



Statewide Homeless Populations Task Force

Emergency Support Function 6 (ESF 6)

Mass Care Operations Team (MCOT)

Agenda

DATE: **Friday, August 14th**
TIME: 10:00am to 11:30am
Zoom URL: <https://zoom.us/j/7217534128>



Agenda Items and Discussion

Introductions, Welcome, and Taskforce Updates – 10 min

Zoom Meeting Housekeeping Notes

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Regional Updates by Continuum of Care (CoC) Geographic Areas

– 45 min

Local Designated Point-of-Contact

State Agency Updates– 20 min

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

Any additional items & Adjourn – 10 min

Questionnaire to follow

Meeting Summary

Local/Regional Updates:

COVID-19 Homeless Populations Taskforce			
Statewide Regional Updates - August 14, 2020			
Continuum of Care	Counties	Name	Summarized Update
OR 502- Medford, Ashland, Jackson County CoC	Jackson	Connie Wilkerson	Temporary urban campground is at full capacity to help relocated those at risk due to local wildfire and will be expanding to accommodate. 5-campground residence were placed in permanent housing. Rental Assistance is being distributed and they are working with partners to help get those resources are. Two seasonal shelters will need to relocate for social distance, one adult and one youth shelters. Trying to launch year-round shelters. Shelters closures are creating concerns for safe sheltering options.
OR 503- Central Oregon CoC	Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson	Colleen Thomas	Undocumented and minority homeless neighbors are being looked at specifically. Isolation Hotel program is being renewed. Looking forward to legislative and funding updates.
OR 505- Oregon Balance of State Coc	26 Counties (Below)	Caleb Green	Providing support for 26 counties particularly around rental relief funds and entry service points.
OR 506- Hillsboro, Beaverton/ Washington County CoC	Washington	Mellani Calvin	Open 30 new tent site at the Hillsboro fairgrounds.
OR-505 Balance of State	Coos, Curry	Laura Moore	Biggest challenge is lack of affordable housing. Continue to work tirelessly to help those most vulnerable.

	Josephine, Douglas	Kelly Wessels	Wrap-Around services grant is working on those unsheltered positive tested Oregonians work together with OHA. Non-English speaking applicants are being served. Uptick with COVID cases. Need infrastructure for shelter resources. Needing local buy-in. Enjoyed last week's In-Focus Messaging session.
	Klamath, Lake	Christina Zamora	Getting Rental Assistance out the door quicker than ever and cross-training staff to help intake. Working on housing property up and running. Keeping up on data entry is difficult.
	Harney, Malheur	Heather E.	Rental assistance is the major priority but the data entry side is a challenge because of current workloads. Tiny shelter project being moved to private land. Good feedback from community. Housing project Director is still working on future projects.
	Grant, Union, Wallowa, Baker	Rochelle Hamilton	Rental Assistance is being provided and are almost caught up with data entry with two new hires to help. Currently working on a homeless warming station collaboration with the Public Health Authority to prepare for colder, more vulnerable months. Focus on unsheltered and the need for the isolation Hotel program remains. Planning for November shelter openings.

	Hood River, Wasco, Sherman	Sarah Kellems	Planning non-congregate shelters for winter warming. Immediate solution is to purchase individual emergency shelters such as those at Pallet Shelter. Working with local partners on placement and funding. Challenges include navigation of the federal relief fund system. Local and State partnerships are helping. Partnering with Wasco on a joint shelter through ESG2. Wasco is experiencing a lot of fires right now and smoke. Hotel programs are not allowing those affected by smoke or risk because they are COVID negative.
	Lincoln, Benton, Linn	Peggie McGuire	Working to help those eligible for SSI retrieve resources that they can then use to place into permanent housing. Rental assistance resources are being distributed. Waiting on HUD Continuum of Care funds for approved projects. Funding on winter shelters is an issue and will have to offer congregate and non-congregate shelters. Large shelter in the area is closing due to needed repairs. Looking into RFPs.
Counties Unavailable	Lane, Multnomah, Marion, Polk, Clackamas, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler, Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Yamhill		

Non-Profit, City, and Other	Suzanne Mann- Heintz	Florence / Linn County Coastal Arms	Safe shelter for students opened about 18months ago. Warming station but no other shelters developed yet. Future projects to help develop area. Transitional project in the works. No winter shelters but maybe 6 days a week. Look forward to future partnerships.
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	Marissa Cade	Home Share Oregon	Not a great resource for those facing unsheltered issues but they can assist with finding affordable housing options. Would like to collaborate statewide. Email is marissa@fearlessfacilitation.net
State Updates	Nicole Stoenner	Senior Legislative & Government Relations Coordinator, OHCS	Some programs have been eliminated, but we also saw increased investments in tried and true programs that will support our friends and neighbors through these challenging economic times. See the Special Director's Message for information on OHCS's Budget adjustments.
			OHCS Tableau Tables
	Tenant Right Article – My Oregon News		
	Mike Savara	Assistant Director of Homeless Services, OHCS	Coronavirus Rent Relief Program (CRRP) switch with Coronavirus Safe Sheltering Program from General Funds to Federal Funds protocols. We are still looking into how all programs will be impacted but do not foresee major changes to programs. Should have guidance available in the next few weeks. FAQ session will be planned so more to come with these subjects. ESG2 - During Special Session, we received a waiver that allows other organizations outside the Community Action Agency network to apply for resources. \$7million will be devoted allocation to the Community Action Network. The other \$42 million will be allocated through a competitive process with regional allocations and allocations not historically made available. Invites sent to all 8 CoC's. Not sure at this point when the competitive process will be open but in the next three weeks we will have our strategies after we talk with the CoCs. Allocation of ESG1 are being seen as a model nationally because these resources are available.

	Wes Rivers	OHA	<p>\$45Million requested and awarded to support the tribal and communities of color. Grant program the help with equity inclusion. Community Based Organization and those currently on contract. Serves 3 main functions: 1) address people's needs with health and economic disruptions. 2) Food insecurity and housing 3) Safety and violence prevention.</p> <p>Community Based Organization working on getting the contracts done, about 180 organization now, Working to make sure all local health authorities and the community is getting the services they need. Delivery of wrap-around support. Continuous information flow to help inform all partners.</p>
	Matthew Rasmussen James Barta Chris Chabre	DHS	<p>Runaway and Homeless Youth Assessment is being sent out and has been mentioned previously. The State is hoping to identify gaps where services are needed and actual numbers for those needing resources (ages 11-24). Assessment will take about 6 months to complete and will begin on ZOOM. Regional meetings will be worked after to identify what is needed in each community.</p> <p>Plans of isolation and quarantine needs for an unaccompanied minor. Contact Matt for more info.</p> <p>DHS will have busy offices with recertification period and SNAP resources have continued to increase. EBT is also increasing.</p> <p>Starting on 8th of September the new applicant portal will go live statewide.</p>
	Connor McDonnell		Permanent Supportive Housing Institute – Application OPEN!