

# Regional Health Improvement Plan (RHIP) Workgroup

## Shared Focus and Responsibilities

We, the *Address Poverty and Enhance Self-Sufficiency* Regional Health Improvement Plan (RHIP) Workgroup come together to provide direction and action supporting the priorities identified by our region in the RHIP. Our shared priority is to improve the health and well-being as measured by the Future State Metrics of this priority area.

Our *Address Poverty and Enhance Self-Sufficiency* workgroup Future State Metrics are:

1. By December 2023, Central Oregon graduations rate among economically disadvantaged students will improve by 3 percentage points to:

2023 Central Oregon Graduations Rate for Economically Disadvantaged	
Crook	76.60%
Deschutes	77.30%
Jefferson	83.40%

2a. By December 2023, decrease the % of total population reported as food insecure by 2 percentage points to:

County	% of (total) Population Food Insecure
Crook	13%
Deschutes	11%
Jefferson	11.3%

2b. By December 2023, develop a regional metric to evaluate food insecurity among seniors in our community (ages 65+).

3. By December 2023, decrease the population of households living at the poverty level and income constrained by 2 percentage points to:

Crook: 27%  
Deschutes: 24%  
Jefferson: 32%

4. By December 2023, reduce combined housing and transportation cost for residents as a percent of income in their respective counties to no more than:

Crook County: 64%  
Deschutes: 55%  
Jefferson: 55%



### **Responsibility and Methods to Implement The RHIP:**

Our most important role is to improve our RHIP Future State Metrics.

As a RHIP workgroup we do this by:

- Partnering, collaborating and coordinating with other workgroups.
- Partnering, collaborating and coordinating with others in the greater region.
- Building partnerships, collaborating and coordinating with organizations from different sectors.
- Aligning strategies throughout our partnerships and the region.
- Reducing structural barriers to increase equity.
- Informing and improving policy.
- Focusing on people who have been marginalized, or live in under-represented geographic areas.
- Identifying and funding small or large projects.
- Educating professionals and community members.

Sometimes we may need a smaller group of people to work together on a specific project or task. This smaller working group needs to have RHIP workgroup partners involved. It is also important that the smaller working group continually communicates and stays aligned with the main workgroup focus.

As RHIP workgroup partners, it is our individual job to:

- Stay focused on our shared Future State Metrics.
- Actively contribute to Structured Problem-Solving discussions.
- Review project and grant requests.
- Share information between the RHIP workgroup and your organization (if you represent an organization).
- Know what is happening in the community that might affect workgroup decisions.



## **Responsibility and Methods to Support Funded Proposals**

One of the ways *Address Poverty and Enhance Self-Sufficiency* workgroup implements the RHIP is by funding grant projects that help improve the RHIP Future State Metrics. After a project is funded, it is our job to:

- Stay informed about the progress of the project while it is funded.
- Make sure progress reports are submitted on time.
- Review progress reports for successes and lessons learned.
- Use information from successes and learnings to inform future work.

Sometimes this RHIP workgroup takes responsibility for projects that were approved before we had the current workgroup. These projects may align with our current metrics. These projects continue to need our support. Being involved with them helps us know what work was done in the past and continue to apply those learnings to future efforts.

## **Responsibility of the COHC Staff**

The COHC's role is to host community-led discussions to improve the health and well-being of our region. We do not have a bias in the focus or goals determined by you, our partners.

- To keep our community work neutral, the COHC staff guides workgroup agendas and meeting processes .
- The COHC staff represents and speaks for the workgroup in the larger region.

## **Review and Revision of Workgroup Shared Intent and Focus**

Our workgroup should review and agree to these Shared Focus and Responsibilities before starting work together. In the future, we can suggest changes. When a change is suggested, the RHIP workgroup Voting Partners need to agree to the changes.