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Minutes

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 10:30 AM

This work session will adjourn into an Executive Session.

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber, https://zoom.us/j/615079992 (Webinar ID: 615079992) or 253-205-0468 (toll free), www.youtube.com/live/xx7oopljKvl

Council work session

10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

Councilor Gonzalez called the Metro Council work session to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: 5 - Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez,
Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and
Councilor Duncan Hwang

Excused: 2 - Council President Lynn Peterson, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

10:30 Work Session Topics:

10:30 Supportive Housing Services FY24 Q3 report

Staff presented an overview of quarter three progress on permanent housing placements, eviction prevention, rapid rehousing placements, and shelter units.

Councilor Nolan clarified with staff that the intergovernmental agreements with the counties have not been changed, but there is now additional guidance for reporting metrics. Councilor Nolan further clarified elements of reporting metrics and shared definitions of chronic homelessness with staff.

Councilor Lewis asked about progress made toward oversight committee recommendations and urged staff to measure progress more frequently than annually.

Councilor Hwang asked about the unique programs in each county, like Clackamas County's UNICORN project, and how best practices are incorporated regionwide. Staff detailed other programs in Washington and Multnomah Counties that support data collection about inflows and outflows.

Councilor Hwang also asked about leveraged federal dollars to support programs, and staff explained that new reporting templates and continued collaboration with the county should help collect data about braided funding.

Councilor Rosenthal appreciated that all partners seem to have a stronger shared understanding of goals and reporting. He asked about progress for youth programs, and staff explained that systems of care vary by county, and the specificity of individual programs like that are not represented in quarterly reports.

Councilor Gonzalez shared encouragement and asked what Metro can do to foster collaboration and rebuild trust with partners and leverage state funding. Staff stressed the importance of elected leadership and mutual accountability with partners. Staff affirmed to the need for strong public communications.

Councilor Lewis highlighted the disparity of approaches across counties and thanked staff for their work, and Councilor Rosenthal expressed that he is more optimistic about progress made between organizations thus far.

11:15 Chief Operating Officer Communication

COO Madrigal thanked all the staff from the Oregon Zoo who supported Tula-Tu's role in the Rose Festival. She also expressed thanks for those who worked through the first day of heat, highlighted a recent email about restructuring and invited staff to consider a LEAN training.

11:20 Councilor Communication

Councilor Lewis thanked Parks staff for providing water safety education and life jackets to the community.

11:30 Adjourn to Executive Session

There being no further business, Councilor Gonzalez adjourned the work session to an Executive Session at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor