

Agenda



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600 NE Grand Ave.
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Meeting: Supportive Housing Services Oversight Committee Meeting 1
Date: Monday, Nov. 23, 2020
Time: 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Place: Virtual meeting (Zoom link)
Purpose: Launch the oversight committee process and welcome members.
Outcome(s): Build understanding of measure context, establish group purpose, charge and protocols.

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

- 1:15 p.m. Supportive Housing Services Overview

- 1:35 p.m. Values Workshop

- 2:35 p.m. Break

- 2:40 p.m. Committee Onboarding (Part 1)

- 3:15 p.m. Public Comment

- 3:25 p.m. Next Steps

- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAM

REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CHARTER

Background on the Supportive Housing Services Program

On May 19, 2020, voters in the greater Portland region approved a measure to raise money for supportive housing services for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Community members and leaders from around the region developed the measure to provide the much-needed housing and wraparound services to effectively and permanently elevate people out of homelessness.

The ballot measure will fund a new Supportive Housing Services Program that will provide services for as many as 5,000 people experiencing prolonged homelessness with complex disabilities, and as many as 10,000 households experiencing short-term homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The program is guided by a commitment to lead with racial equity by especially meeting the needs of Black, Indigenous and people of color who are disproportionately impacted by housing instability and homelessness.

Implementation of the program will be guided by the following principles:

- Strive toward stable housing for all;
- Lead with racial equity and work toward racial justice;
- Fund proven solutions;
- Leverage existing capacity and resources;
- Innovate: evolve systems to improve;
- Demonstrate outcomes and impact with stable housing solutions;
- Ensure transparent oversight and accountability;
- Center people with lived experience, meet them where they are and support their self-determination and well-being;
- Embrace regionalism: with shared learning and collaboration to support systems coordination and integration; and
- Lift up local experience: lead with the expertise of local agencies and community organizations addressing homelessness and housing insecurity.

The Supportive Housing Services Program is guided by regional goals and oversight but implemented by Local Implementation Partners who are best positioned to respond to community needs. The program will directly fund Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties to invest in local strategies to meet the supportive housing and service needs in their communities.

Regional Oversight Committee Authorizing Ordinance

The Metro Council established the Regional Oversight Committee on 11, 19, 2020 by amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19.270 via Ordinance No. 20-1453.

Regional Oversight Committee's Purpose and Authority

The purpose of the Regional Oversight Committee is to provide independent program oversight on behalf of the Metro Council to ensure that investments achieve regional goals and desired outcomes and to ensure transparency and accountability in Supportive Housing Services Program activities and outcomes.

The committee is charged with the following duties:

- Evaluate Local Implementation Plans, recommend changes as necessary to achieve program goals and guiding principles, and make recommendations to Metro Council for approval;
- Accept and review annual reports for consistency with approved Local Implementation Plans and regional goals;
- Monitor financial aspects of program administration, including review of program expenditures; and
- Provide annual reports and presentations to Metro Council and Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington County Boards of Commissioners assessing performance, challenges and outcomes.

Committee Membership

The committee is composed of 15 voting members (5 members each from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties), appointed by the Metro Council President subject to Metro Council confirmation.

Committee membership represents a diversity of perspectives, geography, demographics, and personal and professional experience, including people with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability from across the region. Committee members serve as independent representatives of the community contributing their experiences and expertise to the oversight work. Members do not represent any specific organizations, jurisdictions or other entities.

The Metro Council President will designate at least one member to serve as chairperson of the committee or may elect to designate two members to serve as co-chairpersons of the committee.

- **Terms of service:** Nine of the initial committee members will be appointed to serve a one-year term and may be reappointed to serve up to two additional two-year terms. All other committee members will be appointed to serve two-year terms and may be reappointed to serve up to two additional two-year terms. The committee will be dissolved in 2031 or upon the issuance of a final report by the committee after all funds authorized by Ballot Measure 26-210 have been spent, whichever is earlier.
- **Attendance:** The committee will meet no fewer than four times a year. Meetings will be more frequent in the first year, and at least quarterly throughout program implementation. In the interest of maintaining continuity in discussions, members commit to attending all meetings unless they are prevented from doing so by reasonable excuse. Committee members will notify staff ahead of meetings if they are unable to be present, and will read materials and request briefings from staff on the information presented, deliberations and outcomes of the meeting. The committee will not use alternates or proxies.

Chairperson(s) Role

Chairperson(s) may be selected by the Metro Council President to support and provide guidance on content and ideas to meet the committee goals, support decision making procedures, and help develop agendas and the work program of the committee.

Metro Council and Staff Roles

Metro Council will appoint committee members, receive committee recommendations and annual review reports to inform Local Implementation Plan approval and policy decisions. Metro staff will facilitate the work program of the committee, provide policy and program information and context as needed to the committee, and work in coordination with programmatic staff from Implementing Partner jurisdictions.

Elected Delegate Role

Elected delegates representing partnering jurisdictions will be present to the oversight and accountability work to receive feedback and direction from the committee relevant to program implementation outcomes, and transfer knowledge and communication directly to their respective jurisdictions. One representative from each of the following jurisdictions will participate on the committee as non-voting delegates:

- Metro Council
- Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
- Multnomah County Board of Commissioners
- Washington County Board of Commissioners
- Portland City Council

Accountability

All committee meetings and materials will be available and accessible to the public, and appropriate notice will be given to inform all interested parties of the time, place and agenda of each meeting.

