



Clackamas County Board of Commissioners - Planning Session
Wednesday, March 29, 2023 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
BCC Conference Room

AGENDA

1. Lunch & prioritization activity
2. Strategic Plan
 - Review current Strategic Results (Attachment A)
 - Prioritization activity SUMMARY – where to focus for the next 9 months
 - Board discussion
3. Addictions and Mental Health services
 - Staff conversation – what’s working well in Clackamas County, what’s the current need
 - Board discussion
 - Possible strategies to achieve the goal (i.e., funding opportunities, partnerships, community outreach)
4. Housing and Homelessness
 - Resolution (Attachment B)
 - Community summit
 - Blue ribbon committee formation
 - Advisory vote on the repeal of M 110

Performance Clackamas

Build Public Trust through Good Government

Build Strong Infrastructure

- Funding for the next phase (from 122nd – 172nd) of the Sunrise Gateway multimodal corridor improvements will be committed from federal, state, regional, and local funding sources.
- County residents and businesses will have access to efficient, safe, and affordable multimodal transportation and roads.

Safe, Healthy and Secure Communities

- The County will identify stable funding for law enforcement operations and a funding plan for a new jail.
- Reduce chronic and persistent homelessness in Clackamas County through a transitional recovery model addressing mental health, addiction, and economic displacement.
- The County's budget will be structurally sound, sustainable, and tied to results.

Vibrant Economy

- Increase in the number of jobs in Clackamas County that pay wages that will enable households to be self-sufficient.
- County will increase self-determination over land use, taxation, and infrastructure funding.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Supporting a
Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care
in Responding to the Addictions,
Mental Health and Homelessness
Crisis



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WHEREAS, Clackamas County has identified drugs, crime, and untreated mental illness, of which homeless encampments are a symptom, as top threats to the health, safety and flourishing of all of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County believes in the dignity and worth of its residents, and the communal good that is achieved when residents are on a path toward the realization of their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County acknowledges that 78% of those struggling with homelessness in the greater Portland area and throughout North America also contend with the complex diseases of mental illness and/or addiction, whether a precursor to or a result of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General specifically describes addiction as a brain disorder disease that results in reduced brain function, that inhibits an individual's ability to make decisions and regulate his or her actions, emotions, and impulses, and furthermore, that changes in the brain persist long after substance use stops; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County recognizes that housing alone cannot cure mental illness or addiction, and the nature of addiction and serious mental illness can make sufferers unable to recognize their own illnesses or seek help willingly; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County agrees that open air drug scenes create violence that is incompatible with clean and vibrant public spaces, and make recovery from addiction more difficult; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County believes that all people have a right to clean and vibrant public spaces, as well as safe emergency shelter when needed; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County believes that harm reduction services, when not antithetical to a recovery-oriented system of care, can be effective in saving lives. However, it must exist within a full continuum of compassionate care that includes prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery for those suffering from addiction; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County believes that recovery is possible and most will recover.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that all efforts to address homelessness in which the County and its employees engage must be concentrated on helping all residents participate in realizing their full human potential by ensuring shelter and psychiatric and addiction care for all who need it, and by protecting public spaces for the use of the entire community.

DATED this ___ day of ___ 2023.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary

