



# Faith-Based Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2024

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Present were Chris Hankel, Dan Mahon, and James Lafolette; also present was City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Dean Hackett, Terry Cummings, and Council representatives Rod Hardin and Jackie Linton were not present. The meeting was opened in prayer by Terry at 4:06pm.

## **Public Comment**

None given.

## **Euvalcree Presentation**

Euvalcree Regional Operations and Community Development Manager Marisa Avila and Community Servies and Coalition Coordinator Angeles Padilla Villa presented information (attached) regarding:

- Established in 2014 being a 501c3 organization, Their Mission is to serve the underrepresented population in rural Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Their name is a combination of three Latin root words with these meanings:
  - Eu= Good
  - Val= Valient
  - Cree= Faith and Belief
- Helping individuals and families with resources for: Education, Healthcare, Housing, Immigration, Food, Childcare, Legal Services, Home Energy Audits, Small Business Support, Unemployment Claims, Community Events and Services, General Paperwork and Technical Services, and more.
- Much of their times is also spent translating, in Spanish and Mam, helping schedule appointments and filling out forms for various items, attending community events for outreach service so people know they offer wrap-around-service for individuals and families that may need help with a little bit of everything.
- Currently, they are hosting a food and toy drive for families in need for the Christmas Season and are seeking donations, as well as the names and information of people who would benefit from having a food box and toys.
- They are always seeking other opportunities to help the underserved community.

## **Possibilities of incorporating Faith and First Responders Event into I Love My City**

Chris stated it was suggested at the last meeting that the Faith and First Responders Event be held during I Love My City and opened the subject for discussion. Committee members felt it would be a good idea to combine the events with a meet and greet during lunch on Saturday as an easier and great way to interact and connect with first responders and build trust within the community.

## **2024 Committee Service Goals – Food Insecurities Update**

Dan gave information regarding <https://feedhermiston.org/> . This website was created to give individuals and families, struggling with food insecurity, current and up-to-date information on food availability within the Greater Hermiston Area. The website is a collaboration between community religious groups, businesses, and non-profits.



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## **Minutes**

Chris moved and Dan seconded to approve the September meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. No meeting was held in October.

## **Elect Vice Chair through July 2025**

James moved and Dan seconded to nominate Chris as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Elect Chair through July 2025**

Chris moved and James seconded to nominate Dan as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the Large Board Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall.

## **Adjournment**

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned in prayer by Dan at 5:08pm.



## 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization

### Our Vision

A unified community  
advocating for itself and  
equity for all.

### Our Mission

Euvalcree mobilizes and engages  
underserved and  
underrepresented populations to  
improve the lives of all children,  
families and communities in  
RURAL Oregon, Washington, and  
Idaho.

**Established in 2014**



## Our Leadership Team!



## Our Staff

- 2 Main offices- Ontario, Hermiston
- Childcare Oasis Center in Malheur
- Directors, Managers, Community Organizers, Childcare teachers, Program Specialists, Community Health Workers



## Focus Areas

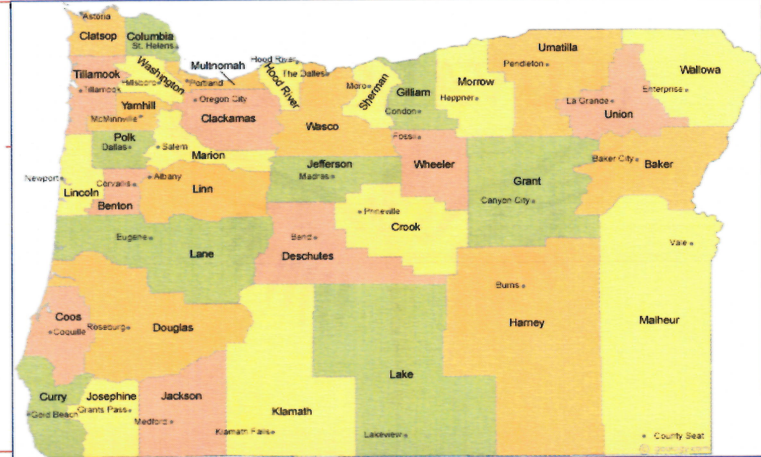
Education

Immigration

Healthcare

Community  
and Economic  
Development

Housing and  
Built  
Environment



## Our Services and Programs

- Covid-19 Wrap Services
- Oregon Worker Relief
- Toys for Tots
- Leadership Camps



## More!

- Oregon Health Plan
- Food Bank
- Childcare Center
- Small Business Support
- Home Energy Audits
- Legal Services







... and more!

