



**Jackson County Continuum of Care  
MAC Meeting**

**Date: 01/22/2025**

**Minutes by: Makayla Walker**

**Members in Attendance:**

Noah Werthaiser, Melanie Doshier, Tina Stevens, Sharre Whitson, Gracie Perry, Sam Engel, Jody Erickson, Lisa Smith, Julie Carr, Melissa Markos,

**Members Absent:**

**Guests:**

1) **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Noah at 3:35 pm

- **Long Term Rental Agreement (LTRA)**

- Before enrolling new households into the LTRA Program, Phase 2 has been lifted from pause and new enrollment is open
- Before enrolling new households into LTRA agencies need to balance budgets and streamline coordinated entry

- **Shelter Bed Count Policy**

- CoC Board Approved Shelter bed counting policy with amendments for consistent counting across shelter types; congregate, non-congregate and traditional housing.

- **Governors Recommended Budget**

- Extended State of Emergency for Homelessness
- 217.9 M for Statewide Shelter System
- 188.2 M for Oregon Rehousing Initiative (ORI)
- 173.2 M For Homelessness Prevention (ORDAP)
- 105.2 M For Long Term Rent Assistance (LTRA)
- Additional Funds for Tribes, Veterans, and Behavioral Health Support

- **Extension of EO 25-01**

- Governor Kotek extended the state of emergency, signaling continued prioritization of homelessness efforts but no additional funds were provided.
  
- **Needs from the State**
  - Melissa asked the staff to think about and report back on anything they can reiterate to the state.
  
- **Wins**
  - Sent up monthly MAC reports to OHCS with success
  - AmeriCorps Grant awarded for 10 positions addressing homelessness
  - Ashland Winter Shelter Opening (20 beds) with good community involvement
  
- **Challenges**
  - Administrative Burden and lack of standardized HMIS training/tools
  - Cold/ Flu season impacting Shelter Operations
  - Limited Shelter Capacity at new Ashland facility

2) **Adjournment:** Melanie adjourned the meeting at 4:27 pm