

MPAC Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: Factors of Homelessness- Providing Shelter: Barriers to Shelter Siting and Working Towards Winter Shelter

Presenters: Metro Councilor Christine Lewis, CBO & Jurisdictional Partners (TBD)

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Purpose/Objective

Over the course of this year, MPAC members will learn about, consider, and provide feedback on programming that addresses homelessness in the region, including the supportive housing services measure. This month's focus on siting shelters will provide MPAC members with insight into some of the barriers faced by local service providers in siting shelters in the Metro area. Members will hear directly from community based organizations and jurisdictional partners about their experience creating and implementing shelters, and will also hear about strategies that have led to success.

MPAC members should leave the presentation with high-level knowledge of barriers service providers face in siting shelters. After a brief presentation, Metro Councilor Christine Lewis will facilitate a discussion among MPAC members. Presenters and Metro staff will be available to answer questions.

In future meetings, the Factors of Homelessness series will go on to address:

1. The types of economic factors that are causing Oregonians to experience homelessness and policy options that local governments should implement to address them
2. How cities of any size, with different levels of resources, can coordinate with one another, the three counties, and Metro to address homelessness

The MPAC Chair will report back to Metro Council the lessons learned, takeaways, and key pieces of feedback for consideration by regional housing partners.

Outcome

MPAC members are becoming more familiar with Metro's Supportive Housing Services program as our series progresses. Some members may be more or less familiar with barriers that service providers in their jurisdiction face when siting permanent or temporary shelters. The goals of the presentation are to give insight into some of the barriers faced by our partner service providers, and to spark discussion around how MPAC members could leverage their roles to remove or mitigate them.

What has changed since MPAC last considered this issue/item?

The Metro Supportive Housing Services program last presented to MPAC in March 2022 when MPAC members heard the first presentation in the Factors of Homelessness series. That presentation gave a brief overview of the supportive housing services provided in the greater Portland region. Since then, the Metro Council approved the Tri-County Planning Body charter and the slate of members.

What packet material do you plan to include?

N/A; only powerpoint slides.