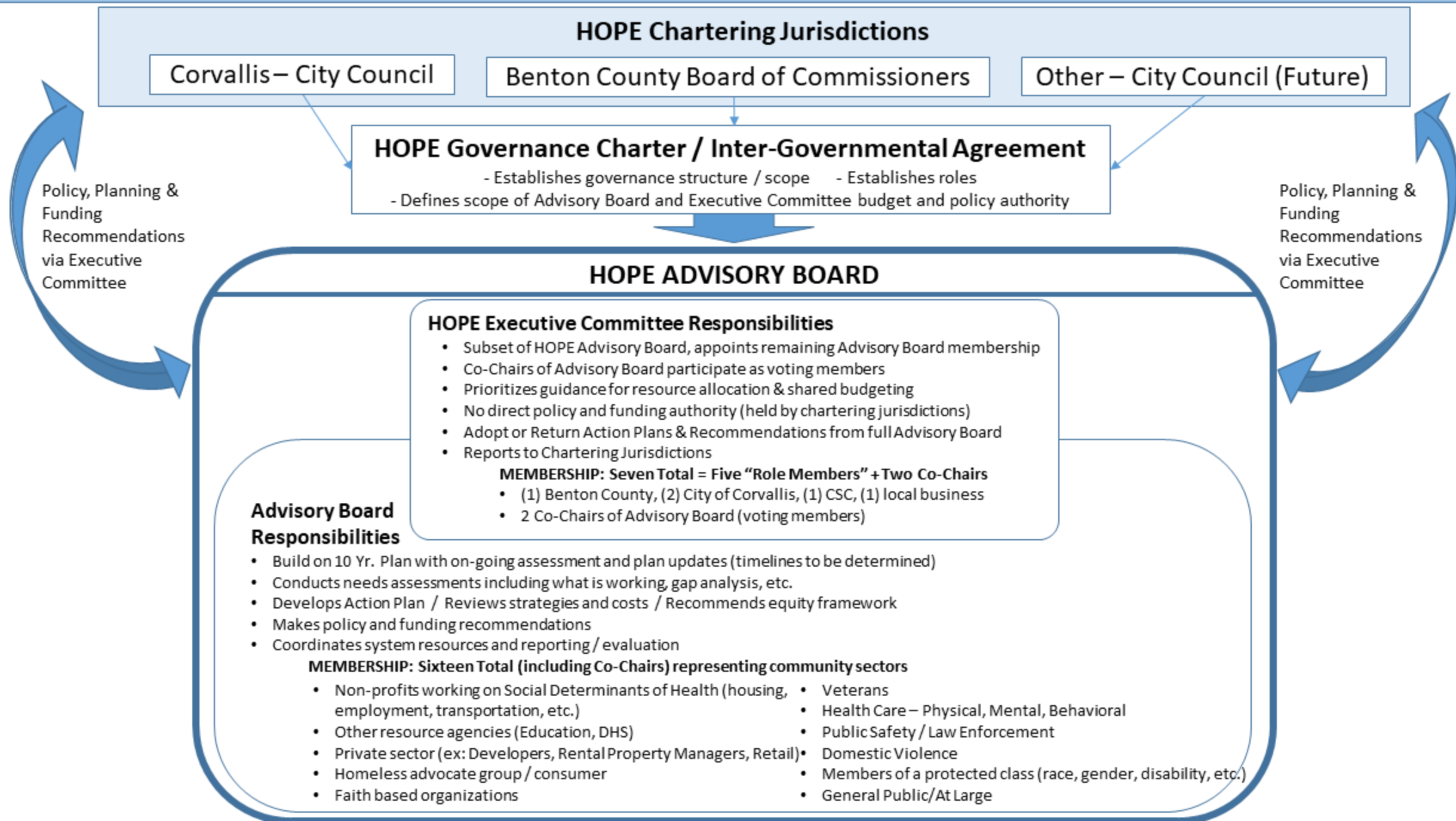
Benton County's Coordinated Homeless Response System

Timeline of Supporting Initiatives



HOPE's Original Role 2019-2022

- **Develop Policy Recommendations for City and County with a process that was:**
 - Use data to drive assessments, prioritization, and accountability.
 - Take a comprehensive systems and multi-sector approach.
 - Engage and involve the community, not just direct service providers.
 - Prioritize vulnerable populations.
 - Promote community safety for all.
 - Promote racial and ethnic justice using a racial equity lens across all program recommendations.



