

HOPE Advisory Board

July 8, 2026 Public Meeting

Meeting Led by HOPE Chair Jessica Andrade (or Co-Chair Jim Moorefield)

Updates Facilitated by the
Coordinated Homeless Response Office



Virtual Meeting Housekeeping

- This meeting is being recorded.
- 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. CHRO Staff Progress Update and Discussion.....4:20pm
 - Shelter Funding Gap
 - Universal Referral for Housing and Supports System
 - Street Outreach and Encampment Response Coordination
 - Regional Assessment and Plan for the Statewide Shelter Program
- V. 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

4/8/2026 HOPE Meeting Minutes Approval

- Jessica Andrade, HOPE Chair (Philomath City Councilor)
- Bruce Butler (IHN-CCO)
- Rick Crager (Benton County Administrator) – April Holland is proxy on 7/8.
- Jim Moorefield, HOPE Co-Chair (Corvallis City Councilor)
- Jennifer Sanders (LBHA)
- Mark Shepard (Corvallis City Manager) – Brigetta Olson is proxy on 7/8.
- Ryan Vogt (Cascades West and CSC) – absent
- Chris Workman (Philomath City Manager) – Chelsea Starner is proxy on 7/8.
- Nancy Wyse (County Commissioner) – excused

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.

Overarching Goal 7/8: HOPE Board Feedback

- Recommendations to assist us in approaching these topics?
- Feedback or guidance to CHRO as we continue in this work?
- Understanding that shelters will close before next summer without additional funding.

Coordinated Homeless Response Office (CHRO) System Update

Staff:

Rebecca Taylor, Program
Manager

Julie Arena, Program
Coordinator

- Shelter Funding Gap
- Universal Referral for Housing and Supports System
- Street Outreach and Encampment Response Coordination
- Regional Assessment and Plan for the Statewide Shelter Program

Shelter: Estimated Need versus Capacity

Shelter Need: ~570

347 Unsheltered individuals

222 Sheltered individuals

***Estimate is based on 2026 PIT data.**

Shelter Beds: ~300

- Unity (men's 50, women's 50, SafePlace 39, motel beds 38): 177 low barrier beds
- COI: 95 higher barrier beds (congregate & non-congregate)
- Jackson Street Youth Shelter (JSYS): 10 shelter beds for 10-17 year olds
- CARDV 8 shelter beds for DV situations.
- Severe weather sheltering: congregate sheltering at church & motel rooms (varied based on severe weather activation)

***Determined by shelter bed survey in 2025.**

Shelter Funding 2024-2025 Snapshot

Revenue Source	Estimated Total \$
State Funding: OHCS	2,878,864
Private Funding (Corporate/Philanthropic/Individual)	2,079,928
IHN-CCO	799,095
Federal Funding	659,224
State Funding: Other	402,890
City Funding	271,063
	\$7,091,064

