

## **Tri-County Planning Body**

### Q&A Session

This document captures questions and answers from the Q&A session hosted on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Questions about the application and application process are prioritized. Additional questions can be found in the recording (timestamp included below).

The session was recorded and can be found on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/677497487/a93e401d33>

#### **1. What exactly is the selection process for TCPB? Who specifically chooses members?**

It is a collaborative selection process between the 3 counties and Metro. There will be members for each jurisdiction, which will be initially reviewed by the respective county. Then a leadership group, made up of the 3 counties and Metro, will work to develop a select the recommended slate of members, which will then go for approval before the local jurisdictions' boards and Metro council.

Each county might have a slightly different selection process that reflects each jurisdictions' structure and processes.

#### **2. If you are providing services as a service provider with SHS funds, are you eligible to serve on this advisory body?**

Yes. Partners or individuals working directly with SHS funded programs are encouraged to apply, given their direct experience and systems awareness.

#### **3. Is there a timeframe for the monthly meetings (day, week, or time)? Will the meetings occur online?**

We do not know the timeframe yet. Once the members are selected, we will work on scheduling the meetings. It will depend on availability.

The location of the meetings (online, in-person, or hybrid) will also be decided at a later time. We will be following CDC local government guidelines on what would be safe, and consider member preference as well.

#### **4. Is March the projected time of selection?**

There will be a recommended slate selected by the end of March, but members will not be officially approved until April when they are officially approved by the County boards and Metro council.

#### **5. Is it going to be competitive? How many people do we expected to apply?**

As of 2/14, there were more than 40 applications. There are 13 community member positions (4 from each county, and 1 additional member that can come from any county).

It may feel competitive, but it will not be a traditional competitive process. There is a lot of experience we want to ensure is represented on this committee, including lived experience of housing instability and homelessness, geographic distribution, demographic diversity, and a diversity of professional experience, as well as diversity of perspectives in this work.

**6. Will there be training with this position (to learn more about government programs, etc.)?**

It is not a requirement to have that experience to become a member of the Tri-County Planning Body.

We have not discussed training as part of the delivery or onboarding of members, but it is something we can incorporate.

**7. Is there a metric table to score these applications? Is it public? Is lived experience valued?**

There is not a scoring rubric yet, but it will consider diversity of representation on the body as a key priority, rather than a competitive scoring process.

There is a strong priority for those with lived experience of homelessness and housing instability, as well as a strong preference for those who represent communities of color. These priorities will inform both the local review, and the collaborative review with Metro and the 3 counties.

**8. Are you actively soliciting participation in the houseless communities?**

Metro is working through partners to get the word out.

We are trying to spread the word far and far to get applicants who have experience with homelessness and who have experienced housing instability. If you are an attendee or applicant and are able to connect with individuals who you think would be a fit for the body, please share the opportunity. We welcome any help.

**9. Have you submitted information to Street Roots, Portland Street Medicine, Do Good, etc in order to get this very important planning body info to the community effected?**

Yes. See above for more information about recruitment.

**10. Are you offering a stipend or help with childcare and transportation?**

Yes. There is a form that members fill out to request stipends. You can read more about what the stipend covers in the application packet on page 6:

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/sites/default/files/2022/01/04/supportive-housing-services-tri-county-planning-body-application-description-20220104.pdf>

**11. Are the meeting going to be open to the public or not?**

Yes, the Tri-County Planning Body meetings will be public meetings.

**12. Will this body include public volunteers and staff from each county?**

Staff will not be members of the Tri-County Planning Body, but Metro's Supportive Housing Services team will administratively support the body.

Public volunteers are encouraged to apply. There are no specific volunteer positions on the committee.

**13. How hands on can each individual member be?**

There are a lot of opportunities with this body to be hands-on with developing the goals regional goals and strategies. As the group will meet monthly, there will be additional opportunities to engage with colleagues and prep.

**14. Is there any preliminary data on the racial and ethnic makeup of those members in our community in the tri-county area that are struggling with homeless and housing issues?**

While there is not regional-level data, each county included data in their Local Implementation Plans.

Clackamas County LIP:

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/sites/default/files/2021/09/21/Clackamas-County-supportive-housing-services-local-implementation-plan-20210510.pdf>

Multnomah County LIP:

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/sites/default/files/2021/09/21/Multnomah-County-supportive-housing-services-local-implementation-plan-20210601.pdf>

Washington County LIP:

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/sites/default/files/2021/09/21/Washington-County-supportive-housing-services-local-implementation-plan-20210406.pdf>

**15. What does “diverse governance structure” mean for the body?**

See recording (15:22).

**16. Will the Tri-County Planning Body be deciding on applications for the tri-county RFPQ process?**

See recording (19:11).

**17. What about representation with Metro and cities? Is any consideration given to folks who sit on other similar metro or county positions?**

See recording (24:00).

**18. Will this committee be engaging with community leaders?**

See recording (29:01).

**19. Each county has set goals, has received funds and are spending those funds against those goals. How will Tri County Board develop goals considering the counties are moving forward? What if there’s a significant difference between what counties set as goals and what the Tri County board believes best?**

See recording (39:34).

**20. Do you see this more as a group that will oversee the Metro’s share of the SHS funding for the regional initiatives or more as a group that will help us to find our shared approach to how we see the crisis of homelessness ending as we implement ALL of the funding we are putting toward it?**

See recording (41:26).

**21. Is this to plan affordable single-family homes or more apartments? How are we going to house people then house the next 500-1000 people or am I thinking too far ahead?**

See recording (44:54).

**22. How many programs will be award funding to move their organization forward?**

See recording (47:02).