

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

Agenda

DATE: **Friday, July 16, 2021**
 TIME: 10:00am to 11:15am



[Meeting Recording](#)

Agenda Items and Discussion

Introductions, Welcome, and Updates – 5 min	Connor McDonnell
COVID-19 Updated Shelter Guidance & Preventive Measures for People Experiencing Homelessness - 15 min	Neeti Vyas, OHA Epidemiologist
Vaccination Progress & Summer Efforts to Keep Unhoused People Cool– 15 min	Rebecca Knight-Alvarez
Local / Regional Updates by Continuum of Care (CoC) Geographic Areas – 20 min <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are your vaccination planning efforts progressing? Summer cooling efforts? (Other questions) • Successes from the last month? Current or anticipated challenges in the near future? 	Local Designated Point-of-Contact <i>(can be located on page pg. 2)</i>
Emergency Rental Assistance & Eviction Prevention Information– 20 min	Mike Savara, Assistant Director of Homeless Services

COVID-19 Updated Shelter Guidance & Preventive Measures for People Experiencing Homelessness presentation from Neeti Vyas, OHA Epidemiologist where she went over the updated shelter guidance ([link to shelter guidance](#))

Vaccination Progress & Summer Efforts to Keep Unhoused People Cool presentation from Rebecca Knight-Alvarez discussed efforts that OHA is doing in coordination with the qualified health clinic to get people experiencing homelessness vaccinated in Salem / Marion County. Clackamas NAMI reported a very successful vaccination event in which they were anticipating a low turnout but had over 60 people vaccinated.

Local / Regional Updates by Continuum of Care (CoC) Geographic Areas:

COVID-19 Homeless Populations Taskforce - Statewide Regional Updates		
As Of: 7.14.21		
Continuum of Care	Counties	Updates
OR 502- Medford, Ashland, Jackson County CoC	Jackson	Kim Mcartey, Community alliance of Tentants - # of folks that have been volunteering to address unhoused crisis, presented to council to the concerns

OR 503- Central Oregon CoC	Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson	Molly Heiss, Neighborhood impact - Busy, number of fires, but having an amazing collaboration to positively impact the community
OR 504- Salem, Marion, Polk Counties CoC	Marion, Polk	Elaine Dosier: successful pilot, until now vaccinations have been difficult. Consistency, hardwork, convenience, bringing resources
OR 505- Oregon Balance of State CoC	26 Counties (Below)	Did not attend
OR 506- Hillsboro, Beaverton/ Washington County CoC	Washington	Annette Evans, Washington Co. Dept. of Housing - Washington Co. transitioned from walk in to 150 beds. Average length of stay is 110 days - rehousing population 14%, as compared to 1% in the past. People through this resource accessed detox centers, and other needed programs. Help folks enroll into health insurance through Kaiser Permanente partnership
OR-505 Balance of State	Coos, Curry	Beth Barker-Hildago, Curry Homeless Coalition - No shelters here in Curry, on the precipice of using ARPA Funds. Hearing reports that cross-country travel. Turnouts, camp grounds, rest area, hosting to shelters. Along the coast, looking for a place to live in a vehicle and survive the winter. Most are headed to SW - reports coming from reliable community sources

Communities unable to give updates: Lane, Multnomah, Clackamas, Josephine, Douglas, Harney, Malheur, Grant, Union, Wallowa, Baker, Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler, Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Lincoln, Benton, Linn, Yamhill

Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance & Eviction Prevention Information:

- Starting in July, tenants must pay rent each month or face eviction for non-payment, if you are worried you cannot pay your rent, apply for assistance now. Eviction protections are not automatic! To get this protection, you must: (1) apply for rental assistance, (2) if you get a nonpayment termination notice, give your landlord proof of your application. This will stop eviction for 60 days to allow time for your application to be processed.

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You have the right to these protections regardless of your citizenship status.

The infographic features a blue background with white text. At the top, a black box contains a warning in white text. Below this, the text explains that eviction protections are not automatic and lists the steps to obtain them. A 60-day grace period is highlighted. An illustration of a man and a child is positioned in the center. At the bottom, there is a call to action to apply now at OregonRentalAssistance.org and a note about citizenship status.

- You can apply for any rental assistance program and one program that is available statewide is the **Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP)**. This program can help low-income households with their past due rent, utilities, and up to three months of forward rent for qualified renters who have experienced financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic and are at risk of homelessness. This program will help prevent evictions and help families maintain housing stability. You can find more information at www.oregonrentalassistance.org such as the program qualifications, a tenant checklist, a step-by-step video of how to submit your documents through the online portal, and more information. If you know of individuals and families struggling with rent, please make them aware of this program.

Here is a link to [OERAP Safety Harbor graphics](#) that includes social media shareable and printable information.

- If tenants are seeking information, legal advice, please refer them to the Oregon Law Center and/or the Oregon State Bar. For additional tenant protection information, there is information at these links below:
 - Oregon Law Center Information
 - “Grace period extension and tenant protections Senate Bills 278 and 282” (2021 Leg Session) – [Updated as of July 13 2021](#)
 - Presentations on tenant protections in Spanish & English, and [link to English presentation is here](#).
 - There is a Spanish language training on tenants’ rights for Spanish-speaking service providers and advocates on July 20th from 2 – 3:30 pm. [Regístrese con anticipación para este seminario web: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_buYeLzCDR96o_tHiMglsKg](#)
 - Oregon State Bar- Landlord Tenant Law Presentation and materials available here: <https://www.osbar.org/public/legalinfo/landlordtenant.html>