



Statewide Homeless Populations Task Force

Emergency Support Function 6 (ESF 6)

Mass Care Operations Team (MCOT)

Agenda

DATE: **Friday, September 25th 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

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Wild Fire Specific Updates

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 Other Items 15 min

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Statewide Regional Updates - September 25, 2020

Continuum of Care	Counties	Name	Summarized Update
OR 500 - Eugene Springfield/ Lane County CoC	Lane	Sarai Johnson	Multiagency event was successful. Challenge: coordinate to ensure housing resources are maximized coming into the winter season; FEMA, HUD, Non-Congregate Shelter
OR 502- Medford Ashland, Jackson County CoC	Jackson	Connie Wilkerson	Jackson County coordinated call was successful. Wildfires interface with urban areas, final count is rising. 65% of statewide damages are in Jackson County. Evac center is in the fairgrounds and is now a Multiagency event to wrap around services. Planning with codes for transitional housing options. Seasonal and Agworker communities greatly impacted as well as elder communities. Unhoused communities are displaced. Year-round shelters are at max capacity, without cold weather here yet. Rental assistance is being distributed.
OR 503- Central Oregon CoC	Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson	Molly Heiss	Supporting with a temp smoke shelter in Bend. Churches and providers are housing 26 individuals. Temporary or Perm housing options are being planned with city. COVID isolation contract is extended through the end of year. Working on projects with support of HB4212 resources. Cost of NCS and CS is a struggle.
OR 504- Salem, Marion, Polk Counties CoC	Marion, Polk	Ashley Hamilton	Wildfires impacted greatly. Complete damage is still being assessed. True scope is still being worked, Reported 400 homes lost and 18 shelters destroyed so far. Community was divided (east and west) so working to bring them back together. Community involvement has been a great resource. Databases are being utilized via the health care system, school systems, and other established pathways to bring the information together. Concern: what does this look like for the unhoused populations that are not located. Worried about Silverton, Scotts mill, and other local unhoused communities. Smoke shelter was established. Looking at hybrid model for winter warming models.
OR 505- Oregon Balance of State Coc	26 Counties (Below)	Caleb Green	County will update as needed, continue to support wildfire response and planning on winter warming shelters.
OR 507- Clackamas County Coc	Clackamas	Brenda Dermin	Significant fire damage, smoke shelters were opened for a bout a week providing overnight shelter to about 50 in need. COVID NCS FMEA Application should be approved next week and will allow expansion of winter shelters by 150 from September to May.
	Coos, Curry	Laura Moore	Smoke impact for a week no fire damage. COVID resources are going out the door. Moving in numbers are increase but there are no affordable housing options locally.

OR-505 Balance of State	Josephine Douglas	Kelly Wessels	Community and staff greatly impacted by fires. Slater/devil fires are still significant. Partnering with Red Cross to provide services, pop up camps in churches and business to help provide support. Friday is coordinated outreach with our CCO, were wrap-around services are provided. Challenge: significant number of people that were effected that were living in barely standing RVs and struggling to what their next option would be. These homes are not repairable and would be very costly to replace. Planning for long-term solutions.
	Klamath, Lake	Christina Zamora	Rental assistance is going out the door, damages from fire resulted in 8 homes being loss. Evacuees were welcomed by community and services are being coordinated. Winter warming shelters are being planned but has no plan existing plan for NSG; no location.
	Grant, Union, Wallowa Baker	Rochelle Hamilton	Federal CARES fund are allocated out for end of year and are working on regular funding now. Need about 400K more to met the current need. Fire has not affected community directly. Winter shelter is being planned.
	Hood River, Wasco, Sherman	Darcy Long- Curtiss	Low impacted by wildfires. Focus on winter shelters, challenges around location of NCS. Funding is not going to provide ESG CV-Round 1 cannot be used for pallet shelters so they are working with OHCS and on possible waivers to HUD. We are working on contacted our legislator to rally for additional funding. Contact Darcy if you are having similar issues and want to make legislative contact: dlong-curtiss@ci.the-dalles.or.us

Counties Unavailable: Multnomah, Yamhill, Lincoln, Benton, Linn, Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler, Harney, Malheur and Washington

State Updates

OHA	Ann Thomas	OHA	31K COVID cases, increase in numbers. Yesterday the daily count was the highest since August. County metrics are impacted with children returning to school. Displaced and without resources are proving to be larger issues with trying to get families stabilized and children returning to school. Stepping up COVID response in displaced communities.
	Wes Rivers		Yesterday's launch was a success: https://www.safestrongoregon.org/mental-emotional-health#support-for-you https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/ABOUT/Pages/Community-Engagement.aspx
OHCS	Mike Savara	AD Homeless Services	Wildfire Damage Relief program update; small program with about 200K funding, has received over 1000 applications. Provides up to 7K. Program is paused until FEMA processes are competed. We are trying to bring in additional funds and allow for the max flexibility for larger acceptance numbers.
	Laura Lien	AD Homeless Services	Winter Shelter webinar; October 5th ESG Round 2 Webinar: October 12th Save-The-Date LINK HERE : http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1105173317681&ca=fff44231-3134-4874-9cd3-5fcdf39adfe8

DHS	Ashley Marshall	OHA-DHS	Want to apply the homeless services lens with those impacted by COVID and are involved with the Wildfire response. Red Cross has a large population being sheltered that were houseless and evacuated from the fires. Air quality refuge has also been increasing numbers. Red Cross is working to transition to a fully non-congregate shelters. Lack of resources are creating more struggles' trying to develop a long-term plan. They are looking for best practices and local level solutions that can help. Please reach out to Ashley (ashley.marshall@dhsoha.state.or.us) to provide input. There is assistance for those that were priory unhoused. ONA Assistance is available once they apply for individually assistance. 1-800-621-FEMA or www.disasterassistance.gov
	Matthew Rasmussen		Statewide assessment has been moved - KICKOFF: October 8, 2020 at 9am - Online Meeting number: 172 872 2379 or Join by phone at 1-415-655-0002 Access code: 172 872 2379 Matthew.rasmussen@dhsoha.state.or.us
	Rosemary Iavenditti	Youth Transition Programs	Former Foster Youth have new available resources up to the age of 21. Resources include housing, transportation, and other start-up expenses. Please email: rosemary.iavenditti@state.or.us

Approximately 45 total attendees.