

# Oregon Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities

Friday, September 9, 2022

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>9:30am</b>	Welcome Task Force Roll Call Acknowledgement of Members of the Public
<b>10:00am</b>	Group Agreements
<b>10:15am</b>	Task Force By-Laws & Principles
<b>11:00am</b>	Discovery Findings Overview – Data & Ecosystem Power Map
<b>12:00pm</b>	Lunch – Provided by OHCS
<b>1:00pm</b>	OR Landscape: ICH & Joint Offices HB 2100 Roadmap Breakout Groups
<b>2:30pm</b>	HB 4051 Overview
<b>3:15pm</b>	Break
<b>3:30pm</b>	Subcommittees & Assignments
<b>4:15pm</b>	Closeout

# Agenda

# Welcome, Roll Call & Acknowledgements

# Task Force Roll Call

Ariel Nelson, League of Oregon Cities - yes

Jessica Pratt, Association of Oregon Counties

Jimmy Jones, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency

Paula Hall, CAPECO

Jennifer Parrish Taylor, Urban League of Portland  
(proxy to stand-in after 1 pm – Crystalyn Black)

Katrina Holland, JOIN

Marisa Espinoza, Northwest Pilot Project

Vanessa Timmons, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Gustavo Morales, EUVALCREE

Nicole Witham, Northern Jackson County Community Member

Alan Evans, Helping Hands Re-Entry

Sami Jo Difuntorum, Siletz Tribal Housing Department

Jill Smith, Oregon Housing & Community Services Department

Sen. Kayse Jama

Sen. Dick Anderson

Bryn Thomas (proxy for Rep. Wlinsvey Campos)

Rep. Jack Zika

Marcus Mundy, Coalition of Communities of Color

# Acknowledgement

**Are any members of the public present who wish to be recognized?**



Give grace and forgiveness



Take space and make space –  
openly share and support  
your colleagues as they  
openly share experiences



Take good care – manage  
your boundaries



Engage in lively conversation,  
even if it feels awkward



Be thoughtful and  
compassionate



Does it need to be said, does  
it need to be said by me, does  
it need to be said by me right  
now

# Group Agreements

# Task Force By-Laws & Principles

# VOTING MATTER: By-Laws & Principles

- Purpose & Roles
  - Background
  - Membership
  - Responsibilities
  - Chairperson Role
  - Planning Meetings
  - Vacancies
  - Onboarding
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  - Meetings
  - Participation
  - Communications
  - Decision-Making

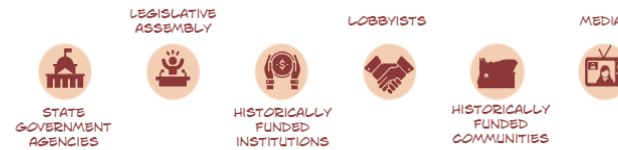


# Discovery Findings Overview

# Findings: Ecosystem Power Map

- Visual representation of power imbalances in efforts to address homelessness in Oregon

## DECISION-MAKERS



## INFLUENCERS



## BELOW RADAR



Oregon:  
Ecosystem  
Power  
Map

## Interview Findings: Funding Structure, Eligibility, and Contracting

	<b>What Works?</b>	<b>What Could Improve?</b>
<b>ALL</b>	Full state coverage Greater flexibility during pandemic	Reduce administrative, data, and reporting burdens and requirements
<b>Decision-Makers: State Actors</b>	Getting money out the door	Less "rubber stamping"; more data-driven evaluation and outcomes-based contracting Better statewide coordination, infrastructure & planning; aligned state funding deadlines More input from excluded communities; include equity experts in decision-making and benchmarking
<b>Historically funded institutions</b>	Consistent funding Close collaboration between CAA's and State	Leave CAA base funding intact; set-aside other funds for CSO's; direct contracts with larger CSO's Advance communications re: funding and more streamlined and speedier contracting Focus on population-specific outcomes instead of process/partnerships Enforce federal best practices and improve data systems
<b>Influencers</b>	Diversification of funding and decision-making during pandemic	Direct contracts to CSO's; support CBO capacity; more administrative funding; streamline contracting More Lived Experience input State-level policy leadership and better State and Local coordination Focus on equity outcomes and minoritized/excluded communities
<b>Below Radar</b>	Getting money out the door Diversification of funding and decision-making during pandemic	Direct contracts to CSO's; support CBO capacity, more admin funding, advance communications Statewide DEI audit of funding and contracting process; more lived experience & CSO input; more transparency, consistency and equity in scoring rubrics Contracts focus on equity outcomes and minoritized/excluded communities; encourage/require hiring from culturally-specific populations/communities at State, Local and CBO level; and better define and enforce requirements to partner with tribes and CSO's

