

# 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 Updates .....4:50pm

# 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](mailto: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 Shephard, 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

OREGON

LAW & GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY

HEALTH & FAMILY

COURT GOVERNMENT

WVAN

## Health Department

### HOPE Recommendations & Community Progress

Return to the main HOPE webpage

Benton County, the City of Corvallis, former HOPE Advisory Panel to consider policy recommendations for a coordinated homelessness response system. The board conducted a gap analysis of available services. In Benton County, researched successful models for transitioning people out of homelessness, and engaged the community in public feedback to form these final policy recommendations, accepted by Benton County and the City of Corvallis in June, 2021

- This comprehensive HOPE Policy Recommendations document contains information about the background, research, and detailed engagement process behind each recommendation.
- This abbreviated, two-page HOPE Policy Recommendations document provides a short explanation of each recommendation for easy reading and sharing.

The following is a list of progress made by Benton County housing and homelessness services providers, healthcare partners, and local government agencies toward implementing the HOPE Policy Recommendations and supporting a coordinated homelessness response system.

- View the June 2022 HOPE Community Progress report here.

 HOPE Foundational Recommendation A - **Organizational Capacity**  
Prioritize housing solutions within existing city/county resources and hire additional staff to coordinate and implement these policy recommendations. Support the growth of local service providers who transition people out of homelessness.

 HOPE Foundational Recommendation B - **Funding Requirements**  
Work with service providers to assess funding to build organizational capacity, pursue additional funding, and allocate resources to agencies implementing these policy recommendations.

**CHRO Website**

# CHRO Website

- Central point of communication

# HOPE in Action

From Policy to Progress



Benton County



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HOUSING COALITION

## Community Progress Report, June 2022

The HOPE Advisory Board is a joint effort between Benton County and the City of Corvallis to facilitate a comprehensive, coordinated response from the county, cities, and diverse community partners, leaders, and persons experiencing homelessness.

In June 2021, Benton County and the City of Corvallis accepted [3 Foundational & 12 Action Recommendations](#) from the HOPE Advisory Board to engage the community in a coordinated homelessness response. This document is a comprehensive list of progress made over the last year by the City, County, and community partners toward implementing those recommendations.

**Learn more at: [co.benton.or.us/health/page/housing-and-homelessness](http://co.benton.or.us/health/page/housing-and-homelessness)**

### 3 Foundational Recommendations

<u>A. Organizational Capacity</u>	<u>B. Funding Recommendations</u>	<u>C. Legislative Advocacy</u>
City hired staff with affordable housing &	Project Turnkey funding turned former motel into	New state law allowing/requiring “middle

# Graphics & Visuals

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- Storytelling

The image contains two logos. On the left is the Benton County logo, which features a blue outline of the county's geographic shape with a white building icon inside. To its right is the City of Corvallis logo, which features a blue silhouette of two people holding hands above the word "CORVALIS" in a serif font, with "BENTON COUNTY, OREGON" in smaller text below it.

## HOPE News & Updates

Benton County and the City of Corvallis, along with our network of local housing and homeless services providers, continue to work together towards implementation of HOPE recommendations and supporting a coordinated homelessness response system. One of the HOPE Recommendations includes communicating regular updates to the community. We will use this email list to share news, updates and progress with you as information becomes available. If you no longer wish to receive these communications, you may use the unsubscribe button at the bottom of this email to update your preferences

[Visit the HOPE web page](#)

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### Meet Sheena & Sam: A story from Corvallis Housing First

*"There's so much. Just breathe and keep your head up. Because even though it feels like you're going to drown, there's always people to help you. As long as you're willing to put your hand up and say 'I need help...'"*

A photograph of two people, Sheena and Sam, smiling. Sheena is on the left, wearing a dark top, and Sam is on the right, wearing a dark hoodie and making a peace sign with his hand. They are standing in front of a window with vertical blinds.

# e-Newsletter

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- Subscribe to News & Updates

A collage of 20 social media posts from the HOPE campaign, featuring various themes like COVID-19 prevention, vaccination, and community resources. The posts include images of people, charts, and text in Spanish. Some posts are from the HOPE Facebook page, while others are from other accounts like 'HOPE Advisory Committee' and 'HOPE COVID-19 Vaccine Center'. The posts cover topics such as 'This witch got on PRP', 'HOPE COVID-19 Vaccination Event', 'HOPE COVID-19 Vaccine Center', and 'HOPE COVID-19 Vaccine Center' again.

# Social Media

- Amplifying aligned messaging through partner engagement





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