

## Tri-County Planning Body Meeting Summary

Meeting: Supportive Housing Services Tri-County Planning Body Meeting  
Date/time: Wednesday, November 09, 2022, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
Place: Metro Council Chambers, 600 NE Grand Ave, Portland, OR 97232 and Zoom Webinar  
Purpose: Update the Tri-County Planning Body (TCPB) on supportive housing services regional coordination and discover areas of interest.

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### Member attendees

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

### Absent members

Monta Knudson (he/him), Alicia Schaffter (she/her)

### County staff representatives

Multnomah County – Yesenia Delgado (she/her), Washington County - Jes Larson (she/her), Jessi Adams (she/her)

### Absent county staff representatives

Clackamas County - Vahid Brown (he/him)

### Elected delegates

Clackamas County Commissioner Sonya Fischer (she/her), Washington County Chair Kathryn Harrington (she/her), Multnomah County Commissioner Susheela Jayapal (she/her), Metro Councilor Christine Lewis (she/her)

### Metro

Ash Everfeld (she/they), 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 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.

Co-chair Eboni Brown motioned to vote on approval of the October Meeting Summary.

Mercedes Elizalde requested that the October Meeting Summary be amended to reflect that the Survey Discussion and Alignment agenda item was not discussed.

The TCPB voted to approve the October Meeting Summary with that amendment.

### Public comment

A written public comment by Tom Cusack was received and sent to the committee one day before the meeting.

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### Workflow

Liam introduced the TCPB Workflow and Decisions Point Document. The Workflow Document is a proposed model of how the TCPB would do its work and is separated in three stages.

Co-chairs Eboni Brown and Matt Chapman detailed the first stage which is TCPB Recommendation Development. Co-chair Brown specified that the document is based in collaboration and that changes can be made at any point.

Mercedes asked if the TCPB strategies and initiatives developed as part of the Regional Plan would be reflected in each county's local implementation plans (LIP).

Liam clarified that LIPs are not required or prohibited to reflect the Regional Plan.

Co-chair Chapman added that each county will decide if and how the Regional Plan fits into their LIP and that the Supportive Housing Services Oversight Committee (SHSOC) would be the final decision maker.

Patricia Rojas noted that LIPs include delivery strategies whereas the Regional Plan connects the three LIPs plans.

Co-chair Brown reminded the group that the TCPB is not an implementation body. She went on to cover the additional steps of TCPB Recommendation Development.

Mercedes asked if "counties" meant county staff or county council representatives in the document.

Co-chair Brown replied that it is meant to be county staff and that wording change to "county staff" will be made in the document.

Valeria McWilliams confirmed that Metro will make that change.

Chair Kathryn Harrington asked if the SHSOC or Metro Council have a role in TCPB Recommendation Development.

Liam responded that the formal approval body for the TCPB's Regional Plan is the SHSOC and that the TCPB would provide regular updates to the Metro Council.

Matt added that the SHSOC would review recommendations when they are robust and final, not as each recommendation is discussed.

James Schroder asked if proposals would be discussed one at a time and if county staff would provide context on topics presented.

Co-chair Brown replied that the county staff would present on multiple items that fall under one large topic as decided by the TCPB. The hope is that this process will help the TCPB identify priorities and opportunities. The county staff would provide history and resources on topics presented.

Co-chair Chapman reflected that the hope is Metro would be involved and that TCPB members would also share their expertise.

Liam noted that Metro is hiring to provide capacity, and that TCPB expertise and ideas are greatly valued.

Chair Harrington suggested the TCPB discuss any questions on stages two and three of the Workflow Document before moving on to the next agenda item.

Co-chair Brown asked if there are any questions or comments regarding stage two, Counties-Metro Strategy Development.

Mercedes asked for clarification on the difference between what Metro and County staff will be doing in stage two.

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Liam clarified that Metro staff will synthesize Regional Plan recommendations for the Oversight Committee.

Nicole Larson asked when will the proposal from county staff be received, what format would it be in, and how long will the TCPB have to consider the proposal.

Co-chair Brown replied that it depends on county staff capacity and there are funds for hiring contractors for support. TCPB members can also provide proposals.

Nicole followed up to ask when voting for implementation would occur and if proposals are an ongoing process.

Co-chair Brown responded that voting could happen at the same meeting as proposal discussion, but if the discussion needs more time, that voting could happen at the next meeting.

