HB 5201

EHA/SHAP BUDGET NOTE
RECOMMENDATIONS

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Housing Stability Council Meeting
1. Budget Note
2. HSC Subcommittee Recommendations
3. Final Thoughts and Questions
HB 5201 Budget Note
• “The Housing Stability Council, in alignment with preliminary findings from the Statewide Housing Plan, shall make recommendations to the Director of Oregon Housing and Community Services about how to prioritize funding for the Emergency Housing Account (EHA) and the State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP) to ensure that funds are being spent as efficiently and effectively as possible. At a minimum, the Council shall consider how the use of funding incentivizes regionally and nationally recognized best practices, and outcome oriented strategies, to create a more effective system to prevent and reduce homelessness. The Director shall present recommendations to the Legislature by February 28, 2019.”
HSC Subcommittee Recommendations

The subcommittee work and subsequent recommendations reflect the following key points of the EHA/SHAP Budget Note:

Guiding Agreements
Alignment with Statewide Housing Plan
Funding Priorities
Use of Best Practices
Use of Outcome Oriented Strategies
Creating an Efficient and Effective System
Future Efforts and Implementation Considerations
Guiding Agreements

For the 2019-2021 biennium:

1. OHCS will define accountability expectations to ensure progress is being made across all standards incorporated into the Master Grant Agreement (MGA): Operational Standards and EPIC outcomes.

2. OHCS will support Community Action Agencies (CAAs) to achieve desired outcomes through individualized capacity building, training, and technical assistance.

3. OHCS and CAAs will continue to work through a collaborative, cooperative approach and articulate decision making expectations and authority.
Alignment with Statewide Housing Plan

1. Demonstrate commitment to address racial disparities by incorporating racial justice strategies into program design, service delivery, data analysis, and training investments.

2. Prioritize ending homelessness for two priority populations: Veterans and families with children.
1. Fund farmworker assistance with an OHDC operations funding formula for the 2019-2021 biennium to be paid for from EHA+DRF funds.

2. Initiate a joint process between OHCS and CAPO to determine a new funding formula for the 2021-2023 biennium for OHDC and all Community Action Agencies.
   - Based on priority populations, cultural responsiveness, service needs, etc.

3. Increase allowable administrative allotment to 15% for EHA, SHAP, and LIRHF for CAAs and OHDC.
4. Develop a funding approach for emergency and winter shelters in alignment with the anticipated shelter study results in May 2019.

5. Develop priorities for EHA discretionary funds to support capacity building and innovation efforts to incentivize CAAs to meet outcomes.
1. Incorporate Operational Standards into the 2019-2021 MGA around Administrative, Fiscal, and Service Delivery Standards.

2. Adopt the following best practice interventions as part of the required MGA Service Delivery Standards:
   - use Housing First approach
   - maximize Coordinated Entry participation
   - ensure access to low-barrier shelter services
   - incorporate lived experience in service delivery
   - implement strategies to reduce racial disparities
1. Adopt the EPIC (Ending homelessness, Preventing homelessness, Inclusion and Diversity, Capacity of the community) approach for prioritizing outcomes and tracking performance measures in the 2019-2021 MGA.

2. The 2019-2021 biennium will be a transition time, in terms of MGA Service Delivery and EPIC outcomes compliance, and there will be a series of accountability agreements established between OHCS and CAAs.

- Baseline data will be collected to set reliable baselines for each CAA for EPIC performance measures, including baselines for communities of color, Veterans, and families with children.
- Then CAAs will work with OHCS to set benchmarks to improve performance measures, including goals to eliminate racial disparities between those served and community demographics.
Creating an Efficient and Effective System

1. Develop individualized capacity building plans for CAAs, OHCS, and CAPO that align with EPIC performance measures and MGA Operational Standards to address organizational development, service delivery, and knowledge base.

2. Pursue improved infrastructure for HMIS governance and oversight that allows for collaborative/inclusive decision making and better utilization of the system.

3. Release a newly streamlined MGA that integrates performance measures for common outcomes.
Future Efforts and Implementation Considerations

1. Invest in additional system alignment including the use of EHA discretionary funding for Continua of Care (CoCs) and leveraging partnerships with other state agencies to improve service integration at a minimum.

2. Analyze funding streams to find comprehensive strategies to meet outcomes.

3. Explore ways to enhance homeless efforts in rural communities through increased support of the Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC).

4. Pursue cross-system data sharing possibilities to achieve more holistic service delivery and outcomes for Oregonians experiencing homelessness.
5. Develop an approach to support the emergency shelter system in Oregon based on findings from the statewide shelter study.

6. Articulate decision making process between CAPO and OHCS for implementation and continuous improvement.
Final Thoughts

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

African proverb
From Transaction to Transformation

Ch. 1: Intro - why, what, who?
Ch. 2: State of HMIS
Ch. 3: Solutions - focusing on leases and housing units
Ch. 4: Investment Plan
Ch. 5: Capacity Building
Ch. 6: DATA: measure, manage, monitor
Ch. 7: Summary of problems and changes
Ch. 8: Strategic Plan, SWOT
implementation

Claritying Questions

The temperature check is meant to gauge support on not necessarily fully
recommended. However, I can’t vote without a quick clarification on
this—please specify recommendation number.

- What is the current approach to disburse
  funds to states and who is making changes?
- Who requires stakeholder feedback?
- What authority do we (and our partners) have
  over HMIS governance and change?

- Future/modified CDR - what will the
current be when?

- How will employees be trained
  with EPIC?

- Can MCHS conduct training?

- Delancey (knowledge sharing)

- Does AHDC have some performance measures?
Questions and Discussion

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