

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

## Agenda

DATE: **Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
TIME: 10:00am to 11:30am  
Zoom URL: <https://zoom.us/j/7217534128?pwd=Y1NzejU2ckl5NEZuemNTMTdUNWRPU>  
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## Agenda Items and

### Introductions, Welcome, and Updates – 5 min

*Zoom Meeting Housekeeping Notes*

Connor McDonnell

### Review: Ensuring Shelters & Homeless Service Providers Are Prepared for COVID Materials - 25 min

OHA Public Health Epidemiologists and Connor McDonnell

### Regional Updates by Continuum of Care (CoC) Geographic Areas – 25 min

Prompting questions:

- General community update on communities' homeless service response related to COVID (& if applicable related to Wildfires)
- What has been going well the past two weeks?
- What is an anticipated upcoming challenge?

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

### State Agency Updates– 20 min

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

### Wild Fire Response & Recovery- 15 min

Kim Travis, Oregon Housing & Community Services

### Adjourn

- Next meeting will be Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 11:30
- Follow-up e-mail and info [uploaded here](#)

Meeting Discussion:

**Ensuring Shelters & Homeless Service Providers Are Prepared for COVID Materials: Orion McCotter and Neeti Vyas**

- o The communications toolkit is attached which includes the Shelter Infection Control Checklist, the simple request, and other important information Attached, "12-10-2020 Notice-Shelters-Toolkit"
- o These materials are also available on the Oregon Statewide Unhoused Response & Recovery webpage here: <https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/get-involved/Pages/oregon-unhoused-response-recovery-network-covid-19-wildfires.aspx>

**Emergency Solutions Grant COVID (ESG-CV) Request for Application is currently open with applications due by 12/27/2020 by 3:00 pm (PST).** The pre-application webinar, PowerPoint, and all materials related to the opportunity can be found on our procurement [webpage here](#) under the RFA 6041 tab. For RFA specific questions please reach out to the single point of contact at [OHCS.Contracts@oregon.gov](mailto:OHCS.Contracts@oregon.gov)

**Regional Updates**

<b>COVID-19 Homeless Populations Taskforce</b>			
Statewide Regional Updates - December 11, 2020			
<b>Continuum of Care</b>	<b>Counties</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Summarized Update</b>
<b>OR 500 - Eugene Springfield/ Lane County CoC</b>	<b>Lane</b>	Sarai Johnson	Standing NCS, many being used for quarantine. A few positive cases have applied more pressure on the local Public Health officials. Dialing in what is working and where can be improved. Semi-implemented Camp CDC guidelines, mostly because of capacity. Lack of hygiene and other services are not currently available n local camp sites.
<b>OR 502- Medford, Ashland, Jackson County CoC</b>	<b>Jackson</b>	Connie Wilkerson	MAASTT is helping to move from evacuation site and resources can be consolidated. 40 households per week being served. 300+ currently still in shelter, hoping to have all completed by February. Road Valley Resources prior to MASTT to help meet needs quickly, but very stained within capacity. Request to state for added resources to help with capacity. Campground is no really temporary, 60 households on site and the site is expanding. Hygiene and daily meal delivery seems to be working well. Temp shelters, looking for location and volunteers

			to open.
<b>OR 503- Central Oregon CoC</b>	<b>Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson</b>	Molly Heiss	Isolation motel for NCS is full. 8 Congregate shelters are operating every night within safe COVID guidelines. ESG CV2 application being worked. Rent Relief is out, worried about gap of funding. Eviction moratoriums continues to be a worry. Addressing Point-in-Time (PIT) count within capacity availability.
<b>OR 504- Salem, Marion, Polk Counties CoC</b>	<b>Marion, Polk</b>	Jan Calvin	Two project Turnkey application in Marion, 1 in Polk, collaborative ESG-CV2 application. NCS motel program, duration warming shelter have been opened. 18mon use in Salem owned shelter for social distancing beds. 1 outreach worker has tested positive
<b>OR 505- Oregon Balance of State Coc</b>	<b>26 Counties (Below)</b>	Caleb Green	County will update as needed, continue to support wildfire response and planning on winter warming shelters. HUD awarded exemption from the unsheltered PIT count.
<b>OR 506- Hillsboro, Beaverton/ Washington County CoC</b>	<b>Washington</b>	Abby Ahern	200 rooms for hotel motel contract, working to get those in place for winter long. Two Congregate sites in the works, but those beds will be limited. SHAP funding and ESG-CV combined within Rapid Rehousing to support shelter capacity and movement from shelter to rapid rehousing. PIT: HUD approved exemption from the unsheltered count and will use coordinated entry to supplement this information. Hope that this furthers our case to HUD that coordinated entry data may be better than doing unsheltered PIT. Local Project Turnkey also being planned. Similar confusion around the ESG pools and allocations which may be due to various pots of funding from different entities.

<b>Balance of State</b>	<b>Grant, Union, Wallowa, Baker</b>	Rochelle Hamilton	15 staff working within the shelter program. Covid positive can referred to hotel/motel program. Working to keep these positive cases validated buy OHA to ensure funding is being used appropriately
	<b>Hood River, Wasco, Sherman</b>	Darcy Long-Curtiss	Pallet Shelters are up, Wasco has 6 open, serving 12. has more space but having issues with getting city approval for more. More vouchers are being routed through St. Vincent. Program allows for stabilization into March 2021.
	<b>Josephine, Douglas</b>	Kelly Wessels	Staff capacity continues to be tested. Proposal with local partnership, in Josephine county, on ESG-CV applications. This is a time to shine with what we can do in our community. No low barrier shelter in area. Working with local public health authority around encampments protocol, testing and services.
	<b>Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler</b>	Susie Stuvland	Partnering with local warming shelter to get folks into hotel program. Training staff on technology to utilize resource systems. Working to get a hotel acquired via the Project Turnkey initiative.
	<b>Lincoln, Benton, Linn</b>	Peggie McGuire	Project Turnkey app, 2 submitted. Teams are putting together the ESG app. Rental moratorium, is very concerning to think of how this will impact Oregonians if this is not extended at least until the end of the school year.
<b>Counties Unavailable:</b> Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill, Coos, Curry, Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Klamath, Lake, Harney, and Malheur			

**HUD's Mainstream Housing Choice Voucher** application for housing authorities to apply for tenant-based rental assistance vouchers is open until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. These vouchers can be used to house non-elderly people with disabilities experiencing homelessness. You can work with your housing authority to ensure they apply and help in creating a system approach to assist people in their housing search and provide wrap-around supports. *Attachment titled, "Mainstream Vouchers –..."*

**Point-in-Time Count**

- o HUD Special Needs Assistance Program (SNAPs) provided PIT Count Sampling

Guidance and an Office Hours schedule. The next meeting is December 15<sup>th</sup> from 12- 1:30 pm PT. *Attached are more details, "New PIT Count..."*

**Wildfire Related Updates**

- We appreciate all the work happening in Wildfire affected areas to assist survivors. Kim Travis is the Housing Disaster Taskforce lead for Oregon Housing and Community Services which is tasked with helping lead housing recovery efforts. Information on the Oregon Disaster Housing Task Force is [available here](#) if you are

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