



Statewide Homeless Populations Task Force

Emergency Support Function 6 (ESF 6)

Mass Care Operations Team (MCOT)

Agenda

DATE: **Friday, September 11th 2020**
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

Connor McDonnell

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**

Winter Shelter Discussion for Future In-Person Session – 15 min

Questionnaire to follow

Connor McDonnell

COVID-19 Homeless Populations Taskforce

Statewide Regional Updates - September 11, 2020

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| <p>Connor McDonnell Housing Integrator OHCS Work cell: 503.510.1678 Pronouns: He/Him/His</p> | <p>Statewide Homeless Population Taskforce LINK connor.mcdonnell@oregon.gov y</p> | <p>Wildfire Resources: From the OHCS main page, an orange banner links to the State's Wildfire Response page. Resources are directly available with the local level Emergency Manager. Here is the list of contact by location. If you have questions please reach out.</p> |
| <p>Mike Savara Assistant Director Homeless Services</p> | <p>mike.savara@oregon.gov</p> | <p>Local Emergency Managers should be prioritized but we want to acknowledge the work Community Action Agencies are providing to impacted communities. OHCS wants to assist by providing more information about how to access available funds. We are trying to be as flexible as possible to allow for the local agencies to maximize the available funds. when further guidance for available we will share it. OHCS Tableau Tables Link HB4212 for Mainstream Vouchers are available at the local Housing Authority, noncompetitive additional vouchers that has been included in the CARES Act.</p> |

| Continuum of Care | Counties | Name | Summarized Update |
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| <p>OR 500 - Eugene Springfield/ Lane County CoC</p> | <p>Lane</p> | <p>Suzanne</p> | <p>Florence is receiving evacuees. Has vouchers for hotel/motel but some have closed. Some vacation rentals are being utilized as temporary housing.</p> |
| <p>OR 502- Medford, Ashland, Jackson County CoC</p> | <p>Jackson</p> | <p>Connie Wilkerson</p> | <p>Wildfire is very devastating in Jackson County; has taken two lives, 600 homes, 100 commercial buildings and that number is growing as the fire efforts pursue. Jackson County Housing Authority lost a building that housed all farmworkers, displacing 36 families. Additional 70 voucher recipients' have been displaced. Disaster Response trailer has been set up at the Expo and local school buses are helping to transport those in need. Winter Shelter is impacted greatly with many facilities damaged or impacted by COVID-19 capacity restrictions. Hotel/Motel vouchers are offered with a hybrid program within shelters.</p> |

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| OR 503- Central Oregon CoC | Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson | From Connor McDonnell | Neighborhood Impact is involved with those that are being evacuated to the area. |
| OR 504- Salem, Marion, Polk Counties CoC | Marion, Polk | Jan Calvin | Fires are sever. State Fairgrounds (Marion and Polk) have set up Disaster Response centers. Church network are helping by providing more space. Planning long-term solution, possible CDBG funds with FEMA. Winter warming shelter converted to an air quality shelter for those unhoused and in the smoke. |
| OR 507- Clackam as County Coc | Clackamas | Abby Ahern | Sever fires, coordinating street outreach team mobilized to help with the evacuation orders. have Coordinated with Metro and other regions to help Unsheltered evacuees. COVID positive shelter has been moved. Evacuation shelters have had to be moved twice moving; more north. Looking at Multnomah County as a possible next. Congregate shelters from the Red Cross shelters are in place. CoC programs are helping to move those in need to safe areas. Churches are helping informally as well. Set up a second Emergency Operations center; (1) COVID and (2) Wildfires. |

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| OR-505 Balance of State | Coos, Curry | Laura Moore | Dealing with smoke and helping with evacuees. Continue to help locally with COVID response. |
| | Grant, Union, Wallowa, Baker | Rochelle Hamilton | Some smoke but not bad. Fairgrounds are open for displaced farm animals. Residences are available to help with animals. Hotel vouchers available. |
| | Hood River, Wasco, Sherman | Sarah Kellems | No fires locally. Limitations including no day or overnight shelters available and have poor air qualities. Port of Hood River is set up for evacuee's for Clackamas County. Super Siting application is being submitted, HB4212. One year temporary shelter for immediate solution. Would like the HB4212 deadline could be extended. |
| | Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler | Susie Stuvland | No fire damage. Air quality issues. Home for Hope is meeting virtual event to help get information out to the houseless folks. 150 backpacks with resources (info,tarps,blankets,personal care items, etc) are being distributed at the Salvation Army meal on October 3rd |

Counties unavailable: Multnomah, Yamhill, Lincoln, Benton, Linn, Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Harney, Malheur, Klamath, Lake, Josephine, Douglas and Washington

State Updates

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| OHA | Jude Leahy | Per Dr. Ann Thomas Public Health Division COVID-19 Update | 27,257 cases and 497 deaths, 5th week with numbers going down. 20-29 years old are the highest infected rates. Racial disparities are showing with infected rates. Health guidelines have been adopted to help establish safe air quality with the Homeless Shelter Guidelines for evacuations shelters. Wildfire information is available at the OHA. |
| | Kate O'Donnell | Safety Net Lead CBO Team | Funding 170 CBOs to do COVID response work. Wildfire response has been a recent shift. Supplies have been provided like air purifiers for shelters. Wildfire resource list is being shared. http://healthoregon.org/communityengagement |
| OHCS | Sam Kenney | Homeless Services | Continuing to support Community Action Agencies and those providing direct resources. We are working to put out guidance on our program for those that are seeking shelter. |
| DHS | Matthew Rasmussen | Homeless Youth | Statewide Kick-Off: September 23rd at 10:30am. More information contact Matt at Matthew.rasmussen@dhsaha.state.or.us |
| | Chris Chabre | | SNAP benefit replacement cards are available for those in need due to the wildfires. Some office closures due to wildfire and doing their best to refer |
| | Bill Baney | | CBOs are coming on board to help provide wrap around services around the COVID response will be a great way to build and establish partnership with Community Action Agencies. Testing Events are being planned, and want local community organizations are connected to those partners. Identified Points in each county that are assigned to help locally. |
| Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association | Nicole Peterson | GOV Affairs Coordinator | List of lodging has been sent to the governor's office to be added to their wildfire response webpage. npeterson@oregonrla.org |

Specific Challenges with Winter Shelter Brainstorm:

- Health and safety procedures
- Livable wage for shelter staff
- Funding with paid staff model – access funds immediately
- Alternative funding sources
- CRF funds with City/ County coordination
- Finding Locations
- Service Entry Points