

MEMORANDUM

TO: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
FROM: Rod Cook, Director, Health, Housing, & Human Services
RE: Supportive Housing Services Oversight Committee Recommendations
DATE: November 21, 2023

REQUEST: The Supportive Housing Services Oversight Committee currently has two vacancies from Clackamas County. Staff is seeking Board approval of the top ranked applicants to fill this vacancy. Following Board approval, these applicants will be appointed to the Oversight Committee by Metro Council.

BACKGROUND: The purpose of the Oversight Committee is to provide program oversight on behalf of the Metro Council to ensure that investments achieve regional goals and desired outcomes and to ensure transparency and accountability in Supportive Housing Services Program activities and outcomes.

The committee is charged with the following duties:

- Evaluate Local Implementation Plans, recommend changes as necessary to achieve program goals and guiding principles, and make recommendations to Metro Council for approval;
- Accept and review annual reports for consistency with approved Local Implementation Plans and regional goals;
- Monitor financial aspects of program administration, including review of program expenditures; and
- Provide annual reports and presentations to Metro Council and Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington County Boards of Commissioners that assess performance, challenges and outcomes.

Committee Membership

The Committee is composed of 15 voting members (5 members each from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties) that are approved by the respective county and appointed by the Metro Council. The Committee's members represent a diversity of perspectives, geography, demographics, and personal and professional experience, including people with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability.

Recruitment to Fill Clackamas County's Oversight Committee Vacancies

Clackamas County's current representatives on the Regional Oversight Committee are:

- Dan Fowler
- Mandrill Taylor
- Becky Wilkinson

Two prior member from Clackamas County, Kathy Wai and Seth Lyons, recently resigned. Metro staff conducted a recruitment to fill these two vacancies, with the application period open into November, 2023. Six applications from people who live and/or work in Clackamas County were received. In November, County staff reviewed and ranked the applications. This recruitment and review was conducted according to the same process by which the Oversight Committee's original membership was appointed. Based on the review process conducted by County staff, the top ranked applicants to fill these vacancies are Peter Rosenblatt and Cara Hash. Mr. Rosenblatt is a resident of Clackamas County, provides housing services in Clackamas County as the Homeless Intervention Services program manager for Northwest Housing Alternatives, and serves on the board of the Homeless Solutions Coalition of Clackamas County. Ms. Hash is a resident of Clackamas County, is the Regional Director of the Oregon Department of Human Services, and has experience in multi-sector systems alignment.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board approve the selection of Peter Rosenblatt and Cara Hash to serve as members from Clackamas County on the Supportive Housing Services Oversight Committee, to be appointed by Metro Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

List of Supportive Housing Services Oversight Committee Clackamas County applicants

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List of Supportive Housing Services Oversight Committee Clackamas County applicants

Peter Rosenblatt

Cara Hash

Barbara Canaday

Artthew Ng

Amber Merinosantos

Ada Dortch