



HB 2100 Task Force on Homelessness & Racial Disparities | MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting date | time June 15, 2022 | 5:02-6:07pm | Meeting location Virtual

Facilitator Mary Frances Kenion
Note Taker + Timekeeper Mary Frances Kenion

Task Force Members in Attendance: Ariel Nelson, Paige Spence (proxy for Jessica Pratt), Jimmy Jones, Paula Hall, Jennifer Parrish Taylor, Marisa Espinoza, Rowan Schwartz (proxy for Vanessa Timmons), Nicole Witham, Sen. Dick Anderson, Rep. Winsvey Campos, Rep. Jack Zika,
Additional attendees included members of the public.

AGENDA TOPICS

Agenda topic: Agenda Overview |

The Facilitator shared the session agenda which included:

- Welcome/Roll Call
- Check-in
- Organizational Snapshots
- What's Next
- Check-out

Agenda topic: Welcome/Roll Call |

Task Force members were provided updates to the current Task Force roster and informed that two prior appointees have been unable to engage and therefore not listed. The Task Force was informed that historically, no more than 14 members have been present at each meeting although there are supposed to be 19 members.

Task Force Members

- Ariel Nelson League of Oregon Cities
- Paige Spence (in for *Jessica Pratt), Association of Oregon Counties
- Jimmy Jones, Mjd-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
- Paula Hall, Community Action Program of East Central Oregon
- Jennifer Parrish Taylor, Urban League of Portland
- Katrina Holland, JOIN
- Marisa Espinoza, Northwest Pilot Project
- Rowan Schwartz (in for Vanessa Timmons), Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence
- Nicole Witham, Northern Jackson County Community Member
- Alan Evans, Helping Hands Re-Entry
- Sami Jo Difuntorum, Siletz Tribal Housing Department (at a conference today)
- *Jill Smith, Oregon Housing & Community Services Department
- Sen. Kayse Jama
- Sen. Dick Anderson
- Rep. Winsvey Campos
- Rep. Jack Zika
- Marcus Mundy, Coalition of Communities of Color

Agenda topic: *Check-in* |

The Facilitator asked Task Force members to share “something you came across recently that gave you hope or inspiration.” A summary of Task Force responses representing a range of responses including:

- Recently promoted 8th graders are an inspiring next generation
- Good ideas and solutions to some really systemic issues to make Oregon a more equitable state but also building the future – folks continue to show up
- Constant inspiration among policy grad program cohort with incredible advocates who are making change
- House Bill 4123 and a recent meeting with cities and counties who are standing up coordinated offices with tons of energy at the local level

Agenda topic: *Organizational Snapshots* |

Task Force members in attendance were provided an opportunity to provide an “organizational snapshot” about the organizations they represent. Full details of each presentation are available via the recording.

Association of Oregon Counties

- The Association of Oregon Counties is a statewide organization representing Oregon’s 36 counties.
- Established in 1906 to provide a forum for information sharing, AOC now provides a variety of functions and services aimed at supporting Oregon counties and the work they do.



Coalition of Communities of Color



- Mission is to address the socioeconomic disparities, institutional racism, and inequity of services experienced by our families, children and communities; and to organize our communities for collective action resulting in social change to obtain self-determination, wellness, justice and prosperity.

Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO)

- Serving Oregon's Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wasco, and Wheeler counties to assist people to become independent, healthy and safe.
- CAPECO focuses on community services, energy, enterprise development, the Area Agency on Aging



Helping Hands Reentry

HELPING HANDS



REENTRY OUTREACH CENTERS

- Mission is to provide a helping hand to a sustainable life through Resources, Recovery, and Reentry.
- Operates 11 facilities in Oregon for people experiencing homelessness in Clatsop, Lincoln, Multnomah, Tillamook and Yamhill counties.

JOIN

- Exists to support the efforts of individuals and families experiencing homelessness to transition into permanent housing.
- Efforts are directed at individuals sleeping outside or in their car in the Portland Metro area.



League of Oregon Cities



- The LOC is the trusted, go-to resource that helps Oregon city staff and elected leaders serve their cities well and speak with one voice.
- Created in 1925 through an intergovernmental agreement of incorporated cities, the LOC is here to provide cities what they need to build thriving communities, through advocacy, training and information.

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency

- Marion-Polk's anti-poverty professionals and the area's leading non-profit social services provider.
- Mission is empowering people to change their lives and exit poverty by providing vital services and community leadership.



Northwest Pilot Project



- Helps connect low-income and very low-income seniors (55 and over) in Multnomah County who are capable of independent living with rental housing that is safe, permanent and affordable to them.
- Leading advocate for low-income seniors in Multnomah County seeking housing stability.

Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

- The primary organization representing Oregon's domestic and sexual violence advocacy programs with member programs that serve survivors of domestic and sexual violence in communities across the state.
- Provides training and technical assistance, engages in systems advocacy, and supports the development of effective agency practices.



Oregon Housing & Community Services Department



- Intentional focus on housing and community services allows the agency to serve Oregonians across the housing continuum, including preventing homelessness, providing housing stability supports, financing the building and preservation of affordable housing, and encouraging homeownership.

Oregon State Legislature

- Composed of two chambers, House of Representatives and Senate with each Oregonian represented by one senator and one representative.
- Enacts new laws and revises existing ones, makes decisions that keep the state in good economic and environmental condition and provides a forum for discussion of public issues.



Siletz Tribal Housing Department



- Mission to ensure that low-income Siletz Tribal Members have the opportunity to obtain housing that meets his/her needs, is affordable, and provides a safe, healthy living environment.
- Provides rental programs, home ownership programs, development/modernization programs, emergency housing and more.

Urban League of Portland

- Empowering Black communities in Oregon and Southwest Washington since 1945.
- One of Oregon's oldest civil rights and social service organizations, empowering African-Americans and others to achieve equality in education, employment, health, economic security and quality of life.



Agenda topic: Next Steps |

The Facilitator shared next steps for Task Force members which included:

- Virtual Meeting – Wednesday, July 20th from 5-6:30 pm
 - Racial Equity 101
 - Developing a Shared Understanding of Racial Equity
- Task Force Assignment Prior to August meeting
 - Re-read the Task Force [Report on Findings and Recommendations](#)
 - Prioritize a review of the discovery findings
- Virtual Meeting – Wednesday, August 17th from 5-6:30 pm
 - Next Steps for Identifying Implementation Pathways
 - Introduction to the Phase II Roadmap
- In-Person Meeting – Friday, September 9th all day

Agenda topic: Check-out |

The Facilitator asked Task Force members to share from a personal or professional lens, “share your hope that the impact of the Task Force work will have for people experiencing homelessness or housing instability in Oregon.” A summary of Task Force responses representing a range of responses including:

- Folks listen with intention are open to change so that we can effectuate the change that our community has been asking for and that has been needed
- Focus our work and our interactions and our thinking on people experiencing homelessness or housing instability
- To have an understanding of what homelessness looks like in more rural parts of our state and that some things need to be similar or the same and some things need to be adjusted based on the community, environment, and ruralness of the service area
- To operational some of the values of targeted universalism: think about populations that may need targeted intervention to be able to reduce disparities and create more positive outcomes....really make meaningful changes and shifts in how we do things so that we produce different outcomes
- Marginalized folks, people of color, queer folks, and folks with disabilities experiencing homelessness are, and remain, to be centered during the conversation.

The Task Force meeting was concluded at 6:07 p.m.