

HOPE Advisory Board

January 14, 2026 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!

patient

authentic

Valuing personal experience

dedication/work ethic
honor the expectations of
the work

Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome, Virtual Meeting Housekeeping, Overview of Agenda.....4:00pm
- II. Public Comment* (up to 10 minutes).....4:05pm
- III. Meeting Minutes Approval.....4:15pm
- IV. Board Member Introductions.....4:20pm
- V. HOPE Priorities in 2026 and Work Group Topics.....4:30pm
 - a. Co-Chair Elections in April
 - b. Two main CHRO areas of interest that would be supported by a HOPE Work Group in 2026
- VI. Coordinated Homeless Response Round Table Updates4:50pm

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

11/25 HOPE Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes Approval

- Jessica Andrade (Philomath City Councilor)
- Bruce Butler (IHN-CCO)
- Rachel McEneny (Benton County Administrator)
- Jim Moorefield (Corvallis City Councilor)
- Jennifer Sanders (LBHA)
- Mark Shepard (Corvallis City Manager) (excused) – Paul Bilotta as proxy for 1/14/26 meeting
- Ryan Vogt (Cascades West and CSC)
- Chris Workman (Philomath City Manager)
- Nancy Wyse (County Commissioner)

Abstain from vote: Bruce Butler, Jim Moorefield, Jennifer Sanders, Paul Bilotta for Mark Shepard, Ryan Vogt.

Board Member Introductions

- Name, organization (full name, not acronym)
- Question to answer:
 - What are you looking forward to in 2026 (personally or professionally)?
 - Or what are hoping to improve in our community with this HOPE Board coordination?

HOPE 2026 Priorities and Work Group Topics

- I. Co-Chair Elections in April
- II. Two main CHRO areas of interest that would be supported by a HOPE Work Group
 1. The Pathway from unsheltered homelessness into shelter/transitional living and to permanent housing.
 2. Coordination between funders to leverage rental assistance from initial housing placement to long term rent support.

HOPE Bylaws page 4: Co-Chairs

VI. OFFICERS

- A. The following officers shall be elected from the HOPE Board membership annually at the first regular meeting of each year:
1. Chair: the Chair shall have the responsibility of conducting all meetings and hearings in an orderly manner. The Chair may not initiate a motion, but may second, and shall vote on each issue after the question is called. The Chair, in consultation with CHRO staff and with input from HOPE Board members shall set the agenda for each meeting.
 2. Vice Chair: the Vice Chair shall be responsible for conducting the meetings and hearings in the absence of the Chair.

Refresher: What does our coordinated system need from HOPE in 2026?

- 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.

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

Two main CHRO areas of interest that would be supported by a HOPE Work Group in 2026

1. Improving the path from unsheltered homelessness to housing with Housing 360 Funding as an additional resource.

2. Coordination for best leveraging of funding streams that support sheltering, rehousing, short term rent, and long-term rent.

1. Improving the path from unsheltered homelessness to housing

- Street Outreach best practices.
 - Encampment response coordination across agencies.
 - Connections and referrals to resources while stabilizing.
 - Freeing up shelter and microshelter beds to add space for people exiting encampments.
- *Housing 360 Funding as an additional resource.

2. Coordination for best leveraging of funding streams.

- Statewide Sheltering Plan (SSP) for shelter funds.
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH) funds to support housing navigation and housing entry costs.
- Rent Assistance:
 - 1115 Waiver rent assistance and ongoing tenancy supports.
 - CSC rent assistance – time limited
 - Long-term rental assistance (LTRA) from state to CHRO – duration unknown but up to 2 years at this time.
 - Section 8 Vouchers – can be lifelong.

Alignment Chart

HOPE Board Priorities 2026

| | Housing | Services | Rent | Shelter |
|---|---------|----------|------|---------|
| County Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cascades West Council of Governments | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Community Services Consortium (CSC) | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Linn Benton Housing Authority (LBHA) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Cities | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| InterCommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization (IHN-CCO) | ★ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

The Ask for HOPE Members:

1. Your understanding of these two topic areas.
2. Your Buy-in and endorsement that CHRO can move forward with the planning process to flesh out these work groups' scope/membership needs.
3. Your commitment to identify staff and empower them to engage with CHRO and to help your staff understand the connections and importance of coordination.
4. Your grace and flexibility as CHRO works to create a scope and timeline with a shifting landscape from the state.

CHRO's commitment to HOPE:

At 4/8/26 meeting:

- Co-Chairs election
- CHRO returns with more fleshed out proposals for work groups.

Coordinated Homeless Response Office (CHRO) System Update

Staff:

Rebecca Taylor, Program
Manager

Julie Arena, Program
Coordinator

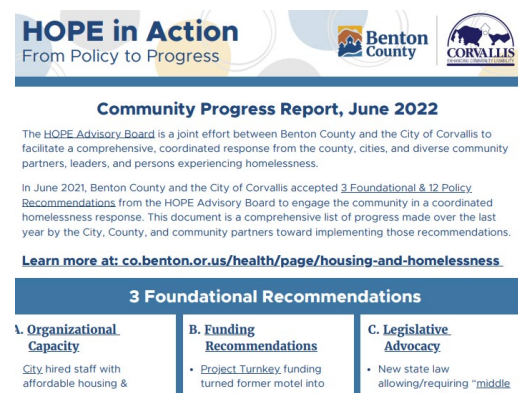
- **Regional Coordinator Role**
- **RFI/RFQ for system components**
- **PIT Count 1/28-2/6**
- **Property Manager outreach**
- **FHSP continued lease ups and supports.**

Central Point of Communications



CHRO Website

- Central point of communication



Graphics & Visuals

- Storytelling



e-Newsletter

- Subscribe to News & Updates



Social Media

- Amplifying aligned messaging through partner engagement



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