

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES: REGIONAL POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES

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ISSUE STATEMENT

Staff will present Metro Council with policy options for establishing subcommittees to support the Supportive Housing Services Regional Policy and Oversight Committee (“Committee” or “SHS RPOC”), or separate committees, work groups or task forces that may report to Metro Council or staff directly.

The presentation will also include potential policy or focus areas for these groups, including a recommendation for an Employee Recruitment and Retention work group recommended by the former Tri-County Planning Body.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff request formal direction from Metro Council based on feedback received during this work session.

POLICY QUESTIONS

If Metro Council wishes to consider establishing subcommittees, work groups or task forces at this time, the following questions should be addressed:

- **Governance:** The subcommittee, work group or task force could advise Metro Council directly, SHS RPOC or Metro staff.
- **Duration:** The subcommittee, work group or task force could be established as a short-term body that may not extend beyond the end of any fiscal year. If Metro Council wishes to establish a body that will continue for the duration of the committee or longer, a standalone advisory committee is recommended pursuant Metro Code 2.19.040.
- **Membership:** The committee could consist of Committee members only, a combination of Committee and non-Committee members depending on need, or members who do not currently serve on the Committee.

- **Purpose:** Staff will provide Metro Council with a list of potential policy topics for potential consideration; however, policy areas and purpose may inform membership, duration, and budgetary and feasibility considerations.
- **Budgetary and feasibility considerations:** Establishing additional bodies will require additional staff time and resources. Depending on the scope, duration, and membership of the body, budgetary considerations may be significant.

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

1. **Task Force:** Establish a separate short-term advisory task force(s) comprised of people with subject matter expertise in a specific policy area to advise Metro Council and SHS RPOC.
2. **Work Group:** Create a separate work group(s) comprised of people with subject matter expertise in a specific policy area to advise Metro staff.
3. **Subcommittee:** Establish a short-term SHS RPOC subcommittee(s) composed of seated RPOC members to advise the Committee on specific issues.
4. **Technical Advisory Committee:** Establish a technical advisory committee composed of service providers, people with lived experience, people with subject matter expertise and others, to advise SHS RPOC.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- The presentation will include a range of potential focus areas and policy options for Metro Council consideration.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

During the two years of engagement leading up to Metro Council's establishment of the SHS RPOC, stakeholders consistently emphasized the need for a more streamlined and coordinated regional approach.

In response, Metro Council intentionally consolidated the responsibilities of the two former SHS oversight bodies into a single committee to simplify oversight and improve policy decision-making. However, staff recognize that the complexity of the homeless services system, combined with the breadth of the Committee's responsibilities and its limited meeting time, may require additional creative approaches to ensure effective governance.

Legal antecedents

- **Ordinance No. 25-1539**, adopted by Metro Council on December 16, 2025, which establishes the SHS RPOC effective April 1, 2026 (codified at Metro Code Section 2.19.280).
- **Resolution No. 25-5534**, adopted on December 16, 2025, approves the SHS Reforms Work Plan, including an implementation plan outline for the SHS RPOC.
- **Resolution No. 26-5567**, adopted on March 12, 2026, establishes oversight and accountability measures, as well as agenda priorities, for the SHS RPOC.
- **Resolution No. 26-5572**, adopted on April 7, 2026, confirms SHS RPOC members appointed by Acting Metro Council President Hwang.
- **Resolution No. 26-5601**, adopted on April 30, 2026, adopting Bylaws for the SHS RPOC.
- **Ordinance No. 26-1547**, adopted on July 2, 2025, adds one new member to the SHS RPOC.

BACKGROUND

SHS RPOC serves as the regional governance body for the Supportive Housing Services measure. The committee's responsibilities include regional oversight and accountability for the fund, ensuring the fund is fulfilling its goals, guiding regional coordination, and approving regional investments guided by the goals and recommendations of the former Tri-County Planning Body.

Committee membership is composed of local jurisdictions, homelessness experts and other representatives. It includes community members with diverse personal and professional experience and expertise, including people with experience of housing instability and homelessness.

ATTACHMENTS

None