

COVID-19 Statewide Homeless Populations Task Force

Purpose: The COVID-19 Statewide Homeless Populations Task Force was created to provide a statewide platform for strategizing, information sharing, and collaboration, guidance and resource attainment to support local communities in mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on homeless populations.

Primary Objectives:

- 1- Create a space for regional, county and city leadership to share their strategies as they create local responses to protect the health, safety and well-being of persons experiencing homelessness in their communities.
- 2- Identify local resource gaps and concerns related to the homeless population that need to be elevated for statewide troubleshooting, and support the identification of solutions and resources to meet local needs.
- 3- Identify widespread challenges and barriers related to COVID-19 and the homeless population and, where appropriate, elevate them for policy consideration and barrier removal.
- 4- Regularly produce communications and guidance documents that answer questions, clarify and consolidate information, and connect communities and providers to resources that support persons experiencing homelessness and at-risk of homelessness.
- 5- Collaborate effectively with strategic partners such as Oregon Emergency Management, Department of Human Services, Oregon Housing and Community Services, HUD Continuums of Care, Oregon Health Authority, Regional Healthcare Coalitions, Community Action, Public Housing Authorities, and others to integrate the needs of those who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness in statewide planning and policy efforts.

Priorities & Values:

- 1- **Comprehensiveness and Inclusiveness:** Ensuring that communication and collaboration is inclusive of all sectors who are impacted by or may have an impact on this work.
- 2- **Equity Focus:** Ensuring that the needs of historically disadvantaged groups and communities of color are elevated and prioritized.

Taskforce Meetings:

The Taskforce meets on a weekly basis for 90 minutes and includes report updates from State Partners such as the Oregon Health Authority, Department of Human Services, Oregon Housing and Community Services, Oregon Emergency Management, and others. There are also report outs from designated local/regional points of contact. These contacts have been identified as serving a role in their community that intersects and liaises with local Emergency Management, homeless services providers, city-county government, community action, and healthcare providers related to addressing the needs of those experiencing homelessness, at-risk of homelessness, as well as other vulnerable populations.

They provide a comprehensive overview of the status of homeless and vulnerable populations in their community and bring a solutions-seeking attitude to overcoming these challenges in their community. They report out weekly on recent victories, challenges they are facing, anticipating, and other items that they want elevated to partners across Oregon.

There are both primary designated point of contact and secondary points of contact. As the COVID-19 pandemic progresses, we imagine that the points of contact may change and that the group will evolve as communities continue to link more arms to ensure that Oregonians are safe and for those who have been affected by the COVID-19 virus recover safely.

Local/Regional Designated Points of Contact (as of 6.22.20)

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As of 6.22.2020	Designated Regional Points-of-Contact				
Continuum of Care	Counties	Primary (Name)	Primary (E-mail)	Secondary	Secondary (E-mail)
OR-500 - Eugene/Springfield /Lane County CoC	Lane	Lora Ashworth	Lora.Ashworth@lanecountyor.org	Amanda Borta	amanda.borta@lanecountyor.gov
OR-501 - Portland, Gresham/Multnomah County CoC	Multnomah	Marc Jolin	Marc.Jolin@multco.us	Kaytee Evans; April Rohman	kaytee.evans@multco.us ; April.Rohman@multco.us
OR-502 - Medford, Ashland/Jackson County CoC	Jackson	Connie Wilkerson	cwilkerson@accesshelps.org	Steve Lambert	LamberSM@jacksoncounty.org
OR- 503 - Central Oregon Coc	Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson	Colleen Thomas	Colleen.Thomas@deschutes.org	Molly Heiss	mollyh@neighborimpact.org
OR-504- Salem/Marion, Polk Counties CoC	Marion, Polk	Ashley Hamilton	ashley.hamilton@mwvcaa.org	Jan Calvin	calvin.jan@yahoo.com
OR- 505 - Oregon Balance of State CoC	26 Counties (detailed below)	Jessica Adams	Jessica@caporegon.org	Caleb Green	Caleb@caporegon.org
OR- 506 - Hillsboro, Beaverton/Washington County CoC	Washington	Annette Evans	Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us	Pat Rogers	progers@caowash.org
OR- 507 - Clackamas County CoC	Clackamas	Abby Ahern	AbbyAhe@clackamas.us	Erika Silver	ESilver@clackamas.us

