

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-5264 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES TRI-
COUNTY PLANNING BODY

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ISSUE STATEMENT

Metro Code Section 11.01.170 established the Metro Supportive Housing Services Tri-County Planning Body (hereinafter referred to as the TCPB), charged with strengthening coordination and alignment of Supportive Housing Services program implementation across the Metro region.

Metro Council Resolution No. 22-5267, in which Metro Council approved the TCPB charter, states that the TCPB will be composed of 17 members, to be appointed by Metro Council. The TCPB's members must represent a diversity of perspectives, geographic familiarity, demographics, and technical expertise, including multi-system services integration, cross-jurisdictional data, experience aligning State and Federal funding, and programmatic experience in permanent supportive housing, affordable housing and direct services, including culturally specific services.

This resolution will appoint the first members to the Supportive Housing Services Tri-County Planning Body.

ACTION REQUESTED

Council adoption of Resolution No. 22-5264.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Council approval will appoint members to the SHS Tri-County Planning Body as required by Metro Code Section 11.01.170, and as laid out in the TCPB Charter, approved via Metro Resolution No. 22-5267.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The Supportive Housing Services program brings a groundbreaking level of regional coordination and scale to address the region-wide challenge of homelessness. The Supportive Housing Services Measure ([Measure 26-210](#)) contemplated a regional dimension of the SHS program and incorporated the Tri-County Planning Body (TCPB) to strengthen coordination and alignment of program implementation across the Metro region. This regional alignment and coordination work aims to strengthen the effectiveness of jurisdictional Local Implementation Plans (LIPs) by creating a plan that helps jurisdictions regionalize appropriate aspects of the program.

Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties each developed LIPs, which are high-level framework documents that guide investments and implementation. Plans were developed through inclusive engagement that centered people with lived experience of homelessness and BIPOC communities, were informed by engagement with community and local practitioners, incorporated an analysis of local conditions and needs, and included an equity analysis to create the framework for programmatic strategies and investments. Plans were endorsed by local advisory bodies, boards of county commissioners, the SHS Regional Oversight Committee and approved by Metro Council. The local implementation plans support a local response specific to the needs of each county but do include a commitment to and strategies for improving regional coordination.

Metro Code Section 11.01.170 requires Metro to convene a tri-county planning body to strengthen regional coordination in addressing homelessness in the region. This body will identify regional goals, strategies and outcome metrics and provide guidance and recommendations to inform Supportive Housing Services Program implementation.

Metro Council approved Resolution No. 22-5267 on May 5, 2022, which approved the TCPB charter. The TCPB charter establishes a Jurisdictional Leadership Team and sets out requirements for TCPB membership and how membership should be determined. Metro led a process to recruit and select TCPB members, following guidance from a final draft of the TCPB charter.

The requirements, per the charter, and Metro's member recruitment and candidate selection process are as follows:

- **Requirement: Metro staff will lead a recruitment process.**

The Metro SHS program team led a TCPB recruitment in collaboration with the Tri-County Planning Body Jurisdictional Leadership Team (includes program, policy, legal and finance staff representatives from all four jurisdictions). This process included developing and implementing a recruitment strategy, developing and hosting the member application, fielding application and recruitment questions, and hosting an application Q&A event with the public, with jurisdictional partners present to answer questions. The opportunity to apply was open to prospective applicants for six weeks.

Metro leveraged its own and jurisdictional partner communication channels to announce the recruitment and encourage people living and/or working in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties to apply. Recruitment efforts resulted in a diverse pool of applicants:

- Hundreds of prospective applicants expressed interest
 - 85 people submitted complete applications, and made up a diverse pool of applicants, including 37 percent who self-reported as BIPOC, 44 percent of applicants have lived experience of homelessness and 52 percent have lived experience of housing instability.
 - Geographic representation: Although most applicants lived and/or worked in Multnomah County, 20 applicants (~24 percent) also lived/worked in Clackamas County and 22 (~26 percent) lived/worked in Washington County
- **Requirement: County staff will review applications and recommend candidates in collaboration with Metro staff to submit a final list of candidates for approval.**

Metro staff developed application review guidance for counties to use when reviewing applications and making initial recommendations for top candidates. Guidance included membership diversity requirements as set out in Measure 26-210 (see below in Background). Candidate selection guidance also incorporated SHS program values, needed expertise and prioritizing the voices of communities of color and other historically marginalized communities.

