



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

Meeting date | time September 9, 2022, | 9:30am-2:51pm | **Meeting location**
League of Oregon Cities – 1201 Court Street, NE, Suite 200, Salem, Oregon

Facilitators

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Task Force Members in Attendance: Paula Hall, Sen. Kayse Jama, Jennifer Parrish Taylor, Marisa Espinoza, Katrina Holland, Ariel Nelson, Alan Evans, Vanessa Timmons, Vanessa Timmons, Gustavo Morales, Jill Smith, Jessica Pratt, Nicole Witham, Jimmy Jones, Jessica Pratt

Non-Voting Proxies: Rowan Schwartz (proxy for Vanessa Timmons); Crystalyn Black (proxy for Jennifer Parrish Taylor);

Additional attendees included members of the public.

AGENDA TOPICS

Agenda topic: **Agenda Overview** |

Facilitators shared an overview of the agenda which included:

- Welcome/Roll Call/Acknowledge of Public
- Group Agreements
- Task Force By Laws & Principles
- Discovery Findings Overview – Data & Ecosystem Power Map
- Lunch
- Oregon Landscape: ICH & Joint Offices
- HB 4051 Overview
- Subcommittees & Assignments
- Closeout

Agenda topic: **Welcome/Roll Call** |

The meeting was opened with a welcome, formal roll call* and acknowledgement of members of the public.

*All Task Force members and non-voting proxies listed above.

Agenda topic: **Group Agreements** |

Facilitator Task Force reviewed Task Force group agreements.



Group Agreements

Agenda topic: Task Force By-Laws & Principles |

The Task Force reviewed and discussed draft Operating By-Laws in line with HB2100, Oregon Public Meetings Law, and the functions of the Task Force to date to ensure the smooth continuation of the Task Force and its duties through moving forward. The Operating Bylaws and Procedures document clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the Chairperson and other Task Force members, quorum and decision-making, participation and absences, and task force vacancies. This document was modified during the meeting based on Task Force feedback/suggestions and approved by a majority of the Task Force members through a formal vote (10-Y, 0-N).

- Prior to discussing the draft By-Laws & Principles, Task Force members reiterated their intent to participate in all future Task Force meetings.
- The result of the vote were as follows:
 - Ariel Nelson: yes
 - Jessica Pratt: yes
 - Jimmy Jones: yes
 - Paula Hall: yes
 - Marissa Espinosa: yes
 - Nicole Witham: yes
 - Allan Evans: yes
 - Jill Smith: yes
 - Sen. Kayse Jama: yes
 - Vanessa Timmons: yes

Agenda topic: Discovery Findings Overview – Data & Ecosystem Power Map |

The Task Force reviewed discovery findings from the report on findings and recommendations and had a robust discussion about data and its limitations. The discovery findings reviewed can be found on slides 10-16.

Agenda topic: HB 4051 |

Facilitators revisited HB 4051 as noted below.

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

Agenda topic: Oregon Landscape: ICH & Joint Offices |

The discovery team shared information about the Oregon ICH which will be proposed by Governor Kate Brown and will be composed of a variety of agencies throughout the state. The proposal and forming of the statewide ICH can be partially attributed to the recommendation of the Task Force. Additional details of presentation can be found on slides 21-27.

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.

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.

Agenda topic: Subcommittees and Assignments |

Facilitators proposed a subcommittee & assignments process to accomplish more work in between Task Force meetings. Staff from the Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services will be assigned to subcommittees. Subcommittee assignments for Task Force members will alternate every 2 months. The subcommittees will meet over the course of 6 months and provide members an opportunity to exchange perspectives, ideas, and solutions. No voting can take place during these subcommittee meetings. The Task Force members approved and adopted this structure with details forthcoming to

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

Agenda topic: Proposed Report |

The discovery team began writing a draft high-level report of meeting summaries for all meetings that took place since the Task Force submitted its report on Findings and Recommendations to the Oregon State Legislature in January 2022. The majority of the Task Force agreed to receiving a draft report ahead of final submission to the Oregon State Legislative Assembly on September 15.

Agenda topic: Vice Chair |

Facilitator will check with Katrina to determine if she is still interested and willing to serve as a Vice Chair for the Task Force.

Agenda topic: Monthly Meeting Cadence for Fall/Winter |

The Task Force established its monthly meeting cadence going forwards to remain aligned with the existing rhythm of once per month on the third Wednesday of each month from 5-6:30pm. Facilitators will send out an updated meeting series for virtual meetings.

Agenda topic: Closing |

The Task Force meeting was concluded at 2:51 p.m.