

Regional Health Improvement Plan Workgroup

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Friday, September 18, 2020 10:30am-12:00pm

Aim/Goal

Central Oregonians experiencing homelessness and those most at-risk of homelessness will have increased and equitable access to housing and supports that offer opportunities for housing stability and increased individual well-being.

Future State Metrics

- 1. Decrease severely rent and mortgage-burdened households
- 2. Increase Housing Choice Voucher holders able to find and lease a unit
- 3. Accurately count Central Oregonians experiencing homelessness

AGENDA

10:30-10:40	Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
10:40-11:55	Strategic Direction
11:55-12:00	Next Steps



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Future State Metrics – Full Detail

- 1. By December 2023, decrease the combined severely rent and mortgage burdened households in Central Oregon by 2 percentage points to 16%.
- 2. By December 2023, 50% of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) holders will be able to find and lease a housing unit.
- 3. By December 2023, a comprehensive system for accurately capturing the extent of Central Oregonians experiencing homelessness will be in place and utilized.



Guiding Principles

Shared Focus

We come together to improve the health and well-being of individuals living in various and diverse communities throughout Central Oregon region. We use the Regional Health Improvement Plan (RHIP) as our guide. It is our region's shared vision of current problems and our aims. As workgroup partners we develop agreed-upon actions to solve the issues and keep the needs of our communities as the main focus.

Shared Metrics

We measure progress, process and outcomes through a shared lens. We use the Regional Health Assessment (RHA), Regional Health Improvement Plan and community dashboard.

Involve Targeted Population

The individuals living in our diverse Central Oregon communities are the center of our work. We make every effort to include people from every part of the region in our workgroups, discussions, processes and decisions.

Collaborate to Solve Complex Issues

Inviting diverse perspectives from throughout the Central Oregon region deepens our shared understanding of complex issues and propels us toward better progress and outcomes. We practice frequent, structured, open communication to build trust, assure shared objectives, and create common motivation. We respect the privacy and sensitivity of information partners share.

Coordinate Collective Efforts

We are made up of diverse partner organizations and individuals with unique strengths, skills, and resources. We coordinate our efforts and use our unique strengths and skills to meet the goals of the RHIP.

Learn and Adapt Together

We embrace shared learning and a growth mindset. We create a space that allows for mistakes, failures, second changes, and a celebration of brave attempts. We adjust and apply our learnings to the complex and changing landscape of health and well-being in Central Oregon.

Background: Why are we talking about this?

1990s Mill Closures / Timber Industry Decline Federal Housing Policy

2000s Population Growth in Central Oregon

Housing shortage
The Great Recession

Wage Vs. Housing Costs
Single Income Households

Stable, healthy housing is a basic need. Insecure housing and an unhealthy living environment impact both physical and behavioral health conditions. By spending much of their income on housing, individuals and families must cut corners on other living expenses such as food, transportation, and medications, which can also significantly influence their health outcomes and overall well-being.

Current Condition: What's happening right now?

- In 2017, 18% of Central Oregonians paid more than half of their income for rent and mortgage
- In Central Oregon, minority households experience more housing challenges than their white counterparts
- Central Oregon has a critical shortage of supportive housing units to meet the needs of people with disabilities, with co-occurring mental health or substance use disorders, and/or extended history of homelessness

Current State Metrics:

- 1. In 2017, 18% of Central Oregon households were severely rent or mortgage burdened
- 2. In 2018, only 30% of Housing Choice Voucher holders were able to find and lease a housing unit
- 3. No system to determine an accurate number of those experiencing homelessness exists in Central Oregon

Goal Statement: Where do we want to be in 4 years?

Aim/Goal

Central Oregonians experiencing homelessness and those most at-risk of homelessness will have increased and equitable access to housing and supports that offer opportunities for stability and increased individual well-being. **Future State Metrics -** By December 2023:

- 1. Decrease severely rent and mortgage-burdened households
- 2. Increase Housing Choice Voucher holders able to find and lease a unit
- 3. Accurately capture Central Oregonians experiencing homelessness

Analysis: What's keeping us from getting there?

- Inaccurate and accurate assumptions reduce acceptance of diverse housing
- Housing cost & supply outweigh wealth & income
- Uncoordinated common advocacy goals, problems & efforts
- Inconsistent disjointed & inaccurate systems of data collection
- Housing is considered a commodity not a human necessity
- Prohibitive income & background requirements

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Strategic Direction: What are we going to try?									
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Focused Implementation: What are our specific actions? (what, when, where?)	who,
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Follow-Up: What's working? What have we learned?						
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Root Cause Barriers: What is blocking us from moving toward our future state measures?								
Inaccurate and accurate assumptions reduce acceptance of diverse housing	Housing is considered a commodity not human necessity	Uncoordinated common advocacy goals, problems and efforts	Prohibitive income & background requirements	Housing cost / supply outweigh wealth and income	Inconsistent, disjointed, & inaccurate systems of data collection			
Landlord perceptions of Housing Choice Vouchers Program	Empty seasonal and investment homes	Unformed Central Oregon Housing Advocacy org.	Qualifying factors creating barriers for rentals/hcvs	Construction labor shortages	Area Median Income policy is not representative of population			
Willingness/fear to admit homelessness and seek services	Decrease housing stock/increase pop.	Resource allocated advocacy	Income/ background requirements	Rent/ mortgage burden	Functional Definition of Homelessness			
Community Education/awareness of population is lacking	Density allows more multifamily	501c3 regulations on lobbying	Skills on how to interview for housing	Living wages	Service provider access to system to document/ count			
Negative assumptions of voucher holders	Land use UGB limitations	Language barriers to advocacy	Security deposit up front	Wealth/Income gap	Homeless Count- Definition of Homeless			
Public policy is discriminatory			Eviction and Credit Barriers		Resources does not support actionable data			
Systemic racism			High application fees					
Community of not welcoming low income housing			Felony Background					

Strategic Direction:

How do these groups relate to each other? Which ones have similar intent?



