
Thursday, May 05, 2022

6:45 PM – 8:30 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://clackamascounty.zoom.us/j/88978437753?pwd=SWWh0bjRoSWVaRWE2cDdkN1h1cUR2dz09>

Telephone: 1 (669) 900-6833

AGENDA

6:45 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome & Introductions

Chair Paul Savas & Mayor Brian Hodson, Co-Chairs

Housekeeping

- Approval of April 07, 2022 C4 Minutes **Page 03**
- Welcome new C4 Members:
 - Adam Marl, Commissioner, Oregon City
 - James Johnson – Rivergrove Water District
 - Sherry French – Clackamas River Water (Alternate)

6:50 p.m. Update on the Research Justice Study of Clackamas County with the Coalition of Communities of Color

*Presenting: Andres Lopez, Ph.D., Research Director
Mira Mohsini, Ph.D., Senior Researcher
Khanya Msibi, M.S., Data Manager*

- Project Update Memo **Page 05**
- FAQ on Research Justice **Page 08**

7:50 p.m. Shelter Housing Discussion, follow up discussion

Introducing: Trent Wilson, C4, ClackCo Staff

- Clackamas County Values on Housing and Shelter **Page 12**

8:15 p.m. Updates/Other Business

- JPACT/MPAC Updates
- Climate Action Plan Task Force Update
- Supportive Housing Services Update
- Fireworks Ban Update
- Other Business

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

General Information



Current Voting Membership

		C4 Exec	C4 Metro	C4 Rural	JPACT	MPAC	R1ACT
Clackamas County	Commissioner Paul Savas	●	●	●	●		●
Clackamas County	Commissioner Mark Shull		●	●		●	
Canby	Mayor Brian Hodson	●		●			●
CPOs	Martin Meyers (Redland CPO)	●	●	●			
Estacada	Mayor Sean Drinkwine			●			
Fire Districts	Matthew Silva (Estacada Fire District)	●					
Gladstone	Mayor Tammy Stempel	●	●				
Hamlets	Kenny Sernach (Beavercreek Hamlet)			●			
Happy Valley	Council Brett Sherman		●			●	
Johnson City	Vacant						
Lake Oswego	Mayor Joe Buck		●			●	
Milwaukie	Councilor Kathy Hyzy		●		●	●	
Molalla	Mayor Scott Keyser			●			
Oregon City	Commissioner Adam Marl		●			●	
Portland	Vacant						
Rivergrove	Mayor Walt Williams		●				
Sandy	Mayor Stan Pulliam			●			
Sanitary Districts	Paul Gornick (Oak Lodge Water Services)	●					
Tualatin	Councilor Valerie Pratt		●				
Water Districts	Jim Johnson (Rivergrove Water District)						
West Linn	Mayor Jules Walters		●				
Wilsonville	Mayor Julie Fitzgerald		●				

Current Ex-Officio Membership

MPAC Citizen Rep	Ed Gronke
Metro Council	Councilor Christine Lewis
Port of Portland	Emerald Bogue
Rural Transit	Todd Wood (Canby Area Transit)
Urban Transit	Tom Markgraf (TriMet)

Frequently Referenced Committees:

- CTAC:** Clackamas Transportation Advisory Committee (C4 Transportation TAC)
- JPACT:** Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (Metro)
- MPAC:** Metro Policy Advisory Committee (Metro)
- MTAC:** Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MPAC TAC)
- R1ACT:** Region 1 Advisory Committee on Transportation (ODOT)
- TPAC:** Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (JPACT TAC)

Thursday, April 07, 2022
Development Services Building
 Main Floor Auditorium, Room 115
 150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

Attendance:

Members: **Canby:** Brian Hodson, Traci Hensley (alt); **Clackamas County:** Paul Savas; Mark Shull; **CPOs:** Marjorie Stewart (alt); **Estacada:** Charity Hughes (Alt.); **Hamlets:** Kenny Sernach, Derrick Cherico; **Lake Oswego:** Joe Buck; Rachel Verdick; **Metro:** Shirley Craddick; **Milwaukie:** Kathy Hyzy; **Molalla:** Scott Keyser; **MPAC Citizen:** Ed Gronke; **Oregon City:** Rachel Lyles Smith; **Transit:** Dwight Brashear(SMART); Todd Wood (Rural Transit); **Tualatin:** Valerie Pratt; **West Linn,** Jules Walters; **Wilsonville:** Julie Fitzgerald

Staff: Trent Wilson (PGA); Chris Lyons (PGA)

Guests: Vahid Brown, ClackCo; Jim Band, OC Police; Peter Rosenblatt, NW Housing Alternatives; Bill Stewart, ClackCo DA; Jamie Stasny (DTD); Laura Terway (HV); Jaimie Lorenzini (Happy Valley); Mark Ottenad (Wilsonville); Jeff Gudman (Community); Bill Markt (Hamlets)

The C4 Meeting was recorded and the audio is available on the County's website at <http://www.clackamas.us/c4/meetings> . Minutes document action items approved at the meeting.

