

MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
Remote/Zoom

Friday, April 14, 2023
10:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Matt Keating *Chair*, Kori Rodley *Vice Chair*, Heather Buch, Laurie Trieger, Randy Groves (appointed October 2022), Ryan Moore, and Victoria Doyle (appointed January 2023), Members; Ryan Fisher, Alex Cuyler and Vic Colman, Presenters; Erin Fifield, City of Springfield Staff, Amanda Nobel Flannery, City of Eugene Staff; Kachina Inman, Brianna Rogers, Carly Walker, and Kirstin London, Lane County Staff; Lorri Perreault, Chris Pickering, and Kelly Sutherland, Guests.

ABSENT: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matt Keating called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. A roll call for quorum was called and determine that quorum was achieved. Matt welcomed new members Heather Buch, Randy Groves and Victoria Doyle.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one wishing to give public comment.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of July 18, 2022 and Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as of March 31, 2023.

Laurie Trieger moved to approve. Randy Grove provided the second.

The motion passed 3-0-2 with Heather Buch and Randy Groves abstaining.

Health & Human Services Assistant Director Kachina Inman introduced herself noting that Karen Saxe was no longer with Lane County and that she and Kate Budd shared the Division Manager role until the new Manager was hired. She was working to coordinate a May HSC meeting and hoped to have them on a regular meeting scheduled after that.

IV. CONSULTANT UPDATE

Uncommon Solutions Co-Principal Vic Colman displayed his presentation on the meeting screen. He offered a review of the project goal to develop clear recommendations for reimagining the future of two interrelated Lane County entities.



Project Goal

Develop clear recommendations for reimagining the future of two interrelated Lane County entities.

Human Services Commission (HSC)

The HSC is comprised of elected and appointed officials from the three jurisdictions that comprise the HSC: *the cities of Springfield, Eugene, and Lane County*. The HSC pursues regional cooperation and coordination in the planning, funding, and delivery of human services through evaluation, research, and resource allocation recommendations.

Poverty and Homelessness Board (PHB)

An action-oriented group of elected and appointed officials, community stakeholders, and individuals who represent low-income and homeless people's concerns. The PHB is the administering board for the County's *Community Action Agency* and the County's *Homeless Continuum of Care Board* in addition to providing input to the HSC for regional human services policy, planning and funding allocations.

Vic displayed the timeline and activities to date.

PROJECT TIMELINE AND ACTIVITIES – To DATE

TIME FRAME	ACTIVITY
<i>December '22 – January '23:</i>	Identify key informants
<i>January '23:</i>	Develop questions for interviews & related online survey
<i>January – February '23:</i>	Interview respondents and open survey
<i>March '23:</i>	Analyze interview and survey data

He noted that there were about 30 interviews conducted. Some of the comments:

- Could be better communication between the groups
- Poverty as its own issue was not prioritized
- Process and confusion about the process and roles which slowed down action
- PHB was initially developed to give input to the HSC and a fair amount of that info isn't going well
- The role of elected officials vs. the role of non electeds in terms of service, priorities and moving to action
- Are we keeping our eyes on the prize - funneling work and resources to the highest need

Displaying the updated timeline, Vic related that the online survey was being delayed. They were preparing different structural recommendations for the group to peruse.

PROJECT TIMELINE & ACTIVITIES – UPCOMING

TIME FRAME	ACTIVITY
<i>April 14</i>	HSC meeting – Uncommon provides project overview and upcoming steps
<i>April 20</i>	PHB meeting -- Uncommon provides project overview and upcoming steps
<i>Mid-Late April</i>	HSC & PHB Chairs receive email with draft structural options and decision-making criteria
<i>Late April / Early May</i>	HSC & PHB Chairs meeting – discuss proposed structural options and strive for a recommended approach to present to members
<i>Mid-Late May</i>	Online survey to all HSC & PHB members regarding structural options (and potential recommended approach)
<i>Mid-June</i>	HSC & PHB Chairs Meeting – determine final structural recommendations and review initial organizing documents
<i>Post June 30</i>	County staff present findings to Board of County Commissioners; seek jurisdictional approval, as needed
Note: Uncommon Solutions contract ends 6/30/2023	

Members discussed the interviews and requested information on who was interviewed, with identifiers limited to whether the person was staff, elected or appointed and which jurisdiction.

Kachina will work with Vic to compile the list of people interviewed and share with the group when prepared.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Members discussed that this was the first meeting of the HSC this year with three new members.

Laurie Trieger moved to table this agenda item. Heather Buch provided the second.

The motion passed unanimously with none opposed and no abstentions.

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Matt noted that Representative Fahey would be unable to join the HSC meeting.

Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Manager Alex Cuyler said the Oregon legislature was at the halfway mark with a great deal of transition with new members - a new Governor and a new Senate President. Lane County was focusing on risk exposure and liability in behavioral health services delivery through Senate Bill (SB) 319 which would provide indemnification under the Oregon Tort Claims Act under certain circumstances related to a defendant's ability to aid and assist in his own defense. This was moved to the Rules Committee. We also worked with rural housing, House Bill (HB) 2192 which aligned family and forest dwelling replacement standards – an issue which came to light with the Holiday Farm Fire. This just passed the House unanimously and will now move on to the Senate.

Oregon Lobbyist Ryan Fisher provided a high level overview of major housing issues

(from Ryan's notes)

- Big thing early session was Gov's priority on emergency housing
 - 2001 - combines some tenant protections and other housing bills that had early bipartisan support
 - 5019 - funding for Gov. Kotek's emergency homelessness package
 - Current fixit bill to 2001 is HB 2889 (addressing the Oregon Housing Needs Assessment)
- SB 611 Rent control tweak. Most recent amendment:
 - Restores amount due the tenant upon tenancy termination to one month periodic rent in specified cases;
 - Modifies maximum allowable residential rent increase to the lesser of either 10%, or 5% plus the September annual 12-month average change in Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics;
 - Restores landlord exemption from rent increase to units where the first certificate of occupancy was issued less than 15 years from the date of notice of rent increase.
- OHCS/GRB
 - \$4.5 million for insurance PSH
 - \$900 General Obligation Bonds - mention the DOJ issue
- Other issues to cover if time permits: Super-siting bill; Mortgage Interest Deduction; SB 847; MAC Group allocations

Other discussion items:

- Incentivizing risk management and trauma informed design to mitigate issues before they became problems in Permanent Supportive Housing. Some smaller communities were looking at cottage type development rather than multi-level in order to restrict damage.
- Work around the Urban Growth Boundary and providing local jurisdictions with technical assistance and resources to get up to speed on buildable lands.
- Private Activity Bonds and General Obligation Bonds and a current issue with DOJ's interpretation of how they can work together that is holding up some deals
- Housing providers' difficulties in maintaining site insurance.
- Tenant advocates work to prevent dramatic spikes in rent (SB 611), extend the time the tenant has to respond to an eviction notice (HB 2001), and create a statewide rental registry (an effort that did not succeed in 2023 but will likely come back in a subsequent session).

VII. NEXT MEETING & FUTURE ITEMS

The next meeting will be in May. A doodle poll was sent out to determine best date/time.

Suggested agenda items:

- Budget
- Update from Uncommon Solutions
- All In Update
- Larger conversation around the Governor's kudos

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

*Recorded by Diana Alldredge
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