Co-chair Chapman added that the TCPB will work through the priorities identified via agenda topics over the course of the year.

Steve noted that this is an iterative process between the TCPB, county staff, and Metro. He suggested that TCPB think about the Workflow document more and then discuss it at another meeting while connecting it to real issues.

Jes Larson reminded the TCPB that the county staff is here to work in partnership with all four jurisdictions to prepare materials for the TCPB to consider.

Co-chair Brown covered stage three, Regional Plan Implementation Monitoring.

Chair Harrington asked if bullet one could be edited to “Quarterly reports include progress on TCPB regional priorities and expenditures.”

Valeria McWilliams confirmed that Metro will make that change.

Co-chair Brown emphasized that the Workflow document is a collaboration between all members and for any suggestions to be shared with the group.

The TCPB agreed with ongoing discussions and improvements of the Workflow document, to move forward with its outline.

### Issue Prioritization

Liam provided an overview of the survey discovery tool results for the top ranked issues under regional capacity, systems alignment, and standards and metrics.

Commissioner Sonya Fischer asked if alignment with health care systems would include leveraging with Community Planning Organizations (CPOs) to maximize capacity and waivers.

Co-chair Brown confirmed this and noted that there seems to be a disconnect with CPOs as each organization seems to build out its own system.

James Schroder suggested differentiating between the provider system and the benefit coverage and payment system. Waivers are a part of the benefit coverage and payment system.

Liam presented a list of issues that county staff have asked for TCPB support on.

Ben asked the TCPB to go around the room and have each member offer their thoughts on priority issues.

Michael Liu shared that it might be helpful to expand capacity by using dollars to make the Section 8 Housing Voucher process easier.

Commissioner Susheela Jayapal reflected that Regional Long-term Rent Assistance (RLRA) is an opportunity for systems alignment. RLRA could be used to place folks in available units if it is a centralized, accessible, and streamlined process. She shared that there are a couple of models that could be followed and noted that wages are also a challenge.

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Zoi Coppiano agreed that capacity and workforce need to be scaled up. She suggested implementing incentives to help organizations want to increase scale.

Councilor Christine Lewis emphasized the importance of wages and training for service providers. She also noted RLRA is an important discussion point to make sure the program is designed correctly but cautioned the group to not focus on funding replacement in nine years.

Cristina Palacios shared that it's important to think about pay compensation for contractors and part time employees as well as full time employees since culturally specific services are often contracted out.

Steve Rudman suggested that with \$250 million a year, RLRA has impact potential with public and private landlords' engagement and is a good foundation to build from. The jurisdictions can recruit landlords to join a region wide, expanded RLRA program that also provides wrap around services with leveraged funds from the jurisdictions.

Co-chair Brown asked for clarification on what exactly the discussion prompt was.

Ben clarified that the discussion was an opportunity for all TCPB members to bring forward issues into the room and voice what is top of mind.

Co-chair Chapman added that this is an opportunity to see an overview of issues and opportunities.

Liam clarified that this is an exploration phase to find what the TCPB's priorities are.

Chair Harrington stated that Washington County is working on some of the aspects that Steve mentioned which is documented in the Annual Plan and wondered when the TCPB will receive base level information about work underway.

Co-chair Brown replied that the opportunity lies in expanding a county's model regionally.

Chair Harrington followed up by asking if someone could merge the survey list and the county staff opportunity list.

Co-chair Chapman suggested a process where Metro and the Co-chairs could consolidate the lists and other topics that have been suggested during this conversation.

James shared that there is a lot of overlap with Medicaid and there is an opportunity to align TCPB funding with Medicaid.

Co-chair Brown stated that the TCPB can recommend partnerships to the counties as a way of capacity building.

Sahaan McKelvey shared that more affordable housing development is needed and it's important to activate the private sector.

Yvette Hernandez highlighted the importance of wrap around voluntary services.

### Closing and next steps

Liam thanked everyone for their participation and patience during the technical difficulties.

Nicole Larson requested next meetings discussion topics as soon as possible before the meeting packet.

Next steps include:

- Edit and publish the October 12, 2022, meeting summary. (Metro)
- Share any additional workflow edits with Co-chairs. (TCPB Members)
- Share any additional issue prioritization discussion topics with Co-chairs. (TCPB Members)

### Adjourn

Adjourned at 6:00 pm.