Taking a multi-phased approach, County staff reviewed local applications, chose top candidates and the TCPB Jurisdictional Leadership Team deliberated all candidates and together developed a final recommended candidate slate of 13 candidates that met the Measure's requirements, prioritized candidates with needed expertise areas, and reflected the diversity of the applicant pool.

The final slate of recommended members is included as Attachment A. That slate includes people living and working throughout the region, includes people with experience and expertise in priority areas of the work (e.g. data, cross-sector alignment and culturally specific services) and includes diverse perspectives – 62 percent of the recommended slate is BIPOC, 23 percent have lived experience of homelessness and 54 percent have lived experience of housing instability.

BACKGROUND

The Supportive Housing Services Measure (Metro Measure 26-210) recognized the regional nature of the SHS program and called for the creation of a Tri-County Planning Body *responsible for developing and implementing a tri-county initiative that will be responsible for identifying regional goals, strategies, and outcome metrics related to addressing homelessness in the region.* The TCPB will be supported administratively by Metro. The TCPB's regional plan and ongoing role will be to guide the investments of the Regional Investment Fund (RIF) to support the counties and Metro in achieving SHS program alignment, coordination and outcomes at a regional level. To the extent aligned with the counties' SHS local implementation plans, this may include supporting:

- *Regional capacity:* strategies to strengthen regional supportive housing capacity, including but not limited to, supporting the development and implementation of a regional model of long-term rental assistance program, aligning SHS resources with the regional affordable housing bond and other sources, and expanding system capacity for culturally specific housing and services;
- *Systems alignment:* strategies to coordinate and integrate housing and homeless service systems, as well as other systems serving people experiencing homelessness, including the healthcare, education, workforce and criminal justice systems;
- *Standards and metrics:* establishing systems to collect, report on and evaluate data at the regional level that demonstrates progress toward regional goals and metrics, the impact of specific program types, regional system indicators to measure changes in the population experiencing homelessness, consistency in program evaluation standards and procedures, standards for culturally responsive services, and standardized data definitions, data collection methods and quality control.

Membership

Per the TCPB charter, the committee will be composed of 17 voting members, 13 of whom are recommended by the TCPB Jurisdictional Leadership Team, and 4 of whom are elected officials (one from each county jurisdiction and Metro), selected locally then approved by Metro Council. The final slate of TCPB members is appointed by Metro Council.

The TCPB's membership will include a broad range of personal and professional

experience, including people with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability. The TCPB will also reflect the diversity of the region. As required by Measure 26-210, at Section 6(4), membership will include people with the following experiences, perspectives and qualities:

- People from Black, Indigenous and people of color and other marginalized communities
- Culturally responsive and culturally specific service providers
- Elected officials, or their representatives, from the counties and cities participating in the regional affordable housing bond.
- Representatives from the business, faith and philanthropic sectors
- Representatives of county/city agencies responsible for implementing housing and homelessness services, and that routinely engage with unsheltered people
- Representatives from health and behavioral health who have expertise serving those with health conditions, mental health and/or substance use from culturally responsive and culturally specific service providers
- Representation ensuring geographic diversity

Stipends, childcare, technical assistance, interpretation, accessibility assistance and other supports for participation will be available.

TCPB members will serve two-year terms. In order to stagger term expirations, eight members will initially serve a one-year term and nine will serve a two-year term. Once terms expire, members can be reappointed for up to two additional two-year terms.

All meetings and materials will be available and accessible to the public, and appropriate notice will be given to inform all interested parties of the time, place and agenda of each meeting.

Metro may conduct a review of the committee's role and effectiveness as appropriate.