

SE Uplift Houslessness Action Committee Meeting Notes

January 24, 2022 5:30pm - 6:30pm via Zoom

Guest: Multnomah County Commissioner Sharon Meieran

Topic: Proposed Changes to A Home for Everyone

<https://www.multco.us/commissioner-meieran/home-everyone-restructuring-proposal>

After initial introductions Commissioner Meieran presented her document discussing proposed changes to AHFE (A Home For Everyone)

A summation of the document is:

Although significant progress has been made in terms of numbers of shelter beds, housing placements, and homeless prevention efforts, the situation for people living outside, and the community at large, isn't working.

Commissioner Meieran presented a slide show and an engaged discussion followed with several members of the committee sharing their perspectives and experiences.

Attendees:

Guest: Sharon Meieran

Moderator: Dave Weaver

Tina Kimmey

Patty McMahon

Jan McManus

Tom Hickey

CJ Alicandro

Matt Lembo

Lindsey Johnson

Cynthia Castro

Nanci Champlin

Deborah Steinkopf

Richard Bruno

Rick Turoczy

Donald MacGillivray

Patty McMahon

Ngoc

Barbara

John

Screenshot of the meeting - with identities blurred for privacy

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, it says 'Zoom Meeting' and 'You are viewing Sharon Meieran's screen'. The main content is a slide titled 'Proposed Advisory Structure'. The slide features a flowchart with the following components and relationships:

- Policy Direction:** Indicated by orange arrows pointing from the top level down to the Homelessness Advisory Board/Commission and East County Advisory Committee.
- Portland City Council** and **Multnomah County Board:** Top-level entities.
- Homelessness Advisory Board/Commission** and **East County Advisory Committee:** Intermediate advisory bodies.
- Equity Committee** and **Community Lived Experience Advisory Forum:** Blue boxes on the left with arrows pointing to the Homelessness Advisory Board/Commission.
- SHS Advisory Comm., COC Board, and CBAC:** Green boxes below the Homelessness Advisory Board/Commission, with arrows pointing to it.
- JOHS:** A central box at the bottom receiving arrows from SHS Advisory Comm., COC Board, and CBAC.
- System Leadership Bodies** and **Interdepartmental "Roundtable":** Pink boxes at the bottom with arrows pointing to JOHS.

A legend on the right side of the slide defines the arrow types: orange for Policy Direction, blue for Advice Reporting, green for Quality Input/Assessment, and purple for Documentation. A note at the bottom left states: 'Note: Current Stakeholders in AHFE will have the option to participate in new structures'. The Zoom control bar at the bottom includes icons for Unmute, Stop Video, Security, Participants (16), Polls, Chat, Share Screen, Record, Live Transcript, Breakout Rooms, Reactions, and More, with an 'End' button on the far right.

Chat from Zoom

From Me to Everyone 05:31 PM

<https://www.multco.us/commissioner-meieran/home-everyone-restructuring-proposal>

From Matt Lembo (he/him) to Everyone 05:37 PM

CJ - Let's talk this week! matt.lembo@beaconvillagepdx.org

From Sharon Meieran to Everyone 05:40 PM

This is my last meeting of the day so I'm in no rush! So happy to be here.

From CJ Alicandro (they/them) to Everyone 05:44 PM

I've only got one more board meeting after this 😊

We refer to PSM a lot. Great work

From Matt Lembo (he/him) to Everyone 06:05 PM

[Just going to throw some notes / questions here]: What are the questions this body / structure is trying to answer?

From CJ Alicandro (they/them) to Everyone 06:06 PM

I'm on a MultCo CBAC (community budget advisory committee) if folks have questions about that.

From Me to Everyone 06:06 PM

Patty is up after the two chat questions

From Tom Hickey, Shelter Now to Everyone 06:07 PM

How can the community help move this proposal forward?

From Me to Everyone 06:07 PM

Matt is next after Patty

From CJ Alicandro (they/them) to Everyone 06:07 PM

Can you define "unsheltered homeless?"

From Me to Everyone 06:13 PM

Donald is next

From Tom Hickey, Shelter Now to Everyone 06:15 PM

I feel like this is a conflict between guerrilla solutions and bureaucratic solutions. Probably both tracks need to be pursued simultaneously

From Deborah Steinkopf (she/her/hers) to Everyone 06:17 PM

Those kind of accountability systems are already in place. All nonprofits who distribute housing assistance funds have a time limit for working with clients...the support isn't unending.

From CJ Alicandro (they/them) to Everyone 06:18 PM

Speaking as someone who's worked in secured residential treatment in town, we would love millions of dollars.

From Matt Lembo (he/him) to Everyone 06:22 PM

Sign me up!

From CJ Alicandro (they/them) to Everyone 06:23 PM

My NA is not a great representation of our most marginalized populations.

From Matt Lembo (he/him) to Everyone 06:24 PM

How do we help you implement this structure?

From Richard Bruno to Everyone 06:24 PM

Thanks so much for your hard work on this issue, Dr Meieran. I'm a primary care physician at Central City Concern can be helpful in seeing a lot of this work through.

From Patty McMahon to Everyone 06:26 PM

Thanks for joining us Commissioner Meieran. Very informative!

From Janet McManus to Everyone 06:31 PM

Thanks so much Commissioner Meieran and also to Dave for facilitating. I have to leave but will plan to follow up on your ask tonight.

From Tom Hickey, Shelter Now to Everyone 06:31 PM

I would go so far as to say they don't want to talk to the public.

From CJ Alicandro (they/them) to Everyone 06:32 PM

Yes, thank you, Commissioner Meieran, for taking your last meeting of the day with us! See you at a meeting soon. And yeah, Project Respond is disconnected from Portland Street Response and Portland Street Medicine which has been an issue forever.