



Deschutes County & the Cities of Bend, La Pine, Redmond, & Sisters - Coordinated Homeless Response Office (CHRO)

CHRO BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM on Thursday, Sept 19, 2024

Deschutes Service Building, **DeArmond Conference Room**, 1st floor @ 1300 NW Wall St., Bend, OR

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Review of CHRO Financials
4. Public Input (15 minutes; 2 minutes each person)
5. CHRO Evolution – CHRO Board Discussion (45 minutes)
6. Recap of the Joint Deschutes County and City of Bend Meeting by Chair Adair and Vice-chair Perkins (10mins)
7. Regional Projects (45 min)
 - a. CHRO RFQ and other: Old Mill Inn, Managed Camp on County 45-acres to facilitate DSL land exchange; Juniper Ridge, etc. - Amy Fraley; Rick Russell; Chuck Hemingway, and Jessica Gamble
8. Gales Re-zone Funding (15mins)
9. Other Items

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COORDINATED HOUSELESS RESPONSE OFFICE (CHRO)

Board Meeting Minutes

11-12:30 PM on Thursday, August 15, 2024

Deschutes Services Building Allen Room, 1300 NW Wall St., Bend, OR

CHRO Board Members Attendance: Commissioner Adair, Chair, Deschutes County; Councilor Perkins, Vice-Chair, City of Bend; Councilor Zwicker, City of Redmond; Councilor Blum, City of Sisters; Mayor Dan Richer, City of La Pine; Eliza Wilson, Homeless Leadership Coalition; Ex-Officio Member, Molly Heiss, NeighborImpact; Ex-Officio Member.

1. Call to Order at 11:00 am.

2. Approval of June 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Councilor Blum motioned to approve the minutes. Councilor Zwicker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Review of CHRO Financials

Chair Adair requested adjustments to the financials as follows: \$150,000 (not \$350,000) unrestricted funding allocated to CHRO RFQ projects and \$46,372 allocated to the homelessness data dashboard project.

VOTE: Councilor Zwicker motioned to revise financials for next month's (September) meeting to indicate funds allocated in the previous (July) meeting. Mayor Richer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Input

Craig Rinker shared about Firewise Community and his concern about uncontrolled fire on Juniper Ridge. Craig asked that the City and County do more to prevent fire, including preventing ignition. He emphasized that it's better to spend resources to end the homeless crisis, rather than fight fires.

Ed Muir shared his frustration with City and County Officials. He stated that there must be managed camps with wraparound services in Deschutes County, enforce the law, and stop enabling the homeless with endless services.

Commissioner Chang requested that the CHRO consider investing \$25,000 to advance the application of the Gales Property to be re-zoned. It's 7.8 acres for shelter and safe parking, with a supportive landowner.

Kathy DeBone reviewed the letter sent to the CHRO Board on July 10, 2024, which asks for public safety to be included in the CHRO's 5-year plan. Kathy asked that the following be included: fire prevention and education; collaboration with fire agencies; and safe shelter options.

Jessica Gamble from Home More Network shared that fire extinguishers are being handed out, and if anyone wants to get involved, email homemorenetwork@gmail.com.

5. Deschutes County & City of Redmond: Managed Camp Concept #2

Chair Adair presented about the Managed Camp Concept #2 as a part of the DSL land swap. There are 137 acres that the county owns that they want to exchange with DSL. The swap would allow for a managed camp to be near Oasis Village. This location will follow the shelter standards set by the City of Redmond, including a Code of Conduct. The goal is to relocate people from the 137 acres. Best case scenario would be to move them out of homelessness. Councilor Zwicker brought attention to the current state of the 45 acres and the need to remove waste and other materials out there.

Councilor Blum asked if other managed camps moved people from where they were to the new site, or if service providers met people where they were. Commissioner Adair explained that the providers at other camps met them where they were. Councilor Zwicker emphasized that that option may not be possible, due to accessibility and not having 21st St. done.

Eliza Wilson asked where the funding will come from for the service providers, or any interested in doing this. Commissioner Adair said they are speaking to a few, and they will find some money. There are also public/private partnerships.

Possible next steps were discussed, including adding electricity. That would alleviate the potential fire risk of propane heaters.

Vice-Chair Perkins requested the CHRO Board focus to align and leverage resources on regional projects and solutions.

6. Old Mill Inn & Suites

Tammy Baney shared an update on doing another tour to identify what the units look like and how the service providers can be utilize these units. The certificate of occupancy should be completed in September, with people moving in by October 1. The units serve a variety of purposes including individuals, families, couples, and other options. This will follow the coordinated entry process. There may also be units set aside to help with the China Hat Pilot Program. The group is working with a wide range of partners to ensure success.

