

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

Agenda

DATE: **Friday, April 15th, 2022**

TIME: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

[Meeting Recording](#)



Agenda Items and Discussion

Introductions, Welcome, and Updates – 10 min

Update on Recovery Efforts & Priorities for 2020 Labor Day Fires
Employment Services for Veterans Webinar (ODVA [Eddie Maestas](#))

[Connor McDonnell](#)

Recent Oregon Housing & Community Services Investments: Eviction Prevention (SB 5561) and Homeless Service Investments (HB 5202) – [PowerPoint Presentation](#) 12 mins

[Sam Kenney](#), Senior Policy Analyst, OHCS

Behavioral Health Investments and Update on the Regional Development & Infrastructure Initiative – [PowerPoint Presentation](#) 20 mins

[LaDonna Lofland](#), Social Determinants of Health, OHA

OHA Public Health COVID-19 Updates: Testing Access and Vaccine Equity - 10 mins

[Rebecca Knight-Alvarez](#) & [Sophie Hagberg](#), OHA

Discussion & Local/Regional Updates by Continuum of Care

How are COVID-19 efforts in your community going for people experiencing homelessness? Do you have access to testing kits? How are vaccine distribution efforts going?

[Local Designated Point-of-Contact](#)

Any additional items & adjourn:

Next meeting will be Friday, May 20th from 10 – 11 am

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Additional Information from April 15, 2022, Meeting:

- Oregon Health Authority (OHA)'s **Behavioral Health's Social Determinants of Health Team** is excited to host a meeting on Thursday, April 28th at 9:00 AM. The purpose of this community meeting is to share information about the upcoming funding opportunities through our Regional Development & Innovation Initiative solicitations. We look forward to sharing this important information with you all and can register in advance at this Zoom link.
- There will be a "**Virtual Web Panel: Employment Resources for Veterans in Oregon**" on Thursday, May 12th, at 10:00 am – 11:30 am PDT. To register email, KIRSTEN.L.RAY@HUD.GOV and we will also send out the direct registration when that is available. If you have questions related to houseless veterans efforts happening, please feel free to reach out to Eddie Maestas with the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs (ODVA) at Eddie.Maestas@ODVA.Oregon.gov.
- As part of the disaster recovery and mitigation efforts happening in Oregon, Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) was designated by Governor Kate Brown as the administer federal appropriated **Community Development and Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)** program for the 2020 Labor Day fires. In addition to those resources, the Oregon Legislature has made funds available and in July 2022 allocate an additional \$150 million to support wildfire recovery housing programs at OHCS. Today, Alex Campbell introduced himself and mention that **OHCS will release an initial draft Action Plan for CDBG-DR resources in early May for input and feedback**. You can read more about this program at [this website](#) and have also attached a factsheet about these efforts and welcome you to reach out to [Alex Campbell](#).
- The Oregon Emergency Assistance Program (OERAP) Portal closed in March 2022, and to date, **over 48,000 applications have been paid with several more applications moving towards payments**. [Sam Kenney](#), Senior Policy Analyst with OHCS Homeless Services, came to discuss OHCS's continued investments with Eviction Prevention, and their pursuit for an equitable system of care. His presentation may be viewed [here](#). For additional information please reach out to [Sam Kenney](#).
- We appreciate Rebecca Alvarez-Knight Alvarez and Sophie Hagsberg from the **Vaccine Operations Team – Equity (VOTE)** presenting today. If you are planning community events or are trying to help build vaccine confidence for people experiencing homelessness, here is more information on how VOTE may be able to assist. As well, if you are in need of OHA Testing Kits and PPE, you can request directly from OHA [here](#).
 - Here is the [Vaccine Partnership Interest Form here](#) and [VOTE Resource webpage](#) with information about their work

Statewide Regional Continuum of Care Updates:

- Jan Calvin, Marion and Polk County, submitting RFP for additional funding for Youth Homeless Demonstration Program. Marion and Polk Co have a surplus of COVID-19 tests, and local communities in need of tests should contact [Jan Calvin](#) for redistribution.
 - Lane County also has submitted an RFP for YHDP.