

# Agenda



**Metro**

600 NE Grand Ave.  
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Meeting: Supportive Housing Services Oversight Committee Meeting  
Date: March 27, 2023  
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Place: Virtual meeting (Zoom link)  
Purpose: Update on tri-county planning body to-date; Metro tax collection and disbursement update; and presentations from county partners on implementation progress through quarter 2 of FY 2023.

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9:30 a.m. Welcome and introductions  
9:45 a.m. Conflict of Interest declaration  
9:50 a.m. Public comment  
10:00 a.m. Presentation: Tri-county planning body update  
10:15 a.m. Presentation: Metro tax collection and disbursement update  
10:20 a.m. Presentation: Q2 FY23 finance update  
10:45 a.m. Presentation and Q&A: Washington County  
11:10 a.m. Break  
11:20 a.m. Presentation and Q&A: Multnomah County 6-month update  
11:45 a.m. Next steps  
12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Guidance sent to counties, as FYI: Here is guidance for what we hope the presentations will cover.

These are frequent questions asked or requests made by the oversight committee:

- **PROVIDER CAPACITY:** Please show information/data in your presentations that answers the following questions:
  - What was the increase in culturally specific providers in homeless services in the county since SHS started? Even if baseline was zero, describe that and let us know how SHS has added this capacity.
  - What culturally specific provider capacity was added by community/population type (e.g. Black/African American, Asian, etc)? Using a data table is fine here, ideally showing the capacity before/after SHS was launched.
  - Please show the amount of contract funds invested in culturally specific providers before SHS and now. We want to see here is an increase in investments to culturally specific providers, broken down by which culture(s) that organization serves, if possible. Again, this could all be part of the same data table up above.
  - If you do not have the above data, how are you tracking the needs for each population and whether there are enough culturally specific services to meet those needs? How are you tracking your investments in culturally specific providers?
  - Of all new providers (culturally specific and not culturally specific) you've contracted with using SHS funds since SHS started, how much of that expansion has been culturally specific organizations? E.g. Our system grew by 20 providers and 5 of them were culturally specific providers.
  - Please speak generally about the technical assistance and capacity building resources you provide to service providers (TA, training, grants). How are you ensuring that culturally specific providers access these resources? Are culturally specific providers prioritized for these resources?
  
- **ADVANCING RACIAL EQUITY**
  - Please provide data on the % of BIPOC communities you are serving with SHS overall (or are placing into programs, since that's the data used in reporting).
  - How are you doing on meeting the goals you set in the SHS work plan? What's the progress to date? Need transparency here.
  - What races/ethnicities are you serving/placing right now? Black/African American, Asian etc. How is that matched to the need?
  - What data are you using/did you use to understand whether disparities are increasing decreasing in your service system by race/ethnicity? PIT, e.g. Census, e.g.
  - How do your local advisory bodies break down by race/ethnicity? Are at least 50% of advisory boards BIPOC? What are the demographics of people informing decisions?
  - How are you ensuring that BIPOC are informing the services being delivered in the community?
  - What's being built into your infrastructure to help systematize advancing racial equity?
  
- **FINANCES**
  - The main focus should be on **spending** this year. We are particularly interested in understanding the rationale behind your spending plans and whether you're on track to spending your budget this year.

- These are the questions that have come up from committee members. Please cover these questions:
- Why was the first half of the year low in spending? If this was according to your spending plan, is it usual for you to have lower spending in the first half of the year? If so, why?
  - For Multco: explain your deviation from your spend down plan.
- What are your strategies to spend at a higher rate in the second half of the year? Will you “catch up” the rest of the year or do you need to amend your spending plan?
  - In the first year, Q4 had the highest rate of spend. Do you anticipate this will be true in future years, too? Why or why not?
- What are the current **barriers you are facing to spending**?
  - Are you having trouble getting contracts out?
  - Are you lacking capacity processing invoices? Are your providers lacking capacity?
  - Do your providers have the invoicing training/know-how that they need to produce accurate and timely invoices?
- You do not need to present your budgets and actuals, but please have a back-pocket slide: your YTD expenses/budget to help answer questions.