

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

Agenda

DATE: **Friday, September 10th, 2021**

TIME: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

[Meeting Recording](#)



Agenda Items and Discussion

Introductions, Welcome, and Updates – 10 min

Unhoused website; HUD COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Vaccine Planning and Distribution; Nat'l Health Care for the Homeless Council Flash Blast

Connor McDonnell

[Updates from OHA Public Health Epidemiologist: Preventive Measures for People Experiencing Homelessness & Shelter Guidance](#)– 20 min

Neeti Vyas, OHA
Epidemiologist

COVID Response & Recovery Unit Updates– 15 min

[Healthcare Provider and Healthcare Staff Vaccine](#)

[Rule FAQs](#)

[COVID-19 Additional Doses FAQs](#)

Rebecca Knight-Alvarez

Local / Regional Updates by Continuum of Care (CoC) Geographic Areas – 15 min

- Successes from the last month? Current or anticipated challenges in the near future?

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

COVID-19 Homeless Populations Taskforce - Statewide Regional Updates

As Of: 7.14.21

Continuum of Care	Counties	Updates
OR 503- Central Oregon CoC	Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson	Sam Engel: long-term recovery group getting a new director for group - starts in November Joey Erving: experiencing spikes in the county, trying to consolidate and maintaining resources

OR-505 Balance of State

Josephine, Douglas	Sam Engel: part of ARPA funding to help recovery should be available in October; looking at creative ways to open sheltering for unhoused
Hood River, Wasco, Sherman	Sarah Kellams : secured a new shelter - thanks to ESG funding, we are going to be able to have 24-hour shelter options
Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler	Lois Wilder-Cochran: doing a vaccine event - trying to deal with the spike

Any additional items & adjourn:

Next meeting will be Friday, October 8th from 10:00 am – 11:00 am

- **Governor Kate Brown** [proclaims today, September 7th as a day of remembrance](#) on the one-year anniversary of the **Labor Day Wildfires in Oregon**
- HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPs) continues to provide *new* [COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Vaccine and Distribution](#) which this week they sent out "Outdoor Vaccination Event for Unsheltered Populations" and "Vaccination in Unsheltered Settings: Event Types and Considerations." This and other information such as HUD weekly office hours and other information can be [found at their 'Disease Risks and Homelessness' landing page here](#).
- The **National Health Care for the Homeless Council** is continuing to send out valuable information through their Council COVID-19 Flash Blast which includes *strategies for success, current/emerging issues, policy developments, and new resources*. You can find the [most recent issue](#), past issues, and also sign-up for this [e-blast here](#).
- The HUD Region 10 Field Office which includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska recently had a **Rural Homelessness Convening**. You can find all of the sessions available on video which includes information on Rural Youth Homelessness in Oregon, information on Tribal HUD-VASH, Innovative Use of CARES Act resources, and other information that you can [find here](#).
- The **National Alliance to End Homelessness** *is having their National Virtual Conference on Ending Homelessness from September 21-24* that will cover a range of topics including homelessness, housing, healthcare, and how to

advance racial equity. You can find more information including a consumer rate reserved for individuals who are currently or have recently experienced homelessness. You can find the agenda, registration, and [more information here](#)