Shelter Funding Source '24-'25

■ State Funding: OHCS

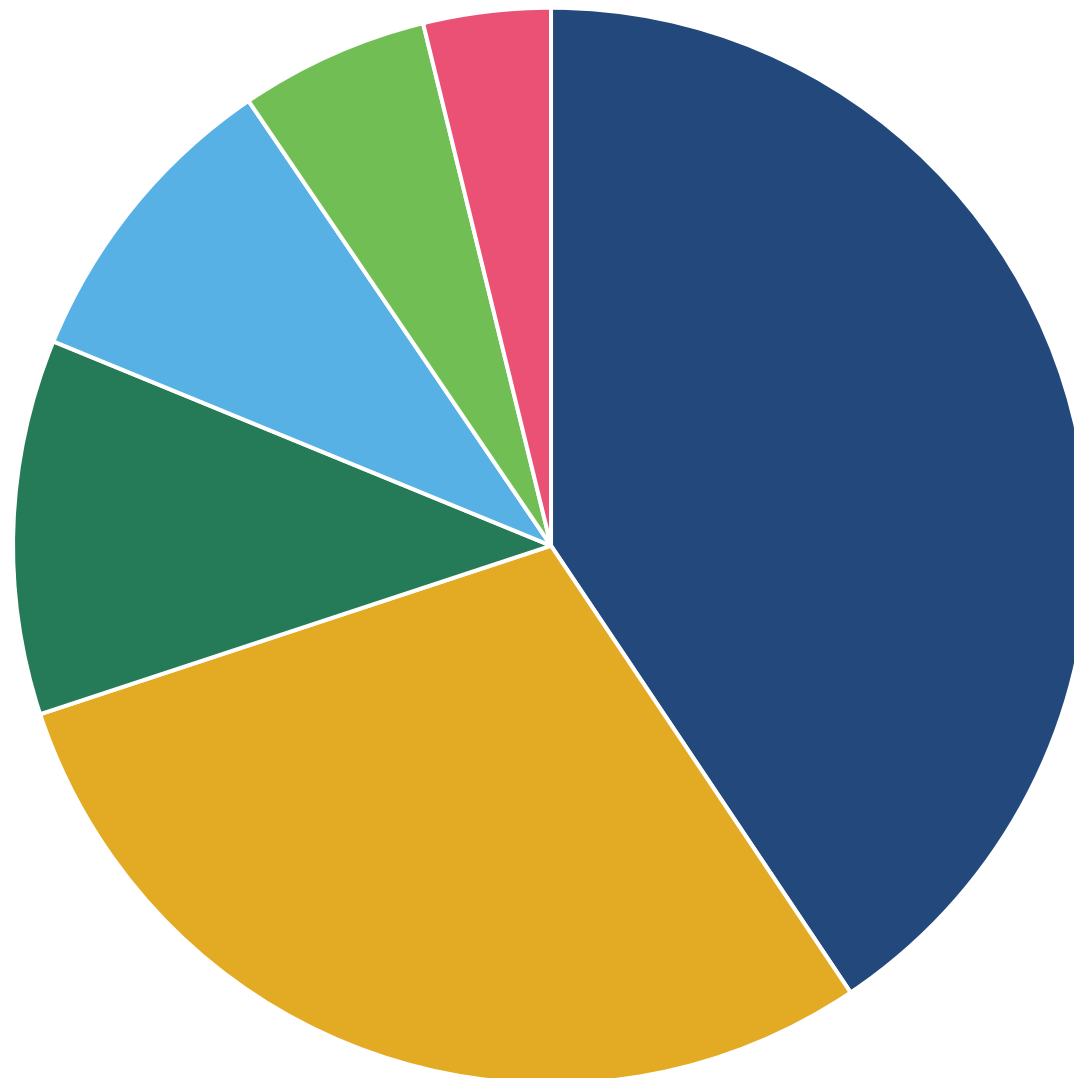
■ Private Funding
(Corporate/Philanthropic/ Individual)

■ IHN-CCO

■ Federal Funding

■ State Funding: Other

■ City/County Funding*



Uncertain Future Landscape:

- SSP Phase II is approximately \$2,460,058. '26-'27 Fiscal year.
- The SSP Phase II represents a ~\$500k reduction from previous years. SSP will not meet the need for shelters that relied on previous OHCS shelter funding.
- As a result, we are facing a gap that will require difficult decisions, including how we prioritize resources and where additional support may be needed.

The Ask for HOPE Members:

- Engage in advocacy at the local and state level for increased funding for emergency sheltering.
- Articulate how the reduced shelter funding will negatively impact your sectors.
- Advocate for utilizing additional state funding to keep our shelters open to avoid the costs that will be incurred in your sector due to shelter closures.
- We need continued leadership support for areas beyond CHRO's purview.

CHRO Progress Updates

1. Improved Referral Pathways and Accurate Data Collection
 - Universal Referral for Housing and Supports System
2. Street Outreach and Encampment Response Coordination
3. Regional Assessment and Plan for the Statewide Shelter Program

1. Improved Referral Pathways and Accurate Data Collection

- Updating our documentation to create a Universal Referral Form (URF) for housing and supports for all providers. The URF incorporates our new coordinated entry (CE) assessment tool.
- Implementing a Universal Referral Process to reduce duplication and streamline housing pathways. Leading collaborative CE case conferencing to roll out new URF with a pilot group of 10 households from the FHSP referral pool.
- Hosting training on the new URF and process for consistent referrals and CE data entry into HMIS.
- CHRO has engaged providers and has support to move forward with these improvements.

