

Oregon Statewide Unhoused Network

Purpose: The Oregon Statewide Unhoused Network, formally known as the COVID-19 Statewide Homeless Populations Task Force, was created to provide a statewide platform for strategizing, information sharing, and collaboration, guidance, and resource attainment to support local communities in mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on homeless populations.

Primary Objectives:

- 1- Create a space for regional, county and city leadership to share their strategies as they create local responses to protect the health, safety and well-being of persons experiencing homelessness in their communities.
- 2- Identify local resource gaps and concerns related to the homeless population that need to be elevated for statewide troubleshooting and support the identification of solutions and resources to meet local needs.
- 3- Identify widespread challenges and barriers related to COVID-19 and the homeless population and, where appropriate, elevate them for policy consideration and barrier removal.
- 4- Regularly produce communications and guidance documents that answer questions, clarify, and consolidate information, and connect communities and providers to resources that support persons experiencing homelessness and at-risk of homelessness.
- 5- Collaborate effectively with strategic partners such as Oregon Emergency Management, Department of Human Services, Oregon Housing and Community Services, HUD Continuums of Care, Oregon Health Authority, Regional Healthcare Coalitions, Community Action, Public Housing Authorities, and others to integrate the needs of those who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness in statewide planning and policy efforts.

Priorities & Values:

- 1- Comprehensiveness and Inclusiveness: Ensuring that communication and collaboration is inclusive of all sectors who are impacted by or may have an impact on this work.
- 2- Equity Focus: Ensuring that the needs of historically disadvantaged groups and communities of color are elevated and prioritized.

Taskforce Meetings:

The Taskforce meets on a weekly basis for 90 minutes and includes report updates from State Partners such as the Oregon Health Authority, Department of Human Services, Oregon Housing and Community Services, Oregon Emergency Management, and others. There are also report outs from designated local/regional points of contact. These contacts have been identified as serving a role in their community that intersects and liaises with local Emergency Management, homeless services providers, city-county government, community action, and healthcare providers related to addressing the needs of those experiencing homelessness, at-risk of homelessness, as well as other vulnerable populations.

They provide a comprehensive overview of the status of homeless and vulnerable populations in their community and bring a solutions-seeking attitude to overcoming these challenges in their community. They report out weekly on recent victories, challenges they are facing, anticipating, and other items that they want elevated to partners across Oregon.

There are both primary designated point of contact and secondary points of contact. As the COVID-19 pandemic progresses, we image that the points of contact may change and that the group will evolve as communities continue to link more arms to ensure that Oregonians are safe and for those who have been affected by the COVID-19 virus recover safely.

Oregon Statewide Unhoused Network - Statewide Regional Updates

As Of: 04.20.22

Continuum of Care	Counties	Primary Name	Secondary Name
OR 500 - Eugene Springfield/ Lane County CoC	Lane	Amanda Borta Kate Budd	Sarai Johnson
OR 501- Portland, Gresham, Multnomah County CoC	Multnomah	Bill Boyd Christopher Sage	
OR 502- Medford, Ashland, Jackson County CoC	Jackson	Vicky Armstrong	Melanie Doshier
OR 503- Central Oregon CoC	Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson	Colleen Thomas	Molly Heiss
OR 504- Salem, Marion, Polk Counties CoC	Marion, Polk	Jan Calvin	Ashley Hamilton
OR 505- Oregon Balance of State Coc	26 Counties (Below)	David Navarro	
OR 506- Hillsboro, Beaverton/ Washington County CoC	Washington	Phyllis Bittinger	Pat Rogers
OR 507- Clackamas County Coc	Clackamas	Raina Smith-Roller	
OR-505 Balance of State	Coos, Curry	Ashley Horath Drew Farmer	Beth Barker-Hidalgo
	Josephine, Douglas	Di Bradley	Kayla Warrington
	Klamath, Lake	Christina Zamora	
	Harney, Malheur	Barb Higginbotham	
	Grant, Union, Wallowa, Baker	Rochelle Hamilton	Margaret Davidson
	Hood River, Wasco, Sherman	Kenny LaPoint	Sarah Kellams
	Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler	Rosanne Ernest	Paula Hall
	Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook	Dan Brown	Vivanna Matthews Peter Starkey
	Lincoln, Benton, Linn	Pegge McGuire Dina Eldridge	
	Yamhill	Alexandra Hendgen	

State-Level Task Force Leads

(As of 04.20.2022)

These cross-agency leaders make up the state-level task force leads who are responsible for creating the weekly agencies, reviewing the weekly questionnaires, flagging items of concern, and disseminating information between agencies, partners, and those on the Taskforce.

Name	State Agency + Division	Position
Ashley Marshall	Oregon Department of Human Services Director's Office	Policy & System Integration Advisor
Chris Chabre	Oregon Department of Human Services Self-Sufficiency Programs	Human Services Manager
Connor McDonnell	Oregon Housing & Community Services Public Affairs	Housing Integrator on Homelessness Policy
Eddie Maestas	Statewide Veteran Services Oregon Dept Veteran Affairs	Homeless Veterans Coordinator
George Carrillo	Oregon Health Authority Health Systems	Social Determinants of Health Manager
Jill Smith	Oregon Housing & Community Services Housing Stabilization	Acting Director of Housing Stabilization
Matt Rasmussen	Oregon Department of Human Services Self-Sufficiency Programs	Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program Coordinator
Mike Savara	Oregon Housing & Community Services Housing Stabilization	Homeless Services Assistant Director
Neet Vyas	Oregon Health Authority Public Health	Congregate Care Epidemiologist
Orion McCotter	Oregon Health Authority Public Health	Congregate Care Epidemiologist
Rebecca Knight-Alvarez	Oregon Health Authority Health Systems	Operations & Policy Analyst
Raymond Miller	Oregon Health Authority Health Systems	Neighborhood & Physical Environment Lead
Richard Malloy	Oregon Health Authority Health Systems	Housing Investment Coordinator
Sam Kenney	Oregon Housing & Community Services Housing Stabilization	Senior Policy Analyst
Sophie Hagberg	Oregon Dept of Human Services & Oregon Health Authority (Shared Services) COVID-19 Response & Recovery	Vaccine Engagement Coordinator

Participation on the Taskforce

The Taskforce is comprised of a range of partners from homeless service providers, city, county employees, behavioral health providers, state, federal partners, and an array of others. If you are interested in attending and/or learning more about the Taskforce. Please reach out to [Connor McDonnell](mailto:Connor.McDonnell@hcs.oregon.gov), Housing Integrator at OHCS:

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