## **Additional Interview Findings: How best to include the most excluded, invisible, and negatively impacted groups**

- Strengthen organizational capacity within CSOs;
- Support development of cultural responsiveness in all organizations;
- Target rural organizations for support with operating costs, sustaining qualified workforce, and challenges of serving a large low-density geography;
- Provide targeted outreach and TA to CSOs and Tribal organizations regarding future funding opportunities and how to successfully apply;
- Dedicate additional State funding to serving excluded/invisible populations;
- Maintain investment in all geographic areas in the state; and
- Conduct a statewide gaps analysis to develop a geographically-specific and localized understanding of who has been left out and where.

# Data Sources

- Homelessness service **system performance data** and **demographic data** were analyzed at the state and Continuum of Care levels.
- Sources of data include **publicly available data** from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's **Point-in-Time Count, Stella P data in HDX 2.0** (limited to read-only access) and estimates from the Census Bureau's **American Community Survey**.
- Other national and Oregon-specific publicly available data as cited in the report on findings and recommendations

# Intersectional Data Findings



Homeownership rate for Black Oregonians is 32.2% compared to 65.1% of white Oregonians



The median white and Asian family in Oregon earns more than \$20,000 more per year than Native American and Black families



Native Americans are convicted of felony drug possession at 5x the rate of white Oregonians



Black children are overrepresented in Oregon's foster care system making up 5.7% and American Indian/Alaska Native were 4.5%



Black and Native American residents in Oregon are affected by unemployment at the highest rates, 9% and 11.5% respectively

Racial disparities are not unique to homelessness in Oregon

# Point in Time Count Data Findings

**3x** Black Oregonians are represented in homelessness more than three times their share of the total state population

**4x** Tribal community members in Oregon are represented in homelessness more than four times their share of the total state population

**15.2%** of Oregonians experiencing homelessness as families identify as Hispanic or Latinx

People who identified as American Indian or Alaska Native



More Likely to Experience Unsheltered Homelessness

# System Performance Measure Data Findings





LUNCH BREAK

# HB 4051 Overview

# HB 4051

- Extended the Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities through December 2025
- Charged the Task Force with “specifically identifying implementation pathways for changes to the state’s funding structure, modifications for contracting processes and solutions regarding the eligibility and funding of services under section 7 (3)(b), (d) and (e), chapter 448, Oregon Laws 2021.”
- Expect an interim report by September 15, 2022, and final report by March 31, 2023
- Create an opportunity for the Task Force to develop and deliver additional reports to the Legislative Assembly or Housing Stability Council

# Chapter 448, Oregon Laws 2021

- (b) Identify and investigate potential **changes in this state’s funding structure to address racial disparities** among people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity, including **consideration of how housing transition of services delivery could be implemented to avoid service disruptions** among people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity
- (d) Identify and investigate methods by which the Housing and Community Services Department and Housing Stability Council may **modify contracting process and eligibility for providers of services** for individuals experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity
- (e) **Recommend solutions** regarding the funding of services for individuals experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, including legislation or rulemaking and modifications to:
  - A. The delivery and eligibility requirements for federal and state funds;
  - B. The receipt and distribution of information about homelessness services by the state; and
  - C. Methods for addressing racial disparities

# Oregon Landscape: Briefing on ICH & Joint Offices

# Oregon Interagency Council on Homelessness

- Gov. Kate Brown will be establishing the Oregon Interagency Council on Homelessness with the purpose of improving and aligning state programs, policies, and supports for people experiencing homelessness across the state and driving progress toward preventing and ending homelessness statewide through an Executive Order.
- The Findings and Recommendations of this Task Force bolstered Governor Brown's commitment to establishing an ICH, building on years of discussion and collaboration across the state. The Task Force's research on geographic and racial disparities provided much of the factual basis for the ICH's charge and informed its founding principles.