2. Street Outreach and Encampment Response

- Executed a contract with Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center (CDDC) for increased staff capacity with funding from Housing 360 grant for the street outreach and response team (SORT) side of encampment response.
- CHRO working to make sure there is shelter capacity at Unity, however we are facing a funding shortfall.
- Coordination and collaboration with Corvallis Parks & Rec and CPD, county forensic diversion and behavioral health.
- Neighborhood focus areas – multijurisdictional response team included discussions with Parks & Rec, CPD, CDDC, and county BH.
- City working on rehabilitation of two properties for next step housing transition capacity.
- Finalized first draft of outcome measures for street outreach and submitted to OHCS.

Regional Plan and Assessment

- Informing the Statewide Sheltering Program (SSP) with ongoing feedback to the state about the structure and funding.
- CHRO staff submitted a draft of the Plan to OHCS on June 29. Parts are left blank until CHRO staff present to the county Board of Commissioners (BOC) on July 7. Once the BOC have reviewed and acknowledged the budget implications in the plan, the CHRO will finalize the Plan and submit an updated copy to OHCS.

CHRO Progress Updates

- CHRO continues to engage property managers with coordination from City partners.
- CHRO coordination with the City of Corvallis includes ongoing coordination around key properties, such as Van Buren and Harrison, to ensure local infrastructure planning complements our regional obligations.
- CHRO staff are working closely with the City of Corvallis to align the scope of services supported by city and county homelessness funding with the expectations of the Statewide Shelter Program (SSP).
- This collaboration is focused on creating consistent, integrated service standards that strengthen our regional system and ensure local investments directly support our shared state-mandated shelter and rehousing objectives.

What is CHRO doing to fill gaps?

- Aligning city-county funding priorities to strengthen systemwide impact.
- Strengthening provider capacity with formal partnerships and contract requirements through the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool. Measurable outcomes and accountability.
- Delivering robust training and support for community wide provider network to improve service delivery and impact.
- Partnering with United Way to steward a shared volunteer recruitment portal, reducing provider burden and increasing volunteer access.
- Partnering with Affordable Housing developers and local property managers to improve access to affordable units so FHSP funds can stretch further. Finishing an MOU with another developer this month!
- Pursued HRSN reimbursement to leverage Medicaid funding for rent and tenancy supports – we need support with this one.

CHRO's commitment to HOPE:

Summer CHRO News & Updates email sent out by end of July.

At 10/14/26 meeting:

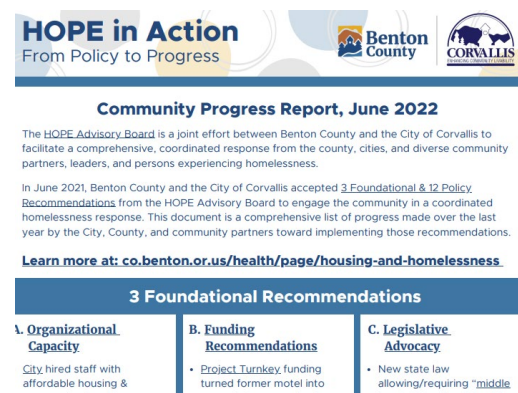
- CHRO returns with updates about the statewide sheltering plan and any funding updates.
- CHRO plans to have progress with work group topics and may need further guidance from leadership.
- We hope to hear any updates from HOPE members about advocacy efforts in their own networks that benefit shelters.

Central Point of Communications



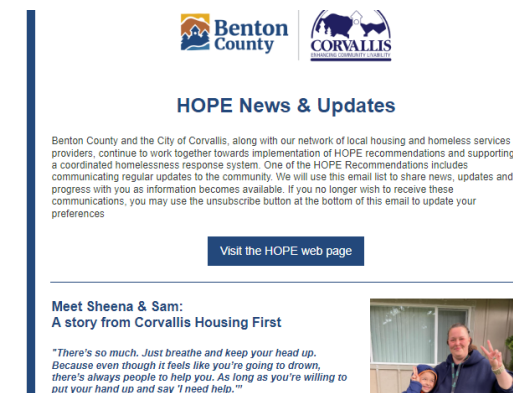
CHRO Website

- 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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