



Washington County

Supportive Housing Services

Proposed local advisory structure

HPAC | July 2021

Department of Housing Services

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Agenda



- SHS Implementation readiness overview
- Commitment to inclusive accountability
- Accountability structures – existing and planned
- Request: short-term workgroup to integrate SHS
- Next steps and feedback



SHS program implementation

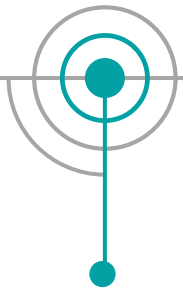


- Network of service providers procured (RFPQ)

- Contract allocations begin
- Bridge shelters open
- Regional Long term Rent Assistance (RLRA) available

- First Quarterly Report
- Local advisory body established

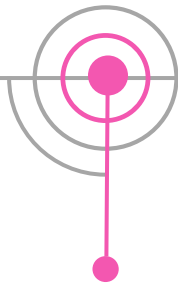
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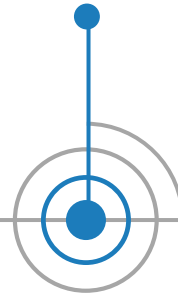
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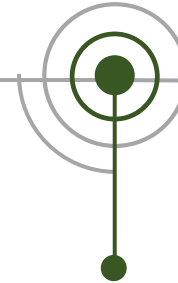
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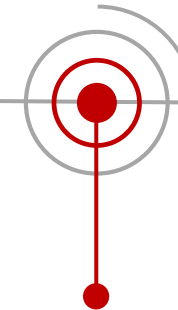
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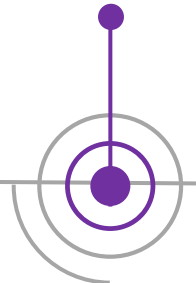
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September



October



- Local Implementation Plan approved

- Provider network announced
- Community Connect modernized
- IGA negotiations finalized

- Case manager trainings
- Capacity building grants
- Landlord recruitment begins
- Community Connect refined



Ambitious and achievable goals

Year 1 SHS program goals

- 500 supportive housing placements
- 500 additional households achieve housing stability
- 100 year-round shelter beds added to current capacity
- Capacity building for a culturally specific network underway
- All goals demonstrate measurable outcomes in equity

SHS overall program goal

- 1665 supportive housing placements
- Achieve a rate of functional zero for chronic homelessness
- Build and support a culturally responsive housing system of care



Local Implementation Plan

Ongoing local advisory and shared governance:

- Commitment to ongoing community review and guidance to ensure Local Implementation Plan successfully guides programmatic implementation
- Encourages consistency and coordination with existing advisory bodies
- Requires representation reflective of impacted communities and expanded subject matter expertise
- Recommends review of annual program outcomes and advisement for improved programmatic and investment strategies



SHS advisory body guidance:

Content areas may include:

- Strategies to build housing and support services network, especially culturally specific service providers
- Establishment of programmatic standards that align with regional standards and local best practices, especially standards for culturally responsive services
- The identification of unique opportunities to align with other systems of care, leveraging investments for improved community outcomes
- Annual outcome reports and program evaluations



SHS regional accountability

Regional Oversight Committee:

- 15 community members, 5 elected non-voting members
- Reviewed and recommended County Local Implementation Plans to Metro Council
- Reviews annual financial and program outcomes

Tri-County Advisory Body: *(Not yet established)*

- Supports regional outcomes through programmatic and investment coordination with Clackamas and Washington Counties
- Identify opportunities to align with other systems of care, leveraging investments
- Ensure regional coordination of investments with at least 5% of program funds



Aligning local advisory work:

Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC):

Appointed by the Washington County Board of County Commissioners to provide leadership and oversight to the implementation of A Road Home, the community's plan to prevent and end homelessness.

Bylaws define:

- Committee membership and structure
- Meeting frequency and structure
- Coordination with Board of Commissioners, public agencies, HSSN, etc.



Aligning local advisory work:

Recommendation:

- Align SHS program oversight and guidance with HPAC
- Convene a short-term workgroup to prepare recommendations for restructuring and necessary by-law changes
- Workgroup to include (4) HPAC and (4) LIP advisory body committee members
- Workgroup proposal to be presented to HPAC at October meeting



Questions and Feedback



- Do you agree that aligning SHS advisory work with HPAC is the best inclusive and strategic approach for Washington County?
- What considerations do you recommend for the workgroup?
- Would you like to volunteer for the workgroup – please reach out to Ty_Schwoeffermann@co.Washington.or.us!