Councilor Blum asked about the coordinated entry program and if that process pairs the person/people with a service provider. Eliza Wilson explained that it happens during the case conferencing meetings, so they've already met with a service provider. Tammy Baney explained that this allows the group to prioritize people and alleviate duplication of services.

Councilor Blum also asked how large of a dent the 74 units will make. Eliza

Wilson responded that it depends on the day and the month. It's in the hundreds. This would be paired with additional safe parking, the Redmond project, pods, and the expansion of Oasis Village. In the last year, 234 households were rehoused, which shows progress. There was discussion about the need for further data on this, and Molly Heiss explained they are recruiting for the coordinated entry staff. And that the data coordinator is excited to create a dashboard for this group.

Finally, Tammy Baney explained the delays in opening are due to needing to redo the piping under the facility and the group chose to wait to open until all safety concerns were removed.

7. HUD Landlord Assistance & Access to Affordable Housing & Rentals

Molly Heiss presented on homelessness and eviction prevention. This included statistics, funding, landlord outreach and engagement, affordability, considerations, and CHRO opportunities. The current focus is on short- and medium-term rental assistance to prevent eviction. The program delivers the least amount of rent assistance possible to stabilize, which provides a reasonable return on investment. There is a light touch follow-up with the program, not six months.

Councilor Zwicker asked how often people can come to the table for this assistance. Molly responded that the lifetime cap is \$25,000 to access as much as they need to. If a person needed to come back for additional funding, the program likes to see that they made a payment in-between use. Councilor Zwicker followed up and asked how often rent increases while people are receiving help. Molly explained that this is seen a lot in fixed income households and that moving forward, senior homelessness could become an issue.

Molly continued the conversation around available funding and how often the money comes with restrictions, which limits what a provider can do. They need flexible funds to meet people where they're at and provide the care needed at the time. This also requires engagement at the local and private level to gain unrestricted funds.

Molly suggested some solutions. Barrier Buster Funds, MAC Group Landlord Engagement & Retention Funds; and Increased Engagement from Local Government. Particularly, landlord outreach and engagement are important. For it to be impactful, the engagement must be done at a regional level, not a provider level, because it provides benefit to everyone. Finally, supportive services need to be in every funding package to ensure success.

8. July 2024 Work Session Report Out

Tammy Baney provided an update on the RFQ. Full details are in the previous month's notes, but there was a request for \$197,000 of pod funding for 10 pods in Oasis Village; \$127,000 request for pods from Central Oregon Villages; and

still quite a bit left for pods and/or infrastructure for Gales, Redmond, Bend, Sisters, and La Pine. Commissioner Adair asked if it could be used for gravel and concrete. Tammy said yes, if it's related to pods, clearing the land, you can get creative. There's about \$750,000 left.

Councilor Perkins highlighted the need to operate these shelters too. Something to keep in mind as the four proposals are considered. These are funding challenges the City of Bend is facing as well. Commissioner Adair asked about Dean Swift's progress. Tammy discussed that it will be six units. Eric King explained that because of the funding from OHCS, and it being a high barrier shelter, the money cannot be used for operations, so they're looking at discretionary funds for that. Potentially \$5 million. Tammy asked the group if the CHRO would like to receive requests for operational funding requests. Councilor Zwicker said that the group should review where they are with the money spent. Mayor Richer agreed that it's not good to expand if the group doesn't know where they're at.

Councilor Perkins highlighted the need to extend the meeting moving forward to ensure there's enough time to take public comment and discuss agenda items in-depth.

Chair Adair proposed extending the September 19 meeting to take place from 10:00-12:30pm.

VOTE: Mayor Richer made a motion to extend the September 19 meeting an extra hour. Councilor Zwicker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tammy Baney will send out the slides for the Evolution of the CHRO and populate more information for the next meeting.

9. All-hands-on-deck/China Hat Pilot

Councilor Perkins summarized the meeting on June 20 to talk about a potential pilot for China Hat with a surge model, like an incident command structure. The group is going to look at funding exploration, including ways to help with HUD vouchers and fuels reduction. Staff met with partners to get buy-in and to co-own the work. They are working together to create a framework and action plan. Moving forward, staff will continue to meet with service providers to carry out the specific actions outlined. At the next CHRO meeting, the staff will have a presentation on a timeline and who is leading what effort.