# Guiding Principles

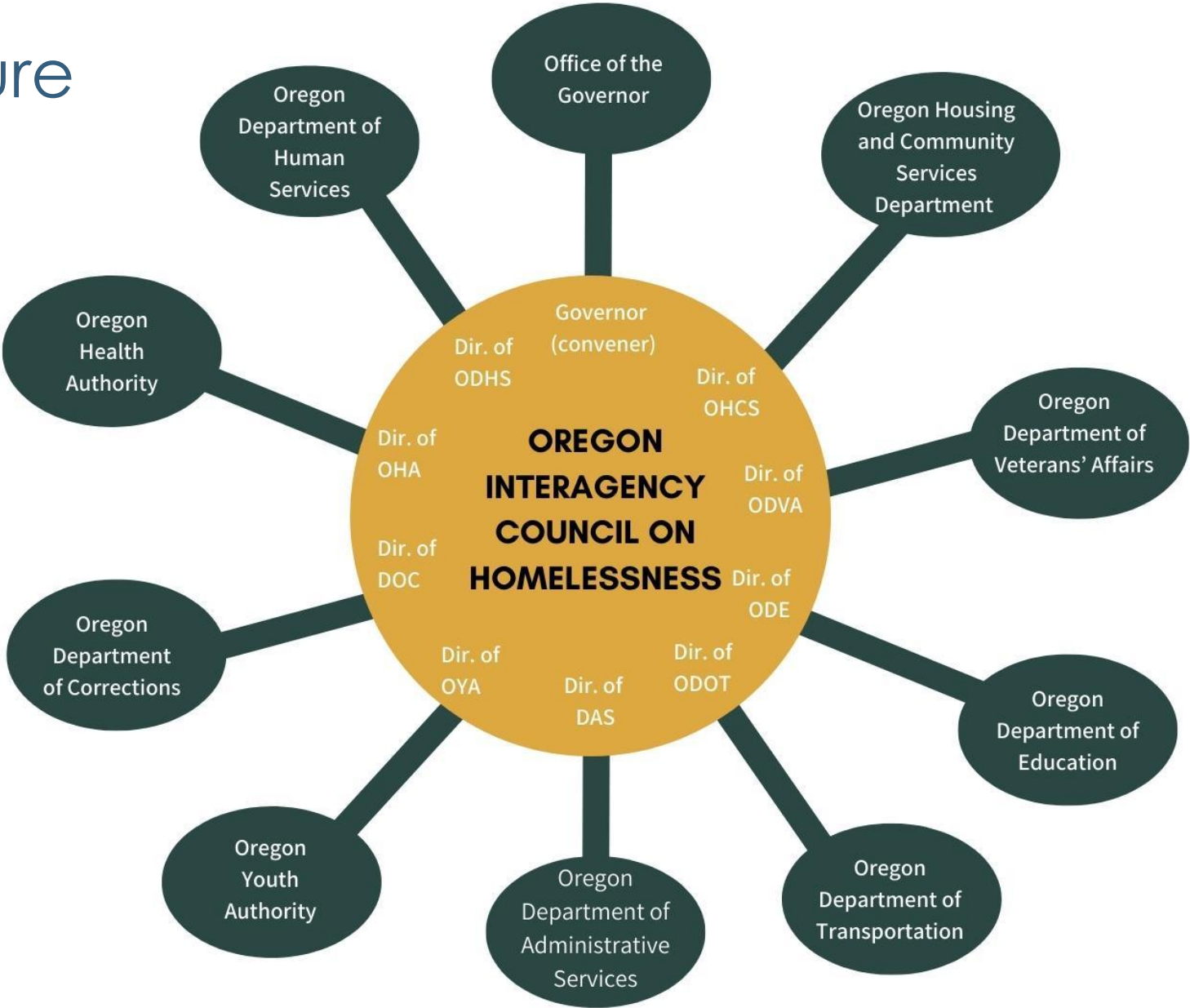
- Every resident of Oregon deserves a safe, stable, affordable place to live and thrive.
- As highly vulnerable members of our communities, people experiencing homelessness and severe housing instability should be prioritized for state services and supports to ensure the safety, health, and thriving of all of Oregon's residents.
- There is no “wrong door” to access state-funded services and supports.
- State agencies must transform their relationships with local communities in order to achieve the local outcomes necessary to achieve statewide goals.  
Human-centered, compassionate, and evidence-based approaches to preventing and ending homelessness are necessary to building an equitable, just Oregon.
- Explicitly anti-racist policies and culturally specific services are necessary and must be prioritized to redress the disparate impact of homelessness on communities of color, LGBTQIA+ youth, and other marginalized communities, and to prevent and end homelessness for all.
- People who have experienced homelessness have critical knowledge, skills, and abilities to inform and lead systems improvement efforts and should be respected, engaged, and compensated accordingly.

