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HB4123 Homeless Advisory Meeting

January 17, 2024

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

2110 Newmark Ave Suite 220, Coos Bay, Oregon

[Zoom Attendance Link](#)

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comments
 - a. Steve Skinner (Written Comment)
3. Directors Report (Andrew Brainard)
 - a. January 2024
4. On Going Projects Update
 - a. Salvation Army Hope Village Update (Major Kauffman)
 - b. North Bend City/Coos-Curry Housing Authorities (Update by Erik Schirmer)
5. Homeless Advisory Board Comments
6. Adjourn

Next meeting Wednesday February 21, 2024 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM



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Meeting Date January 17, 2023	Agenda Item Number 2a
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TO: Homeless Advisory Board

FROM: Andrew Brainard, Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

No Action Required

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Public Comment Form HRO Steve Skinner



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Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
January 17, 2024	3a

TO: Homeless Advisory Board

FROM: Andrew Brainard, Director

SUMMARY:

Point in Time Count

- Volunteer sign ups have been live since December 15th, as of 1/12/24 we currently 29 individuals signed up for both static and brush count locations. We are still in need of 21 volunteers between the 24th and 25th.
 - Volunteer Training videos have been developed and posted on the volunteer sign up page.
 - A volunteer goal has been set and weekly updates to the community will be given via Facebook as a "Call for Action". This will more clearly communicate our goals and keep it in the forefront of people's minds (and feeds) until the day of the event. We will also be utilizing social media to communicate our incentive goals as well.
- The incentive wish list is live and emails have been sent out to partners for purchasing items to help with the count. A flyer has been developed and a presentation has been given at the past several Chamber of Commerce lunches.
 - Recognition for businesses and individuals (with permission) who purchase or donate will be done through Facebook. This should increase our visibility online by allowing us to utilize business and individual user networks by tagging them in our posts.

Community Engagement

- Since our last meeting the team was able to attend the Homeless Memorial put on by the Human Rights Advocates of Coos County. This event was held on December 21st. at the Coos Bay Library.
 - The event was well attended seeing approximately 100+ participants and volunteers in attendance. Our team was able to lend a hand and help count participants and make connections with the group. Passing on information about this year's PIT count.
 - Coats, socks, hats, gloves, blankets, bags, and necessity items were provided
 - A hot meal was also provided

- The group held a candle light vigil and spoke about those in the homeless community who had passed this year.
- Facebook engagement is up and the community is beginning to interact with our content. If you see content from our office, we encourage any kind of cross posting on social media to increase our engagement and views. We will be coming up with a content schedule to keep the momentum going.
- The team was able to go out to Charleston, Lakeside, Coquille, and Bandon events with Adapt, Bay Area First Step, Coos Health and Wellness, and HIV Alliance. The team was able to talk to some of our houseless neighbors. This experience gave a lot of insight into what this population is experiencing and the different ways that our partners are engaging.

Partner Engagement

- This week a survey was sent out to each of the community stakeholder groups to solicit opinions on the effectiveness of our monthly meetings and to identify areas where we are doing well and areas of improvement.
 - So far, we have received participation from 18 of our partners. Results from the survey will be shared at the next board meeting.
- A Project Proposal section was added to the office website which will allow us to better identify Community Partner projects in our community.
 - The team is also going to be working with Michael Couch to establish a process for scoring and documenting projects to avoid any kind of conflict of interest.
- Monthly stakeholder meetings are beginning to see increased participation. We had a record number of attendants at our most recent Primary Care meeting, seeing 17 participants in attendance. Establishing new connections with Bay Area Hospital and the North Bend VA Clinic.

Ongoing Projects

- The Salvation Army/Deveraux warming center is operational and has been open due to low temperatures and inclement weather.
- Most recently we met with the South Coast Gospel Mission about a potential renovation project. The Gospel Mission has experienced some flooding which has affected the number of beds they have available.
 - We will be doing a tour of the facility next week to get a sense of the needs of the agency.
- The Deveraux Center has also identified 3 potential renovation projects which we will evaluate and collaborate with Michael Couch to determine possible funding opportunities.