10. Other Items & Adjourn

Chair Adair shared that COVO has 26 apartments, but they need more apartments. If anyone listening has apartments that want to sell to COVO, that would be helpful.

Tammy Baney asked Chair Adair if staff should take a stab at language around fire prevention for the CHRO's Strategic Plan. Chair Adair agreed.

Tammy Baney also reminded Chair Adair that there was a \$25,000 as for unrestricted funds for the Gales Project and asked how that should move forward. Chair Adair said to discuss at the next meeting to confirm zoning for the project. Bring it back on the agenda with a presentation.

Chair Adair adjourned the meeting at 12:38pm.

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DESCHUTES COUNTY - ADOPTED BUDGET LEVEL
FISCAL YEAR 2026

9/13/2024

FUND 205 - Joint Houselessness Task Force

OBJECT - DESCRIPTION -----	FY 2023 ACTUALS -----	FY 2024 ACTUALS -----	FY 2025 ADJ BUDGET -----	YTD END OF AUG'25 -----	FY 2026 ADOPTED -----	\$ BDGT CHG FR FY 2025 -----	% BDGT CHG FR FY 2025 -----
* Resources							
301000 - BEG NET WORKING CAPITAL	0	13,337	0	36,679	0	0	0.00
334012 - State Grant	192,705	100,542	730,000	706,753	730,000	0	0.00
343013 - Other Revenue - Misc	10,633	37,772	2,000	0	2,000	0	0.00
361011 - Interest-Pooled Investments	13,337	23,341	20,000	4,202	20,000	0	0.00
* Total - Resources	216,676	174,993	752,000	747,634	752,000	0	0.00

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* Personnel Services							
410101 - Regular Employees	125,566	70,479	80,285	0	80,285	0	0.00
410201 - Extra Help (Temp Employee)	0	442	0	77	0	0	0.00
410301 - Overtime	2,366	6,901	4,000	0	4,000	0	0.00
410401 - Time Management	11,841	1,769	0	0	0	0	0.00
420101 - Health-Dental Ins (ISF)	19,010	21,240	27,393	0	27,393	0	0.00
420201 - PERS Employee-Employer	11,068	17,713	5,882	0	5,882	0	0.00
420202 - PERS - Fund 575 for D-S	960	1,165	1,916	0	1,916	0	0.00
420301 - FICA	11,127	5,820	16,360	6	16,360	0	0.00
420401 - Workers' Comp Insurance	157	42	118	0	118	0	0.00
420501 - Unemployment Insurance	487	268	570	1	570	0	0.00
420601 - Life-Long Term Disability	353	278	782	0	782	0	0.00
420801 - Paid Leave Oregon	383	306	825	0	825	0	0.00
* Total - Personnel Services	----- 183,317	----- 126,425	----- 138,131	----- 84	----- 138,131	----- 0	----- 0.00
* Material & Services							
430620 - ISF Facilities	0	714	785	131	785	0	0.00
430625 - ISF Administration	0	2,981	4,327	721	4,327	0	0.00
430628 - ISF BOCC	0	717	1,669	278	1,669	0	0.00
430630 - ISF Finance	0	4,400	5,408	901	5,408	0	0.00
430631 - ISF Finance-HR Proj Reserve	0	80	0	0	0	0	0.00
430650 - ISF Human Resources	0	2,903	3,360	560	3,360	0	0.00
450091 - Recruitment	10,812	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
450094 - Program Expense	1,796	1,186	350,000	0	350,000	0	0.00

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450098 - Dept Employee Recognition	0	0	50	0	50	0	0.00
450820 - Travel-Accommodations	409	276	500	0	500	0	0.00
450850 - Travel-Ground Trans-Parking	54	17	50	0	50	0	0.00
450860 - Travel-Meals	29	102	150	0	150	0	0.00
450870 - Travel-Mileage Reimb	705	295	500	0	500	0	0.00
460320 - Meeting Suppl (Food etc.)	80	0	200	0	200	0	0.00
460610 - Computers & Peripherals	6,135	(1,781)	0	0	0	0	0.00
* Total - Material & Services	20,021	11,890	366,999	2,592	366,999	0	0.00
* 521851 - Reserve for Future Expenditu							
	0	0	246,870	0	246,870	0	0.00
* Total -	0	0	246,870	0	246,870	0	0.00
*** TOTAL FUND 205 RESOURCES							
	216,676	174,993	752,000	747,634	752,000	0	0.00
*** TOTAL FUND 205 REQUIREMENTS							
	203,338	138,314	752,000	2,675	752,000	0	0.00