# Council Structure





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# Joint Offices

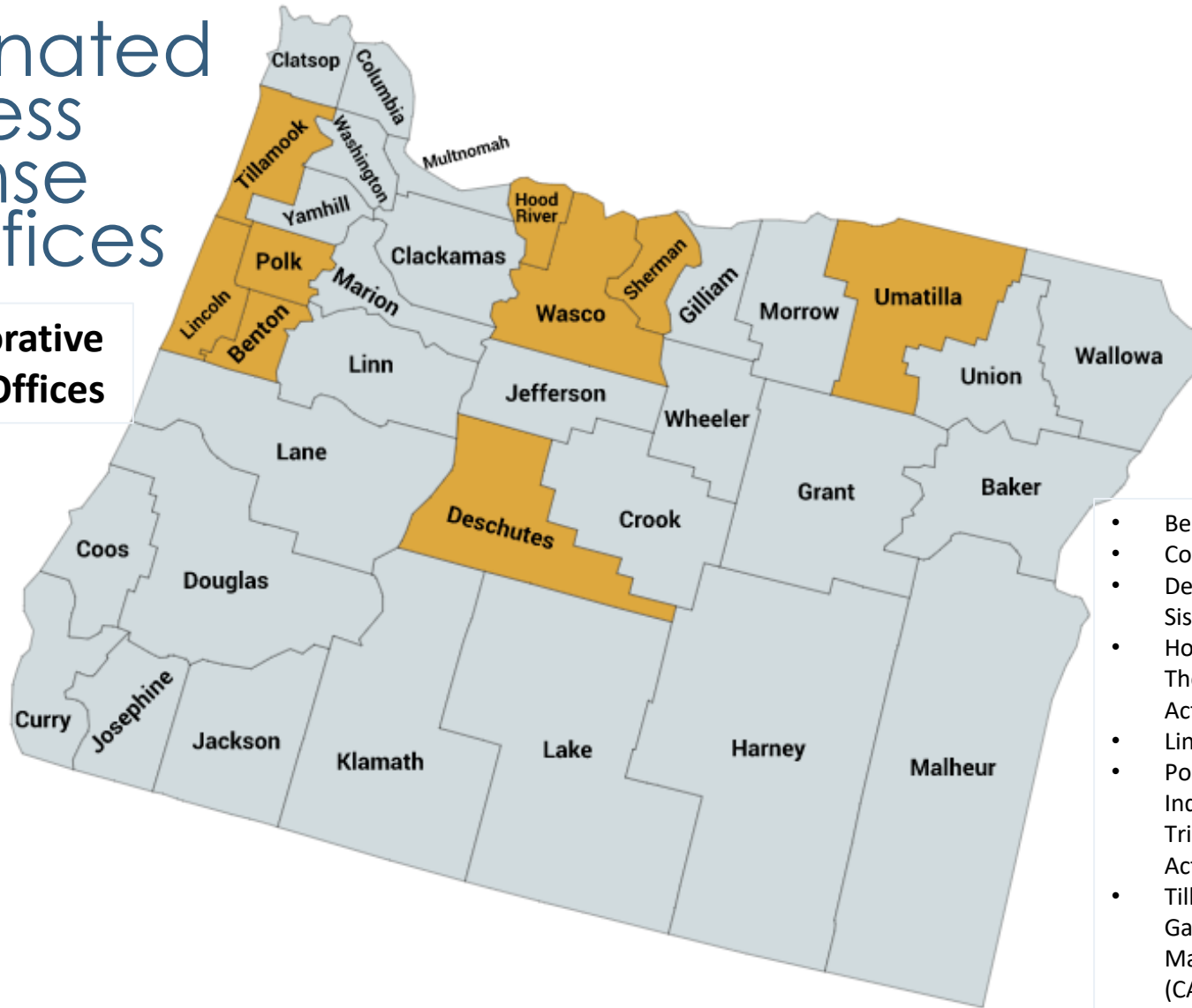
HB4123 (2021) allocated funding to 8 city-county offices for coordinating homeless response in order to:

- Provide high-level coordination, centralized communication, and strategic visioning;
- Identify opportunities to more effectively leverage existing funds and access new resources; and
- Create a more equitable, accessible and responsive system for their neighbors experiencing homelessness.