Unemployment  
claims

Passport  
applications

General  
translations, interpretations,  
Spanish  
Map

Letter of  
Recommendations/  
Character  
Attestation

Drivers  
Licenses / Test,  
Consulate Apprs

Community Events

Technical  
Assistance

Community  
Surveys

CPR and First Aid  
Trainings

## Our Offices

Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa

Grant, Baker, Harney, Malheur



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**Ontario Office**

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67 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Ontario, OR



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[www.EUVALCREE.org](http://www.EUVALCREE.org)



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Southeast Oregon

Northeast Oregon

THANK YOU!



OUR TEAM



OUR  
COMMUNITY



YOU!

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¡Desde el 1 de Julio del 2023,  
personas de cualquier edad o estatus migratorio  
podrían ser elegibles para todos los beneficios  
del Plan de Salud de Oregon (OHP)!



### ¿Quién es elegible?

Personas que:

Viven en Oregon y  
cumplen los requisitos  
del ingreso y otros



### ¿Quién puede ayudarle a llenar una solicitud?

Socios comunitarios certificados  
y de confianza pueden trabajar  
con usted personalmente, o



puede llamar al

**1-800-699-9075**



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[Oregon.gov/OregonMasSaludable](https://Oregon.gov/OregonMasSaludable)



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# Programa de Ahorro de Energía

**Mejore su:**

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- Ventanas
- Insulación
- Boiler

**(541) 561-5713**

¡Si es elegible, ayudamos con los costos para  
las mejoras en su hogar! ¡**Llámenos hoy!**

Fondos disponibles solo para clientes de Pacific Power y/o Cascade  
Natural Gas

As of July 1, 2023,  
people of any age or immigration status  
may be eligible for free, full Oregon Health Plan  
(OHP) benefits!



### Who is eligible?

People who:

Live in Oregon, and  
meet income and other criteria



### Who can help you apply?

Trusted, certified community  
partners can work with you  
one-on-one, or



you can call

**1-800-699-9075**



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[Oregon.gov/HealthierOregon](https://Oregon.gov/HealthierOregon)



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# Energy Savings Program

**Improve your:**

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If you're eligible, we can help with the costs of  
the home improvements! **Call us today!**

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8 AM — 6 PM

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WE HELP WITH RESOURCES AND  
INFORMATION RELATED TO:

- Personal Protective Equipment
- Oregon Worker Relief Fund
- Healthcare Insurance
- OHP — Oregon Health Plan
- Small Business Assistance
- Immigration Legal Services
- Reproductive Health
- Home Energy Efficiency
- Food Access

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8 AM — 6 PM

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AYUDAMOS CON RECURSOS Y  
INFORMACION RELACIONADOS CON:

- Equipo de Protección (Mascarillas y desinfectante)
- Fondo de Alivio Laboral
- Aseguranza de Salud
- OHP — Plan de Salud de Oregon
- Asistencia a Negocios Pequeños
- Servicios Legales de Inmigración
- Salud Reproductiva
- Eficiencia Energética en el Hogar



## RECIEVE FREE TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS!!!

If you have children 12 years of age or younger, register them in Toys for Tots to receive free toys for Christmas!

Toys for Tots is a program created by the United States Marine Corp Reserve to ensure every child 12 years of age and younger is able to receive a gift for Christmas.



For the first time in Umatilla County, EUVALCREE is bringing the Toys for Tots Program!

Registration is easy!  
Come visit or call our office!

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**



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8 am - 6 pm

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## RECIBE JUGETES GRATIS PARA NAVIDAD!!!

Si tiene niños 12 años y menores, regístrelos en Toys for Tots para recibir juguetes gratis para Navidad!

Toys for Tots es un programa creado por los Marines que da asistencia a las familias con niños menores de 12 años, para asegurar que recibían regalos para Navidad.



Por primera vez en el Condado de Umatilla, EUVALCREE trae el programa de Toys for Tots!

La registración es fácil!  
Visite o llame nuestra oficina!

**ULTIMO DIA PARA REGISTRAR  
VIERNES 22 DE NOVIEMBRE**



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