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
Approval of March 03, 2022 C4 Minutes	Approved.
Panel on Shelter Services in Clackamas County	<p>Four guests joined C4 to kick off the discussion on housing and shelter needs in Clackamas County. Those guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vahid Brown, ClackCo Human Services Manager • Peter Rosenblatt, NW Housing Alternatives • Jim Band, OC Chief of Police • Bill Stewart, ClackCo Deputy District Attorney <p>Topics included increased need for shelter beds and locations, increased need to diversify locations, and a desire to ensure services exist to match shelter placement.</p> <p>C4 members asked for additional discussions to help with providing ideas on how to pursue support of increasing both services and shelters. The discussion also included</p>

	concerns about money for shelter infrastructure, as well as community impacts.
I-205 RTP Regional Discussion Update	<p>At the March JPACT meeting the I-205 RTP Amendment was recommended for approval. Yet, at the March MPAC meeting the I-205 RTP Amendment was not recommended and a friendly amendment was put forward that if the RTP Amendment were to proceed, it should include a sunset on the toll program on I-205 once the project and only if the RMPP is not implemented.</p> <p>There were questions around potential upcoming advocacy and timelines, and opportunities to weigh in with Metro Council ahead of their decision to consider (or not) approving the amendment.</p>
Updates/Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JPACT/MPAC Updates • Climate Action Plan Task Force Update • Supportive Housing Services Update • Other Business 	<p>JPACT/MPAC: Noted most work tabled until the I-205 RTP discussion is completed.</p> <p>Climate Action Plan Task Force: No updates</p> <p>Supportive Housing Services: SHS revenue continues at a steady rate, maxed at 11m at the time of this meeting, which included an advance from Metro.</p> <p>Other business: None.</p>

Adjourned at 8:56 p.m.



TO: Trent Wilson, Government Affairs Specialist

FROM: Andres Lopez, Ph.D., Research Director, Coalition of Communities of Color, Mira Mohsini, Ph.D., Senior Researcher, Coalition of Communities of Color, Khanya Msibi, M.S., Data Manager, Coalition of Communities of Color

CC: Marcus Mundy, Executive Director, Coalition of Communities of Color

SUBJECT: Memo to Clackamas County Coordinating Commission (C4)

DATE: April 27, 2022

Dear Members of the Clackamas County Coordinating Commission (C4),

We are the Research Justice Institute (RJI) at the Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC), leading the research justice study for Clackamas County (learn more about the study from the attached FAQ). We are thrilled to join your C4 meeting on May 5th to share an update with you all on our research progress. We plan to share information with you for about 15 minutes and open the floor for questions and discussion for the remaining 45 minutes. Below you will find both a list of topics you can expect to learn more about and questions we would like to raise/discuss during our time together. We thank you for your continued support in our work and look forward to building relationships with you all.

Best,

Andres, Mira, and Khanya

Project updates

- Relationship building:
 - Over 150 people engaged who live and work in Clackamas County
 - Over 60 “data actors” interviewed
- Steering committees:
 - Nine members who represent: (1) Black/African American/African Diaspora, Latine, Asian and Indigenous communities; (2) health care, K-12 education, higher education, and nonprofit sectors; and (3) urban, suburban, and rural regions
 - High school student committee planning to collect data about student organizing around anti-hate and equity across the County
- Data:
 - Collecting and organizing publicly available data to create a “data story” for understanding what the data can, its limitations, and gaps



- Collaborating with PCC GIS student to produce maps (e.g., language distribution and culturally specific CBO locations across the County)
- Lessons learned from our 2018 research justice study in Washington County ([link](#)) – see table below