HOPE Advisory Board's Role 2022-2024



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.

What does our coordinated system need from an Advisory Body in 2025?

- Coordination between operational decision makers who have authority to include other departments to collaborate with CHRO in work groups for system improvements.
- Liaising back to member governments and organizations for awareness, buy-in, and policy change when relevant.
- Focus on where we have local and regional control to make change.

Maintaining Existing HOPE Community Functions

1. Communications

- a. CHRO Staff – Communications Plan
- b. Health Comms assessment/improvement plan with Rede Group contract

2. Education

- a. Learning collaboratives hosted by partners (OHCS, IHN, Fair Housing Council)
- b. CHRO staff hosting educational opportunities with service providers

3. Meeting forums for shared updates, relationship building

- a. IHN, CSC, county, BOC, case conferencing, Situation Table, and many others.

4. Liaising between member governments and community partners – remains with

HOPE

CHRO and HOPE 2025: continued alignment with the Strategic Plan

1. Coordinated Homeless Response System

- Federal Best Practices
- Sustainable Resources and Infrastructure
- A Locally Led Structure
 - Coordinated Homeless Response Office
 - HOPE Advisory Board and Executive Committee
 - Service Provider Network

2. Guiding Principles, Values, & Resources

3. Organization and Purpose

- Community Roadmap
- Work and Resource Prioritization
- Accountability/Stewardship
- Strategic Priorities

4. The Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan

- I. Community and Organizational Systems and Policy Change
- II. Comprehensive Care Coordination
- III. Prevention
- IV. Street Outreach and Rapid Response
- V. Housing
- VI. Community Engagement, Inclusion, & Neighborhood Belonging

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

COORDINATED HOMELESS RESPONSE OFFICE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Increase available rental/income assistance options.
- Increase supportive services and stable funding streams to provide services at housing locations.
- Reduce barriers to accessing housing.
- Prioritize collaboration and coordination of providers.
- Increase development or acquisition of affordable housing units for PSH.
- Facilitate and coordinate data improvement.
- Create metrics for successful program goals

*CHRO Priorities were built on the HOPE Recommendations.

COMPONENTS OF A FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDY POOL

- Centralize management of system housing resources to streamline prioritized and right-fit housing placement. NO WRONG DOOR
- Landlord incentives and engagement to minimize barriers to housing and increase housing options.
- Intensive (right-fit) housing navigation and tenancy supports.
- Intensive (right-fit) case management.
- Flexible funding to close funding gaps. Braid disparate funding to minimize system complexity for service provider and household.
- A WHATEVER IT TAKES mindset. Get housing and keep housing.
- Integration with existing HMIS and Coordinated Entry systems to track program goals and evaluate person centered outcomes.

What does our system need from the HOPE Board in 2025 and going forward?

- We need HOPE to evolve from a community engagement function to operational coordination from leadership.
- Current need for ongoing HOPE membership is **leaders from organizations who have operational authority to include multi-departmental staff who will work with the CHRO on specific topics.**
- Existing HOPE functions will continue to happen in various forums and avenues: communications, education, meeting forums for community engagement/relationships, and liaising between member governments.