Committee members are considered public officials under Oregon law and are responsible for complying with provisions in Oregon law, including:

- **Use of position:** Committee members are prohibited from using or attempting to use their position (including access to confidential information obtained through their position) to obtain a financial benefit for themselves, for a relative or for a business with which the member or relative is associated.
- **Conflicts of interest:** Committee members must publicly announce any potential or actual conflicts of interest on each occasion that they are met with the conflict. A conflict of interest occurs when a member's official actions on the committee could or would result in a financial benefit or detriment to themselves, a relative or a business with which the member or relative is associated. In the case of an actual conflict of interest, committee members must refrain from participating in any discussion or taking any action on the issue.

- **Restrictions on political activity:** Committee members may not engage in campaign-related political activity during committee meetings or while working in an official capacity as a committee member. Restricted activities include promoting or opposing candidates, ballot measures or political committees.
- **Public records and meetings:** Committee members are subject to the provisions of Oregon Public Records and Meetings Law. All committee meetings and records shall be open and available to the public. This includes discussions of committee business by email or in gatherings of a quorum of committee members outside of regular committee meetings.

Supportive Housing Services Regional Oversight Committee Meeting Guidelines

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The meeting guidelines are designed to help facilitate productive, meaningful meetings for committee members. Members may choose to change these as they begin the committee process, to ensure that they best meet the needs of the group (especially in consideration of the high likelihood that the group will meet remotely for an extended period of time). Members may also choose to revisit this document as needed to refine these guidelines or add additional protocols.

All participants agree to act in good faith in all aspects of decision-making. This includes being honest and refraining from any actions or undertakings that will undermine or threaten the process in any manner. This also includes behavior outside of meetings. Expectations include:

- Arrive on time and prepared.
- Share the air – only one person will speak at a time, and we will allow others to speak once before we speak twice.
- Express our own views or those of our constituents; don't speak for others at the table.
- Listen carefully and keep an open mind.
- Respect the views and opinions of others, and refrain from personal attacks, both within and outside of meetings.
- Avoid side conversations.
- Focus questions and comments on the subject at hand and stick to the agenda.
- When discussing the past, link the past to the current discussion constructively.
- Seek to find common ground with each other and consider the needs and concerns of the local community and the larger region.
- Turn off or put cell phones on silent mode. Focus on full engagement in the meeting, and refrain from conducting other work during meetings as much as possible
- Notify committee chairperson and Metro staff of any media inquiries and refer requests for official statements or viewpoints to Metro. Committee members will not speak to media on behalf of the committee or Metro, but rather only on their own behalf.

Committee Recommendations

- The presence of a majority of voting committee members will constitute a quorum for committee recommendations.
- The committee will strive to make recommendations by consensus, understanding that recommendations to Metro Council are strengthened by high levels of agreement. Consensus is defined as the point where all members agree on an option, and are willing to move this option forward as a recommendation. Committee recommendations will be understood as the most viable approach for the overall program, even if they do not achieve each individual member's personal preference.
- If a consensus cannot be reached, then a 3/4 majority of the members present will be required for an outcome to be represented as a recommendation of the committee. If this level of agreement cannot be reached, then there will be no recommendation from the committee and all perspectives will be forwarded for consideration by the decision-makers.

- If any members holds a different opinion than the rest of the group, they may ask that this opinion be documented and forwarded along with the committee recommendation, to ensure that all viewpoints are respected (even if they are not in the majority).
- Decisions will be respected as final to avoid backtracking, unless the committee as a whole agrees there is sufficient new information to reconsider a previous decision.

Metro Roles and Responsibilities

- Metro Council will appoint committee members and delegate one Council member to serve as a non-voting delegate.
- Metro Council is responsible for final approval and policy making decisions. The Council will take these actions with full consideration of committee recommendations.
- Metro staff will provide key policy and program information and context as needed to the committee.
- Metro will provide the facilities and support staff necessary to conduct the meetings and support the activities of the committee.
- Metro will provide stipends and supports for committee members as needed to support full participation including assistance for technological, childcare, transportation, and translation needs.

Elected Delegate Roles

One representative from each of the following jurisdictions will participate on the committee as non-voting delegates (Metro, Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties and City of Portland

- Receive feedback and direction from the committee relevant to program implementation and outcomes
- Transfer knowledge and communication to respective jurisdictions
- Provide context and information particular to jurisdiction's needs in support of the committees' evaluative work.

Chairperson(s) Roles

Responsibilities of the committee chairperson(s) include:

- Allows facilitator to lead discussions and keep the group to time/task.
- Participates in committee discussions and forming committee recommendations.
- Starts and ends meetings on time unless the group agrees to extend the meeting time.
- Provides guidance (if needed) on content and ideas to meet the committee goals.
- Encourages consensus decision making.
- Leads discussions when all attempts at reaching consensus have been exhausted.
- Participates in development of meeting agendas, in coordination with Metro staff and facilitator.

Facilitator Role

As necessary, a facilitator may be used. The facilitator's role includes the following responsibilities:

- Draft meeting agendas and compile meeting materials in coordination with Metro staff.
- Facilitator has no stake in the outcome of the meeting.
- Does not evaluate or contribute content ideas.
- Keeps the group focused on the agreed upon time/task.
- Makes suggestions about alternative methods and procedures to achieve consensus.
- Encourages participation from all group members.
- Helps the committee find solutions that meet everyone's needs.

Public Comment

- While the primary purpose of the committee meetings is to provide a forum for the deliberation of the committee, meetings will be open to the public for observation.
- As needed, up to a total of ten minutes of each meeting will be reserved for public comment. This amount may be extended by the chairperson, in consultation with the committee, if needed and if time allows. Those who wish to provide comment should check in with Metro staff before the start of the meeting. The length of individual comments should be limited based on the number of individuals who wish to address the committee but should be no more than three minutes.
- Interested members of the public are encouraged to provide more thorough comments in writing. All written comments will be circulated to each member of the committee.