

Statewide Oregon Unhoused Response & Recovery Network for COVID-19 and Wildfires

Agenda

DATE: **Friday, January 15th 2021**
TIME: 10:00am to 11:30am
Zoom URL: <https://zoom.us/j/7217534128?pwd=Y1NzejU2ckl5NEZuemNTMTdUNWRPUT09>
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Agenda Items and Discussion

Introductions, Welcome, and Updates – 5 min

Zoom Meeting Housekeeping Notes

Connor McDonnell

Ensuring Shelters, Homeless Service Providers, and those Experiencing Homelessness are prepared for COVID - 20 mins

- Themes from Shelter & Encampment consultations
- Testing discussion

OHA Public Health Epidemiologists & Testing Director from the COVID Response & Recovery Unit (CRRU)

COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach for People Experiencing Homelessness - 10 mins

Karina Reardon and Liliana Villanueva, Outreach Coordinators for OHA's Community Partner Outreach Program

Local / Regional Updates by Continuum of Care (CoC) Geographic Areas – 30 min

Please provide approximately a 2-4-minute update. Here are a few prompting questions:

- General community update on communities' homeless service response related to COVID preparedness, prevention, and vaccine outreach; and response (& if applicable related to Wildfires), and updates on vaccine outreach
- What has been going well the past a month?
- What is an anticipated upcoming challenge? Remaining questions, clarification that you have?

[Local Designated Point-of-Contact](#) (can be located on page pg. 2)

Wildfire Response & Recovery – 15 min

- Updates from FEMA: Crisis Counseling & Legal Aid Services
- Housing Impact Assessment & measuring impact homeless services and those experiencing homelessness

Connor McDonnell, FEMA Rep, HUD Rep

State Agency Updates– 10 min

- Oregon Housing & Community Services
- Oregon Health Authority
- Dept. of Human Services

Any additional items & adjourn

Next meeting will be Friday, January 28th from 10 – 11:30 am

COVID-19 Homeless Populations Taskforce

Statewide Regional Updates - January 15, 2021

Continuum of Care	Counties	Name	Summarized Update
OR 500 - Eugene Springfield/ Lane County CoC	Lane	Heather Sielicki	I work for White Bird Clinic. We are working on vaccination efforts for our staff and then vaccinating the larger 1A community. https://whitebirdclinic.org/white-bird-clinic-partners-on-covid-19-vaccination-effort/ . Our Dental clinic is hosting volunteer Dentists to help vaccinate the dental community. Volunteers can vaccinate their own staff and then help to vaccinate others. We are guessing 2000 possible dental professionals need to be vaccinated. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044dadaf2da3fe3-white
OR 501- Portland, Gresham, Multnomah County CoC	Multnomah	Bill Boyd	Vaccines are being distributed today and Tuesday (1/19) for congregate and semi-congregate shelter workers. Weather advisory are a concern, outreach efforts and hotel relationships are priorities. 3 shelter sites open and working to plan if one had a COVID outbreak, might include tents and sleeping bags.
OR 502- Medford, Ashland, Jackson County CoC	Jackson	Melanie Doshier	Not directly involved but have received communications around vaccines. ESG application for 2.3M for shelter operations was just submitted and are waiting response. 2 app for Project Turnkey were also submitted. Conducting sample survey for PIT count.
OR 503- Central Oregon CoC	Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson	Colleen Thomas	Not available to give update. Connor states that kudos for Central Oregon that for first time they were able to get winter shelter up in 8 communities across 3 counties that is for the entire season (not temperature dependent).
OR 505- Oregon Balance of State Coc	26 Counties (Below)	Jessica Adams	Providing support for 26 counties with efforts with rental assistance and winter shelter planning. Defer briefs to regions below.
OR 506- Hillsboro, Beaverton/ Washington County CoC	Washington	Annette Evan	Providing people a daily bed for the 120-day season (11/15/2020 through 3/15/2021). If the person does not show up for 2 nights and does not communicate why they are not there, the bed is cleaned per CDC and turned over for someone new. 1.3M funding stream to help support the work. Weather and floods are impacting encampments. What is currently working for folks with similar challenges. Working to transition from encampments into my perm housing.

OR-505 Balance of State

Coos, Curry	Beth Barker-Hidalgo	I'm in Curry County. ED Curry Homeless Coalition. We are working with OHA staff to schedule drive/walk-thru testing in Curry. Other partners include Coast Community Health in Port Orford, the Gold Beach Community ctr, Chetco library and the Brookings Homeless Task Force. We are distributing 20L dry bags with hygiene supplies, socks, Safe & Strong materials, masks, gloves, etc. Curry County will not be receiving the volume of vaccines as was anticipated, subsequently vaccines will only be available to K-12 educators and people 80 or older. Community Action agency will not be conducting PIT 2021. We submitted an LOS for a project turnkey application. Rogue Retreat is the applicant. Property is located in Brookings.
Klamath, Lake	Christina Zamora	Partner applied for ESG funds for transition housing project and supporting a Project Turnkey app as a community project. Phone and in person PIT count going on. Warming center was reviewed. Challenge, lack of housing and resources continue to be the big barrier.
Grant, Union, Wallowa, Baker	Rochelle	Community Connection will be doing an unsheltered count for Baker, Grant, Union, and Wallowa counties. I think the Survey would be a great additional option during our count.
Hood River, Wasco, Sherman	Sarah Kellems	We are in active communication with Hood River County Health Dept and they continue to provide PPE to our Warming Shelter program. Our shelter staff also had the opportunity to participate in a drive-up vaccine clinic at the Health Dept. yesterday and just under half of our staff got their initial vaccine. We are hoping to set up an on-site vaccine clinic at the shelter for our guests however my understanding is that news from last night that federal reserves of vaccine do not exist/will not be distributed may mean this is not possible. We are also hoping that flexible shelter siting will be considered in the upcoming state legislative session.
Lincoln, Benton, Linn	Daniel McKenna-Foster	City voted to formalize an encampment site on an existing RV site. Out of the 60, 40 returned after gravel was laid. Thinking the application might have deterred some from returning, background check concerns.
Counties not available:		Yamhill, Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler, Harney, Malheur, Josephine, Douglas, Clackamas, Marion, and Polk

Meeting Discussion Topic

Partner Updates

- **OHA Public Health Epidemiologists & Testing Director from the COVID Response & Recovery Unit (CRRU) with Orion McCotter, Neeti Vyas, and Kassie Clark**
 - To request a Shelter Infection Control consultation from OHA's Epidemiologists here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a3bb7e03fba6431988ce1d77cd306229>
 - Infection Control Assessment Tool for Shelters: <https://sharesystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3463.pdf>
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach for People Experiencing Homelessness with Karina Reardon and Liliana Villanueva**
 - <https://PollEv.com/surveys/KNhLsKEkshhcZnGJa6K1c/respond>
 - Survey Closes 2/12
- **Wildfire Update with Nicolas Granum, FEMA & John Demboski, HUD**
 - Oregon Disaster Legal Services: <https://oregondisasterlegalservices.org/>
 - Safe + Strong Oregon: <https://www.safestrongoregon.org/>

State Updates

- **OHCS - 2021 Legislative Agenda**
 - OHCS 2021 Legislative Agenda: <https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/about-us/Documents/gov-relations/2021-DRAFT-OHCS-Legislative-Agenda-Survey-Summary.pdf>
 - OHCS Gov Relations homepage: <https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/about-us/Pages/government-relations.aspx>
- **DHS – SSP from James Barta**
 - Stimulus Payments coming as debit cards: <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/DHSNEWS/NewsReleases/News%20release%20on%20EIP%201-13-21.pdf>