



**Jackson County Continuum of Care  
Board Meeting  
January 8, 2025**

**Minutes by: Alex Campbell**

<b>In attendance:</b>
Ann Marie Alfrey, Carrie Borgan, Stacy Brubaker, Delcia Dillard, Amanda Doemland, Angela Durant, Jason Elzy, Sam Engel, Mary Ferrell, Alex Campbell, Barbara Johnson, Kim Overson, Tina Smith
<b>Legislative Liaison</b>
Rep. Pam Marsh
<b>Staff:</b>
Melanie Doshier and Noah Wertheiser
<b>Guests</b>
Dan Cano (OHRA Executive Director), Councilor Bob Kaplan, Rhionna Watson
<b>Absent:</b>
Debra Crawford, Tina Kessel, Debra Lee, City of Medford Rep, Linda Reid, Matt Rogers, Nate Sickler, KimberLee Whitney

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chair Elzy called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM>
- 2) **Roll Call** – A quorum was reached with 12 of 21 members present
- 3) **Consent Agenda** – The Consent Agenda (December 4, 2024 Board Minutes and the Manager’s Report) was approved.
- 4) **Public Comments** – none.
- 5) **Board Secretary Position Resignation** – Angela Durant resigned here position as Board Secretary (but will continue to serve on the Board and in workgroups). Jason thanked Angela for her dedicated service. The Board accepted her resignation and appointed Alex Campbell to Board Secretary and the Executive Committee.
- 6) **Jackson County Board Representative** – Stacey Brubaker informed the board that Jenn Inman would from time to time be representing Jackson County at Board Meetings. Noah confirmed from the bylaws that the County may designate their representative so no action from the Board is required.
- 7) **HMIS Bed Count Method** – Noah walked the Board through a revised methodology of bed counts that would more accurately represent the actual capacity, given that all beds in non-congregate settings are regularly not actually available (e.g., a private room with two bends may often only be occupied by one individual). Mary Ferrel noted that the by bed counting method would not/cannot include RMIS (youth, funded placements) as they do not have a fixed number of beds, only a funding amount. The Board approved the counting methodology with two additions: 1) Add an asterisk to Transitional Housing definition making clear that some housing is not captured in this count, e.g. the DHS dollars funding some

youth that can't be counted as beds. 2) Make clear that PIT and HIC are governed by HUD requirements and that this policy is designed to comply with those HUD regulations.

8) **M.A.R.C.H. update** – Alex, Jason, and Carrie shared that the initial meeting on the pre-feasibility work on a Multi-Agency Resource Center for Housing had gone well and that there was a high level of enthusiasm among the agencies participating. Robert Cano shared that he has seen both centralizing and de-centralizing efforts and there can be benefits to either. Mary Ferrell encouraged the group to take ideas and practices from other models, but it is unlikely that another region's model adopted in its entirety would serve Jackson County well.

9) **HMIS Use Training** – Tabled for future discussion when Melissa Markos is available.

10) **2025-2027 Strategic Plan RoadMap** – Given that there was not full attendance today, Chair Elzy suggested that the RoadMap be revisited with a dedicated hour at the February Board meeting. The RoadMap will be resent and written comments in the interim are welcome.

11) **Good of the Order**

- Stacy Brubaker suggested a report by Jenn Inman on the county distribution of pass-through state funds. Stacey also noted that by end of January meetings will be taking place on planning for a crisis stabilization center, distinct from both MARCH and jail discussions.
- Noah and Councilor Kaplan shared that City of Ashland City Council will be discussing a possible expansion and other changes to the downtown exclusion/expulsion zone.
- Rep. Marsh highlighted that the upcoming state legislative session will likely include discussion of the state's role in shelter and related data collection and funding for housing production.
- Alex gave a short update on PIT planning, which is moving forward for execution the last week of January.
- Jason Elzy requested confirmation that consideration of an alternative to the "SPDAT" is underway. Melanie confirmed that developing a recommendation for Board consideration is part of the Coordinated Entry Workgroup workplan—and that HUD technical assistance on the topic has been requested.

12) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:28 PM.

***Next Executive Committee Meeting: TBD***

***Next Board Meeting: February 5, 2025 @ 2:00 – 4:00 PM***