Calls to Action Seen in Washington County	N*	Percent**
1. Cross-sectional prioritization of addressing racism	18	11.6%
2. Democratic governments include communities of color in decision-making and prioritize collaboration with all communities	24	15.5%
3. Allocation of resources to culturally specific and trauma-informed practice in various sectors	21	13.5%
4. The education system should provide welcoming, culturally respectful spaces and dismantle roots of disparity	22	14.2%
5. Economic institutions: provide equal pay and a safe workplace for communities of color	15	9.7%
6. Appoint communities of color into policymaking positions and address civic engagement barriers, including citizen status	18	11.6%
7. Celebrate multicultural diversity and foster community building	22	14.2%
8. Practice research justice and partner with communities in research designs	15	9.7%

*Respondents include staff at: Washington County Office of Equity, Inclusion and Community Engagement, Sheriff’s Office, Hillsboro School District, Washington County Library, Washington County Public Health, Washington County Land Use & Transportation, Washington County Environmental Health Department, and Mail and Print Services

**While the total sample is N = 26, these percentages are based on the total number of responses since this question was a multiple response.

Qualitative components learned from Washington County:

- Institutional Changes (e.g., creation of the Equity, Inclusion and Community Engagement)
- Challenges and Needs (e.g., more intentional trainings for staff)
- Partnerships (e.g., Increase in partnerships with culturally-specific organizations)

Next Steps:

- Steering committee to develop research design and data collection strategies
- Data collection will be conducted in mid- to late-summer
- Student committee will make a plan for their project



Questions and topics we would like to discuss:

- 1) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Updates – Can you share with us any recent strategies or approaches your organizations are engaging from a DEI approach?
- 2) What do you hope to learn or get out of our research justice study?
- 3) Do you have any questions for us about the process ahead?
- 4) You can support us further by...
 - a) Connecting us with data actors (folks who work with data), active and powerful community leaders, and BIPOC community members who may be interested in supporting our research
 - b) Sharing information about important data your organizations/communities collect and news/stories about the experiences or perspectives of BIPOC community members in Clackamas County
 - c) Inviting us to join you at community engagement efforts and other community events where we can connect with BIPOC community members

Clackamas County Research Justice Study

Frequently Asked Questions

What is research justice?

A research approach that goes beyond extracting information and collecting a needs assessment of groups. It recognizes that those who are a part of underrepresented and marginalized communities are the experts in their lived experiences and have the strategies and solutions to ensure the well-being of their communities and environments. Research justice means that communities lead the projects, not the researchers. To accomplish this, researchers must build relationships with community members not only to gain their expertise but to establish trust. Marginalized communities have a long history of being exploited by researchers for their knowledge with little to no compensation, input in the process, or control over outcomes and data. Due to this, it is our primary objective to spend time building this trust and establishing a compensated community led steering committee to inform our work and ensure we do not repeat the same harmful practices.

What do BIPOC, communities of color, and people of color mean? Why are we focusing on race?

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), communities of color, and people of color refer to those who belong to racial and ethnic groups and/or are citizens of sovereign Tribal nations. BIPOC can include members/citizens of Tribal Nations, but should not be conflated with the 9 Federally-recognized Tribes. Furthermore, those belonging to federally and non-federally recognized Tribal nations have ties to significant landmarks and places in Clackamas County, such as Mt. Hood and Willamette Falls. These lands, which Tribal nations were forcibly removed from, continue to hold significant spiritual importance to their communities. Additional communities we intend to center in this project include people from Asian, Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, Middle Eastern, Latinx, Slavic, Black, African American, African, immigrant, and refugee communities.

The reason why we are focusing on these groups is that they have experienced historical oppression, genocide, and other hardships due to how they have been

racialized in this country. These are also groups that are negatively impacted by racism and xenophobia, which systematically impacts their livelihoods. Due to this, racial and ethnic minorities disproportionately experience poverty, health issues and mortality, and divestment. Although white Western European descendants also experience many of these hardships, racial minorities experience such outcomes at greater proportions compared to white communities.

What does it mean to lead with race? What about gender, sexuality, class/income, religion, and ability?

Leading with race means that the research project team and its aims recognize that racism, like other forms of oppression, is a systemic problem built into the laws, policies, and practices that shape our institutions. Because of this, the ongoing legacies of racist laws, policies, and practices influence all aspects of people's lives, like their jobs, education, housing, health, and safety. This is especially present for those who have another marginalized identity (e.g., sexuality, gender, or disability) and being a person of color. We want to have a Clackamas County where every person has full access and opportunities to succeed in all areas of life, health, jobs, schools, civic engagement, public safety, etc. We also know that there are many underserved/vulnerable populations in our County. Leading with race is not ignoring those factors; it is strategic. When all else is equal, race is the factor that points to inequities across all indicators for success. When we address inequities from that frame, we will also help to address other areas of marginalization. For more information on this, visit the [Government Alliance on Race Equity](#). ***Yet, we will not know how to address it unless we know who the communities of color are and the strengths, challenges, and needs within those communities.***

Who will be involved in this research?

