

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

Agenda

DATE: **Friday, March 18th, 2022**

TIME: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

[Meeting Recording](#)



Agenda Items and Discussion

Introductions, Welcome, and Updates – 10 min

[Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Portal Open Until 3/21- press release *here*](#)

[Connor McDonnell](#)

2022 OHCS Legislative Updates for Homeless Services

2021 Point-in-Time Count Report

Youth Experiencing Homelessness Updates from Department of Human Services –

[Matt Rasmussen](#)

[PowerPoint Presentation](#) 10 mins

OHA Public Health COVID-19 Update: Current Status of Cases, Masking Mandate Information, Current Guidelines – [PowerPoint Presentation](#) 20 mins

[Neeti Vyas](#), OHA
Epidemiologist

Local Public Health Authority (LPHA) Vaccine Equity Continuum –

[Bridget Acosta](#), OHA

[PowerPoint Presentation](#) 20 mins

Discussion & Local/Regional Updates by Continuum of Care

[Local Designated Point-of-Contact](#)

Would you be interested in collaborating with the LPHA / Regional Capacity Team on any vaccine equity initiatives?

Any additional items & adjourn:

Next meeting will be Friday, April 15th from 10 – 11 am

Additional information from March 18, 2022, Meeting:

The OERAP portal remained open until March 21, 2022, thanks to the additional \$16 million in reallocated federal funding. Here is some important information for renters:

- Anyone who has not applied for OERAP in the past and has fallen behind on rent is encouraged to apply for emergency rental assistance before 11:59 p.m. on March 21, 2022, at oregonrentalassistance.org.
- Applicants can continue to log on to the OERAP portal to complete their application or check the status of their finished application. They will be alerted by email as their application advances.

- If a tenant has an incomplete application in the portal, they now have until March 28, 2022, to complete it. This extension applies to applications that are incomplete at the time of closure. New applications will not be accepted after March 21, 2022.
- Tenants who submit new applications can access protections from eviction for nonpayment of rent while their application is being reviewed and processed. Tenants must show proof to their landlord that they applied for the program to receive the protections.

2022 OHCS Legislative Updates for Homeless Services

During the 2022 Legislative Session, OHCS worked closely with Governor Brown and the Oregon Legislature, and were incredibly pleased to see \$400 million in investments across the housing continuum, with \$80.5 million being allocated specifically for Homeless Services, Homelessness Prevention, and Coordination. Specific investments include:

- **Homeless Prevention - \$30 million:** Investments in the [Oregon Eviction Diversion and Prevention Program](#), additional funds for EHA, and other programs to provide flexible funds for homelessness prevention.
- **Homeless Services - \$50 million:** Including investments in the [Out of the Cold program](#), grants to [extend Emergency Solutions Grants – Coronavirus Relief programming](#), and other shelter support, including operating funds to properties developed through [Project Turnkey](#), extending funds to [navigation centers](#), to [youth homelessness providers](#), [shelter medical respite models](#), and more.
- **Interagency Council on Homelessness & Built for Zero - \$500,000:** Investments will fund the development, and staffing, of an [Interagency Council on Homelessness and support Built for Zero](#), a collaborative service to help communities establish and implement action plans to reduce and eliminate homelessness.

Additionally, we saw the passage of key bills relating to homelessness in Oregon, including [HB 4051](#), which would extend the Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities and [HB 4123](#) which will establish 8 locally-led pilots across the state, with each receiving \$1 million in state funding over 2 years, to operationalize coordinated offices to strengthen their communities' homeless response.

- [2021 Point-in-Time Count Report from Portland State University's Homeless Research & Action Collaborative \(HRAC\)](#) preliminary document is *attached* and will have an in-focus session to discuss the report findings. In preparation for that session, please note any questions that you may have. More information will be forthcoming. We appreciate [Jacen Greene](#) being available to introduce himself.
- [Youth Experiencing Homelessness Updates from Department of Human Services](#) presentation with information on: Service Enhancements & Host Home Demonstration Program (HB 2544); cross-department funding expansion between Self-Sufficiency Program & Child Welfare (HB 4013), DHS & Oregon Housing and Community Services Partnerships, and information on free registration for the Rural Conference on Youth Homelessness can be [found here](#). Thanks to Matt Rasmussen for his presentation today.
- [Information on the state of Oregon's Vaccine Equity Continuum work](#) that includes the Vaccine Equity Plan Guide can be [found here](#). County Local Public Health Authority (LPHA) Equity Plans & Progress Reports can be [found here](#), to provide input on the LPHA Vaccine Equity Continuum work, here is a way to [provide feedback](#). We appreciate Bridget Acosta's presentation today.