



# Statewide Homeless Populations Task Force

*Emergency Support Function 6 (ESF 6)*  
*Mass Care Operations Team (MCOT)*

## Agenda

DATE: **Friday, May 15th , 2020**  
TIME: 10:00am to 11:30am  
Zoom URL: <https://zoom.us/j/7217534128>



## Agenda Items and Discussion

**Introductions, Welcome, and Taskforce Updates – 15 min**  
*Zoom Meeting Housekeeping Notes*

Connor McDonnell

**Governor's Housing Advisory Update & State Agency Updates–  
30 min**

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

Shannon Singleton and State Partners

**In Focus: Discussion on Trauma – 15 min**

Susie Stuvland

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

Local Designated Point-of-Contact

**Adjourn**

*Questionnaire to follow*



# Meeting Summary and Notes

## **Connor McDonnell – Meeting Facilitator**

New Homeless Population Taskforce website is available [HERE](#)

## **Current OHCS Funding Updates: Sam Kenney**

OHCS is working to dispersing COVID-19 relief funds to local partners. \$12 Million dollars have been allocated to OHCS through the federal funds; \$8.5 Million is towards rental assistance and \$3.5 Million is in safe sheltering.

\$8.5M in Rent Relief Program will be dispersed to Community Action Agencies, using the existing Master Grant Agreement with a needs-based formula to properly allocate throughout the state. The major difference between these new Rent Relief funds is that there is an addition to include COVID-19 data, and help to target hardest hit communities. The program serves at income levels at 50%AMI. We are working with partners to have a quick turn around on grand agreements but we ask for you reach out if you are having an issues that need addressing.

\$3.5M for farmworkers and other experiencing homelessness. Latino communities have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic so the intent with these new funds is to mitigate and reserves some of these disturbing trends. OHCS will be working directly with cultural specific organizations, continuum of care offices, and service providers to learn more about the needs' of Oregon's farmworkers and drive the use of these funds.

Federal CARES package: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – We have our award letter but there is still no date as of yet for these funds to arrive. OHCS will be taking advantage of all COVID-19 waivers to optimize flexibility at the local level. When these funds are available there will be a public comment time, but it will be shortened to accommodate the urgency necessary and only for 5 days instead of the regular 30 days. When we have that information, we will make it available.

## **Oregon Health Authority: Steven White**

Please see presentation and [DRAFT Definitions](#) of placement type

## **Governor's Housing Advisory Update & State Agency Updates: Shannon Singleton:**

Please see Governor's Reopening webpage [HERE](#) for more updates

## **Oregon Housing Alliance: Alison McIntosh:**

To reach out to Alison directly please email her at: [amcintosh@neighborhoodpartnerships.org](mailto:amcintosh@neighborhoodpartnerships.org)

## **Oregon Department of Human Services: Matt Rasmussen**

For more information about homeless youth provider information, see more information [HERE](#)

## **In Focus: Discussion on Trauma: Susie Stuvland**

Reentry plans and consideration to staff stress levels and current workloads is a very important topic, working with the trauma in mind with make efforts more deliberate and intentional. We are all facing this together. 30mins at the end of the day to decompress is a great example of distressing and self-care during our current pandemic.

## **Regional Area Updates:** Successes this week, and anticipated challenges.

- Lane: Isolation and quarantine shelter is projected to open on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Challenges surrounding demobilization about not having alternatives ready. Current training and planning is for these cases to integrate into Rapid Rehousing program training pilot next week. Biggest challenges is available space for people to go safely. The other challenge is staff capacity to get new funding out the door, because it does not include admin funding.
- Jackson: Assistance to Farmworkers, plan being developed currently. Up to 50% uptick in resource asks, mostly in rent assistance. Continue to seek additional funding to help support the need. 3 resource fairs with street outreach to engage with the community.



- Deschutes/Crook/Jefferson: Board of Commissioners approved FEMA letter. Working with service providers for unsheltered needs. Capacity building at local hotel currently being worked. Shower and hygiene trucks are now posted and available. Safe parking venue has been a success as well.
- Marion/Polk: Mobilized testing and shelter testing has increase and also has increase shelter capacity. Rent relief and prevention efforts are a focus. The partnership in the communities have helped and it a great success. Above 50% AML are looking for resources so will look into CDBG funding possibilities.
- Balance of State: Working to support with the information and resources to communities and those on the front lines providing services.
- Washington: Currently has 3 positive COVID farmworkers in care. Migrate farmworker communities is being tested currently. Considered tent-city concept as shelters will be closing in the future to create a more organized village. Camps are recorded as larger than historically measured. Working to help with hygiene efforts. Shelters will be closing at the end of the month. Hotel/motel vouchers are also dwindling. Safe Sheltering funding will help, requesting further updates as they become available.
- Clackamas: Abby – first COVID positive case in safe shelter. 19 beds available but have no positive cases within the homeless community in this county. Working services on the ground and weekly CoC meetings.
- Klamath & Lake: working to help find resources and hotels willing to house COVID positive unsheltered neighbors in need. Finalize contract details with hotel. Team capacity and funding requests are a big priority. Working on communications with partners about limited staff capacity and realistic expectations.
- Grant, Baker, Union, and Wallowa: Rent Relief funding has been received so we are working on processing those requests and should have funding available by next week. All four counties are in Phase 1 of reopening.
- Hood River/Wasco: Closed all safe shelters and successfully completed testing events, unsheltered COVID positive are guaranteed hotel/motel safe shelter. In the next few weeks these hotel/motel vouchers will expire so are looking for long-term housing options. Looking for information on hygiene services and contacts.
- Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler: Susie- Hotel/motel are still being utilized. Working with PSH options. Hygiene and food resources continue to be distributed in the community. Currently working on PSH options for those currently being housed in the hotel/motel program.
- Linn/Benton: all three counties are open. Rental assistance funds will start to go out next week. Great partnerships locally and local providers. drop-in centers and local outreach have been aiding in bring these resources to those in need; hygiene, food, and other necessities, funding and resources for unhoused Oregonians and preparing for the rental assistances requests.
- Tillamook: no need requested for sheltering. Hotel and short term rentals have been shut down so do not have available places for them. RV and other State parks are shut down so we are limited with where we can tell people to go.
- Douglas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Josephine, Douglas, Multnomah, Harney/Malheur- Not Available

### **Meeting Adjourned**