Potentially of particular interest to this Task Force, offices were asked by the legislature to identify challenges and opportunities related to addressing racial disparities through partnerships with culturally specific and responsive organizations serving populations overrepresented in experiencing homelessness, including Black, Indigenous, People of Color, federally recognized tribes and tribal members and outreach and engagement with these populations.

# Coordinated Homeless Response Pilot Offices

## Joint/Collaborative County-City Offices



- Benton County, City of Corvallis
- Coos County, City of Coos Bay, City of North Bend
- Deschutes County, City of Bend, City of Redmond, City of Sisters, City of La Pine
- Hood River County, Wasco County, Sherman County, City of The Dalles, City of Hood River, Mid-Columbia Community Action Council
- Lincoln County, Lincoln City, City of Newport, City of Toledo
- Polk County, City of Falls City, City of Monmouth, City of Independence, City of Willamina, City of Dallas, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
- Tillamook County, City of Tillamook, Bay City, City of Garibaldi, City of Rockaway Beach, City of Wheeler, City of Manzanita, Community Action Resource Enterprises Inc. (CARE)
- Umatilla County, City of Hermiston, City of Stanfield, City of Echo, City of Umatilla

# Subcommittees & Assignments

# Rotating Subcommittees Schedule

- Establish 3 working subcommittees (non-voting) that rotate every two-months through February
- Every Task Force member will have an opportunity to serve under a subcommittee with opportunity to have an open dialogue with others
- Subcommittees report out at monthly Task Force meetings on progress to date as part of a continuous feedback loop
- Subcommittees put forth recommendations in February for reconciling/voting at the beginning of March

# Rotating Subcommittees

## **Change State's Funding Structure**

- Examine goal 3 recommendations (p. 32-33)
- Identify implementation pathways for each recommendation where relevant

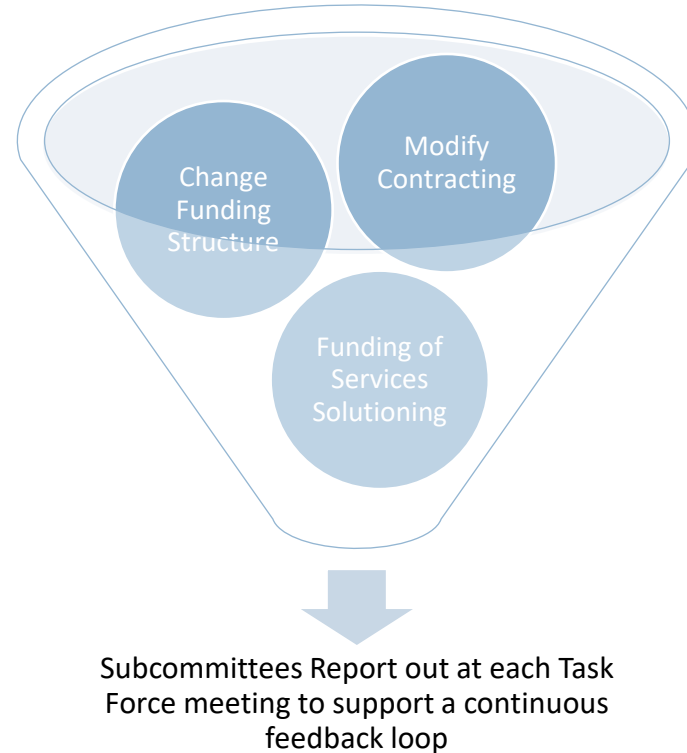
## **Modify Contracting Process & Eligibility**

- Examine goal 4 recommendations (p. 33-34)
- Identify implementation pathways for each recommendation where relevant

## **Funding of Services "Solutioning"**

- Review existing rules and statutes
  - Delivery + eligibility
  - Information receipt + distribution by the state
  - Methods for addressing racial disparities
- Examine recommendations from goals 1-2 (p. 31+32)
- Identify implementation pathways for each recommendation where relevant

# Rotating Subcommittees Timeline



Interim Report Due on 9/15



# Proposed Report

- High-level summary of meetings to date including progress towards by-laws
- Brief summary of in-person retreat with focus on new HB4051 charge and next steps
- Voting?

# FUTURE MEETING CADENCE

# Monthly Meeting Cadence for Fall/Winter

- Virtual? Hybrid? In-person?
- Days? Times?

THANK YOU!