This research is a place- and people-based project, which means that it seeks to have a clear understanding of the experiences, needs, and desires of people based on their identities *and* where they live. We are collaborating with those who represent the different regions of Clackamas as well as different communities. Our collaborators include cities, CPOs, education systems, elected officials, private sectors, community members, and leaders throughout Clackamas County. The communities we are focusing on are people of color who live in or interact with urban, suburban, rural, and wild regions in Clackamas. We understand that the needs and experiences of someone living in a rural area are very different from someone living in an urban or suburban area. We want to be respectful of these differences and make sure we have representation from all community types, not just one.

What are the goals of the project? How will we know we are successful?

The goal of this project is to better understand the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Clackamas residents within city limits and outside of those jurisdictions to the surrounding areas and the region. To do so in any meaningful way, we must work together to study, learn, engage, and listen to our BIPOC communities. Previously, Clackamas County partnered with the Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) to put together an initial environmental scan that provides a snapshot of the lived experiences of BIPOC communities in Clackamas County. In the next steps, we are digging deeper into the themes raised through the environmental scan. Currently, the Coalition of Communities of Color is beginning step 2 of the project. Clackamas County is asking community members to join us in this multi-year research justice project by participating in the process alongside us. This includes holding culturally specific community sessions and administering other research tools. Community engagement will also help to verify community data, draft the report, and develop a call to action. Afterward, we will present research findings and call to action when the report has been finalized. We will know that we are successful when we have:

- Representation from the different communities, and regions in Clackamas
- Confirmation from community members of the accuracy of our data
- Have disseminated the report in a format that is accessible to everyone
- Detail recommendations that can inform Clackamas' future decisions

How is the project funded?

The Leading with Race project has funding from many institutions throughout Clackamas. Specifically, the funding for this project comes from County general fund dollars and from partners who have pledged financial commitments including cities, community colleges, regional governments and departments, and the private sector. We are excited and honored to have multiple cities and entities supporting the Leading with Race Research Project that represent the spectrum of urban, suburban, rural needs and experiences.

How can I get involved?

If you are interested in participating or supporting our work we highly encourage you to:

1. **Engage** to better the experiences of BIPOC communities.
 - Participate in community engagement meetings
 - Disseminate information, surveys, and other useful data.
2. **Support**
 - Support the effort with community members, stakeholders, and other leaders in the County.

3. **Contact:** Office of Equity and Inclusion: Clackamas County.

Thank you for your support and interest in this work!

Clackamas County Values on Housing and Shelter



April 12, 2022

Clackamas County keenly focuses on the well-being of all our families and communities. Continual investments made in affordable housing and sheltering, and providing supportive services to those in need, are key to keeping our communities safe, healthy and prosperous.

Lifting people out of homelessness, expanding access to affordable housing, and maximizing service impacts are critical to an overarching goal of the Board of County Commissioners: to alleviate poverty and ensure the safety, health, and security of our residents. Clackamas County has identified the following values to guide housing-related programs.

Lasting and effective programs and services: Clackamas County and its service providers should...

- Focus on making homelessness and housing instability rare, short term and not reoccurring
- Ensure housing options are safe, stable, and provide choice to meet the needs of each individual
- Create housing opportunities across the geographic area of Clackamas County
- Create housing opportunities for individuals and families in high-opportunity neighborhoods and sites with access to resources, such as transit, jobs, quality schools, commercial services, and parks
- Develop partnerships that lead residents to a path of sustainability, self-sufficiency and housing retention using person-centered, trauma-informed service approaches

Equitable housing solutions and housing access: Clackamas County and its service providers should...

- Center racial equity and incorporate culturally-responsive practices into service delivery
- Use culturally-specific organizations with competencies to provide services to historically marginalized communities
- Ensure that staff and volunteers have the knowledge and experience to effect an increase in equity and decrease housing disparities
- Increase affordable housing in areas with existing underserved diverse populations throughout Clackamas County

Robust community engagement: Clackamas County and its service providers should...

- Inform decisions and plans through inclusive and accessible public outreach strategies
- Solicit feedback from residents and partners across a variety of channels and methods
- Recognize existing barriers to public participation and take steps to remove them, especially in the case of historically marginalized communities
- Ensure information is thorough, understandable and available