OR - 505 Oregon Balance of State CoC by Regions					
Region #	Counties	Primary (Name)	Primary (E-mail)	Secondary	Secondary (E-mail)
1	Coos & Curry	Laura Moore; Ashley Horath	ashleys@orcca.us ; lmoore@orcca.us	Kim Brick; Beth Barker-Hidalgo	kbrick@orcca.us ; curryhomelesscoalition@gmail.com
	Josephine & Douglas	Kelly Wessels	Kelly.Wessels@ucanap.org		
2	Klamath & Lake	Christina Zamora	christinaz@klcas.org		
	Harney & Malheur	Heather E.	heathere@cina.team	Barb Higginbotham	Barb@cina.team
3	Grant, Union, Wallowa, Baker	Rochelle Hamilton	rochelle@ccno.org	Margaret Davidson	margaret@ccno.org
4	Hood River, Wasco, Sherman	Alisa Fowler	alisa.fowler@gmail.com	Sarah Kellams; Corenne S.	director@hoodrivercares.org ; corennes@mccac.com
	Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler	Susie Stuvland	sstuvland@CAPECO-WORKS.ORG	Paula Hall	phall@CAPECO-WORKS.org
5	Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook	Dan Brown	dbrown@cat-team.org	Vivanna Matthews (Clatsop); Erin Skaar (Tillamook)	vmatthews@ccaservices.org ; eskaar@careinc.org
6	Lincoln, Benton, Linn	Pegge McGuire	pmcguire@communityservices.us		
7	Yamhill	Alexandra Hendgen	alexandrah@yamhillcap.org	Mandy Gawf	MandyG@yamhillcap.org

State-level Task Force Leads (as of 6.22.20)

These cross-agency leaders make up the state-level task force leads who are responsible for creating the weekly agencies, reviewing the weekly questionnaires, flagging items of concern, and disseminating information between agencies, partners, and those on the Taskforce.

State-level Task Force Leads		As of 6-22-2020
NAME	State Agency	Position
Andrea Bell	Oregon Housing and Community Services	Director of Housing Stabilization
Annaliese Dolph	Oregon Health Authority	Senior Policy Advisor (External/Governmental Relations)
Ashley Marshall	Oregon Department of Human Services	Policy and System Integration Advisor (DHS's Director's Office)
Connor McDonnell	Oregon Housing and Community Services	Housing Integrator on Homelessness Policy (Public Affairs)
Kody Cayson	Oregon Department of Human Services	Operations & Policy Analyst (Office of Reporting, Research, Analytics, and Implementation (ORRAI))
Laura Lien	Oregon Housing and Community Services	Homeless Services Assistant Director (Housing Stabilization)
Lori Kelley	Oregon Health Authority	Social Determinants of Health Manager (Health Systems Division)
Matt Rasmussen	Oregon Department of Human Services	Homeless Youth Program Coordinator (Self-Sufficiency)
Michelle Patton	Oregon Department of Human Services	DHS Emergency Management
Mike Savara	Oregon Housing and Community Services	Homeless Services Assistant Director (Housing Stabilization)
Wes Rivers	Oregon Health Authority	Policy Advisor (External/Governmental Relations)

Participation on the Taskforce

The Taskforce is comprised of a range of partners from homeless service providers, city, county employees, behavioral health providers, state, federal partners, and an array of others. If you are interested in attending and/or learning more about the Taskforce. Please reach at to Connor McDonnell, Housing Integrator at OHCS: connor.mcdonnell@oregon.gov