

Tri-County Planning Body Onboarding Meeting Summary

Meeting: Supportive Housing Services Tri-County Planning Body Member Orientation Meeting
Date/time: Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Place: Virtual meeting (Zoom)
Purpose: Orient Tri-County Planning Body (TCPB) members to operating structures and governance.

Member attendees

Co-Chair Eboni Brown (she/her), Co-Chair Matt Chapman (he/him), Zoi Coppiano (she/her), Mercedes Elizalde (she/her), Nicole Larson (she/her), Michael Ong Liu (he/him), Sahaan McKelvey (he/him), Steve Rudman (he/him), Cristina Palacios (she/her)

Absent members

Yvette Hernandez (she/her), Monta Knudson (he/him), Alicia Schaffter (she/her), James Schroeder (he/him)

County staff representatives

Clackamas County - Vahid Brown (he/him), Multnomah County – Yesenia Delgado (she/her), Washington County - Jes Larson (she/her)

Elected delegates

Metro Council President Lynn Peterson (she/her)

Absent delegates

Multnomah County Commissioner Susheela Jayapal (she/her), Washington County Chair Kathryn Harrington (she/her)

Metro

Nui Bezaire (she/her), Liam Frost (he/him), Patricia Rojas (she/her), Valeria McWilliams (she/her)

Kearns & West Facilitators

Ben Duncan (he/him) and Ariella Dahlin (she/her)

Welcome and introductions

Liam Frost introduced himself, provided opening remarks, and welcomed the Tri-County Planning Body (TCPB) to the meeting.

Ben Duncan introduced himself as a neutral third-party facilitator and facilitated introductions between TCPB Members.

Power sharing and group agreements

Ben presented the concepts of cultural humility and power sharing. Cultural humility includes a commitment to lifelong learning, self-reflection, recognizing and addressing power imbalances, and institutional accountability. Power sharing is defined as having an internal sense of agency and external trust and respect with others. To share power, leaders with status are not seeking to shift power dynamics to control the group.

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To actualize power sharing and co-creation in TCPB work, trust, collaboration, and consensus are needed. Ben asked the group to describe what this looks like in practice. TCPB members identified the following practices/behaviors:

- Discuss ideas and priorities as a group
- Equal participation in decision making and discussion
- Assume no malicious intent
- Remain solution oriented
- Challenge oppression
- Respect different identities, cultures, and professions
- Accountability
- Acknowledge harm and resolve in good faith
- Consider other perspectives
- Listen with an open mind and to understand
- Remain curious and ask questions
- Be hard on the process, but not the people
- Build relationships to build trust
- Empathy
- Cultivate a space where each member feels empowered
- Do not interrupt others
- Create clear processes

The group discussed the potential to meet in-person, and virtual alternatives, to build relationships with each other. The Kearns & West team will develop draft group agreements based on what was shared for the TCPB to review.

Modified consensus decision making

Ben detailed the TCPB responsibilities, including modified consensus, as stated in the Charter, and asked if there were any clarifying questions.

Mercedes Elizalde asked what opportunities there are to connect with other bodies related to Supportive Housing Services (SHS) work.

Patricia Rojas shared that the SHS Oversight Committee asked the same question. While the Oversight Committee focuses on local implementation plan policies and the TCPB focuses on regional implementation plan development, there is a relationship between the two bodies. There are different examples for connecting, including having the Co-Chairs from both bodies meet regularly.

Steve Rudman stated that the SHS Oversight Committee and the Affordable Housing Bond Oversight Committee Co-Chairs have met a few times to coordinate work. There may be closer coordination needed between the SHS Oversight Committee and the TCPB, and the groups should consider having a joint meeting.

Mercedes suggested that presentations and meetings on draft ideas are necessary between the SHS Oversight Committee and the TCPB to align work.

Co-Chair Matt Chapman noted that the SHS structure is unusual in its design of multiple committees and is an opportunity for the TCPB to conduct research and learn from other metropolitan areas.

Cristina Palacios asked if there was charter language on how to ask for more information during the modified consensus process.

Ben replied that a thumb down could indicate that more information is needed before deciding.

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Mercedes recommended that voting be an iterative process. Ben confirmed that the modified consensus will result in an initial vote, further discussion as necessary, and then move to another vote to assess where the group is at. Process repeats until all voices are heard, any modifications or edits to a proposal or recommendation are made, and majority approval is confirmed.

The TCPB then voted on approval of the July 29, 2022, TCPB Meeting Summary.

Thumbs up: 11

Thumbs sideways: 0

Thumbs down: 0

The July 29, 2022, TCPB Meeting Summary was approved.

Co-Chairs: introduction to role and discussion of future topics

Co-Chair Eboni Brown introduced herself and her role as facilitating ideas between TCPB members and the Jurisdictional Leadership Team (JLT). Her goal is to amplify the groups suggestions, empower TCPB members, and advocate for the people the TCPB serve.

Co-Chair Chapman echoed Co-Chair Brown's remarks and added that he seeks constructive criticism. He emphasized the importance of relationship building and best practice development.

Ben asked the TCPB if they have any expectations for the Co-Chairs.

Cristina suggested opening recruitment to non-English speaking members.

Zoi Coppiano shared that an equity lens should be applied to best practices.

Metro Council President Lynn Peterson recognized the amount of experience each member has and reminded the group to make space so that all voices are heard.

Mercedes asked how the Co-Chairs help develop agendas.

Co-Chair Chapman replied that they have not been involved to date but have meetings on the calendar to develop agendas with Metro and County Staff.

Co-Chair Brown responded that the TCPB members will determine priorities together as a group early on.

Patricia clarified that the JLT and the Co-Chairs will plan agendas together moving forward.

Steve shared that the Affordable Housing Bond Oversight Committee has a similar design for agenda development.

Ben asked the TCPB what each member's top of mind issue is. TCPB members identified the following priorities:

- First year data
- Regional long-term rent assistance
- Relationship building between members
- Regional plan development
- Decrease the rate of people entering homelessness
- Program retention
- Regional collaboration and coordination
- Success measurement
- Equity
- Long-term planning
- Best practices
- Living wage
- Data gathering

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Closing and next steps

Patricia thanked everyone for participating today. Next steps include:

- Publish the July 29, 2022, meeting summary.
- Distribute hybrid meeting survey.
- Pilot hybrid meeting in November.
- Distribute draft group agreements document.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 6:00 pm.