

Supportive Housing Services Oversight Committee

Considerations for Multnomah County Local Implementation Plan recommendation

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On February 22, 2021, the SHS Oversight Committee unanimously recommended Multnomah County's Local Implementation Plan for approval by the Metro Council. The committee believes the Multnomah County LIP represents a strong starting place for implementation, and that throughout implementation more data and clarity will emerge to strengthen, clarify, and amend the plan.

The committee attaches the following considerations as points of clarity that the committee expects Multnomah County to prioritize in implementation and reporting to the committee.

*Proposed revisions to the considerations discussed during the Feb. 22 meeting are highlighted in red.
The committee will be asked to give final approval to these considerations at its next meeting.*

1. **Provide an annual budget and summary of goals related to annual investments.** The budget should summarize commitment to, and prioritization of, the planned investments described in the LIP. The budget should further clarify how any reserved funding is committed, as well as programmatic investments in long-term rent assistance. The budget should also describe numeric and annual outcome goals desired, in correlation to program investments described in the budget.
2. **Provide a comprehensive and regionally coordinated plan for expanding and supporting culturally specific service capacity.** The plan should include concrete steps to address pay equity goals for service providers, training and ongoing supports for service providers, and regional coordination for expanding the system of culturally specific service provision. *The county should expedite study of wage equity.*
3. **Provide a detailed outline for how the program will align with, invest in, and leverage the mental health system.** The plan should describe approaches and a timeline for leveraging and improving Medicaid-funded *behavioral* health services, *particularly for Population A*. The plan *should especially* provide further data analysis of the racial disparities *within* mental health and *co-occurring (dual diagnosis)* services *as well as the culturally and linguistically specific needs within communities of color, including analysis of disparities within subgroups*. Finally, the plan should address needs for culturally specific and *trauma informed* mental healthcare and describe how the SHS system will augment the Medicaid system to provide these services.

Measurable goals required in Metro's regional Supportive Housing Services work plan

In addition to the above considerations, the committee will be closely tracking counties' performance on the the racial equity goals and outcome metrics defined in the Metro SHS programmatic work plan, section 5.2.