HOPE Board 2024



- Board of Commissioners
- City Council
- Community Services Consortium





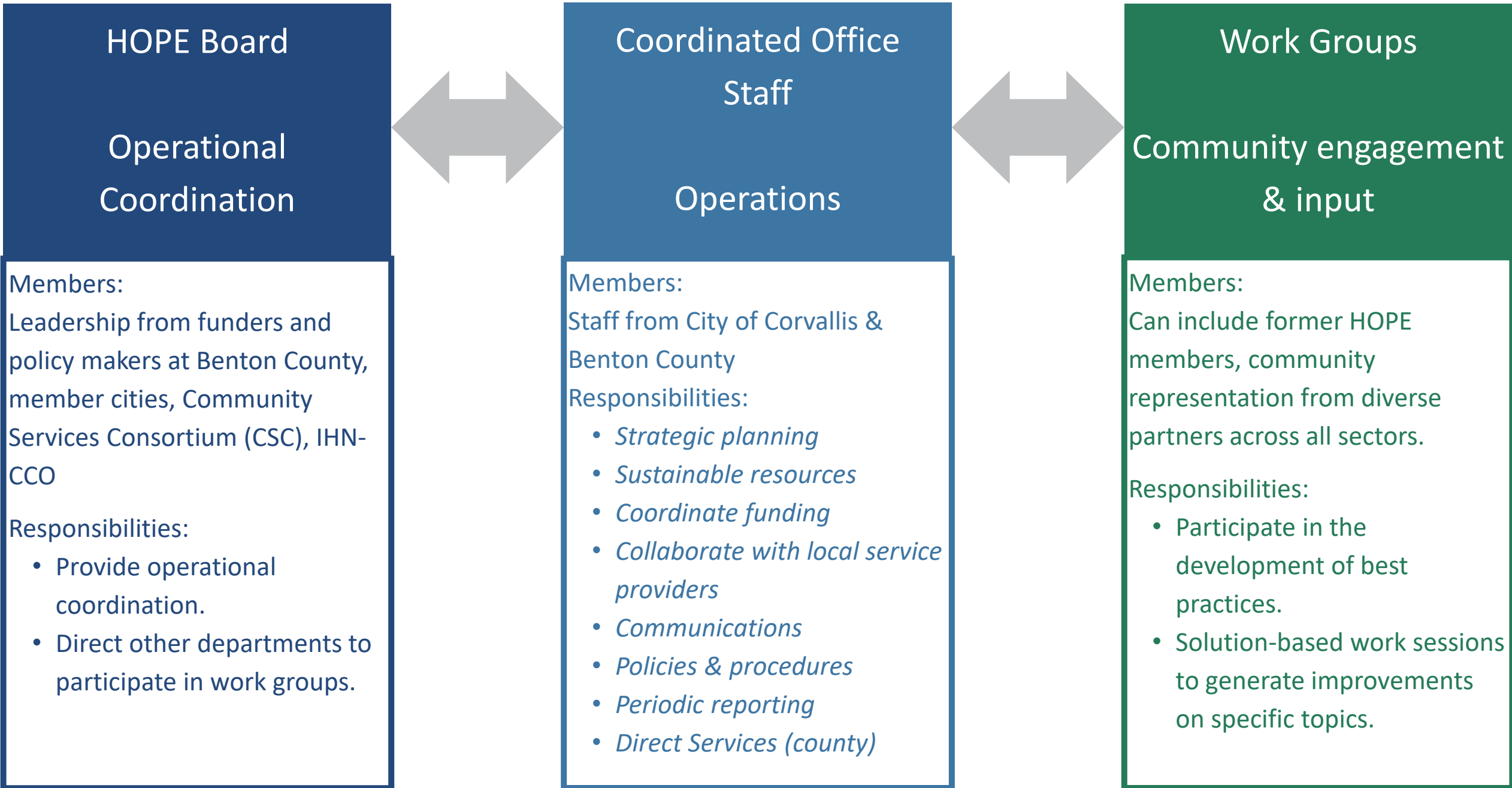
- Board of Commissioners
- City Councils
- Community Services Consortium
- **IHN-CCO (Samaritan Health Plans)**
- **Other Funders and Policy Makers**



HOPE Board 2025+



Coordinated Homeless Response System Structure



Questions & Thoughts

- **Next Steps:**

- HOPE Executive Committee reviews proposed bylaws on June 11th.
- Updating of HOPE Bylaws by CHRO staff.
- Approval from Benton County Board of Commissioners (BOC).

- **Follow up with each HOPE Member to poll your area of expertise and interest in participation with work groups**

- Name
- Check off your areas of expertise or involvement
- Write-in area

Gratitude Gathering In-Person

