



Utah Homelessness Council
Via Zoom Link;

Thursday, February 8, 2024

Hybrid: Virtual and In person

Olene Walker Building, Room 211 A and B
as the anchor location

12:30pm – 3:30pm

Zoom Meeting ID: <https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/87853722092>

PNW Meeting Link: <https://www.utah.gov/pmnsitemap/notice/891523.html>

Audio Link: <https://www.utah.gov/pmnsitemap/files/1083629.m4a>

Agenda Link: <https://www.utah.gov/pmnsitemap/files/1081823.pdf>

Meeting Minutes

Committee: Wayne Niederhauser, Whitney Clayton, Randy Shumway, Tiffany Price, Bonnie Kier-Herrick, Mayor Jenny Wilson, Mayor Cherie Wood, Mayor Ben Nadolski, Mayor Marcus Stevenson, Tracy Gruber, Duncan Evans designee for Sofia DiCaro, Casey Cameron, Jeffery Ojeda designee for Sydnee Dickson, Pamela Atkinson, Jennifer Campbell, Heather Hogue, Carol Hollowell, Stefanie Jones, Karen McCandless, Brian Higgans, Rebecca Brown designee for Brian Redd, Nune Philips designee for Tracy Gruber, Brooke McCarrick (Attorney, AG's Office)

Excused/Absent: Spencer P. Eccles, Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Mayor Michelle Randall, Jess Anderson, Senator Lincoln Fillmore, Representative Steve Eliason, Brian Redd, Sophia DiCaro, Sydnee Dickson

Support Staff: Shalie Ripley, Administrative Assistant
Tricia Davis, Office of Homeless Services Assistant Director

	<p>c. State and Utah Impact Partnership - Deeply Affordable Housing Fund ‡* https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1081871.pdf</p> <p>STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS The Office of Homeless Services (OHS) is seeking approval to amend Deeply Affordable Housing Fund (DAHF) contracts to reciprocally fund projects in coordination with Utah Impact Partnership.</p>	<p>CHAIR, Whitney Clayton, called for a motion to approve staff recommendations as listed in 4.c. Randy Shumway motioned. Jenny Wilson seconded. Tiffanie Price asked for some clarification. Everyone was in favor. Recommendations were approved unanimously.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 5</p>	<p>5. Office of Homeless Services</p> <p>a. FY25 State Homelessness Funding (SHF) Request for Grant Application (RFGA) Process ‡</p> <p>i. Attachment A: Funding Formula Summary and Outcomes ‡* https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1081873.pdf</p> <p>STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS OHS recommends the approval of the proposed formula to be adopted for the FY25-FY27 SHF RFGA, Attachment A. OHS is currently planning for approximately \$29 million to flow through the formula, however, final funding amount is subject to change based on funding availability.</p> <p>Attachment A: Funding Formula Summary and Outcomes In alignment with the desire of the Utah Homelessness Council (UHC) to ensure funding administered by the Office of Homeless Services is distributed equitably throughout the state, The Utah Homeless Network (UHN) Steering Committee adopted an allocation formula for the FY25-FY27 SHF RFGA process during its November 8, 2023 public meeting. This data-driven formula draws on multiple data sources to consider the prevalence of literal homelessness in a community, the existing response system, and people in the community who are experiencing poverty and thus likely to be at risk of homelessness and is designed to align with the goals defined in</p>	<p>Meredith Vernick</p> <p>CHAIR, Whitney Clayton, called for a motion to approve staff recommendations as listed in 5.a.i. Jennifer Campbell motioned. Wayne Niederhauser seconded. Questions and concerns were discussed. A substitute motion was made by Tracey Gruber to allow a one-week review by the council for those who are interested to look at the formula and come back with an affirmation or further recommendation. Pamela Atkinson seconded. After further discussion with the council, Tracy Gruber and Pamela Atkinson withdrew their motions. The original motion to approve staff recommendations as listed in 5.a.i. was approved unanimously.</p>

Utah's Plan to Address Homelessness. The formula distributes funding as follows:

- 40% of funding based on the LHC's unsheltered and sheltered point-in-time (PIT) data
- 50% of funding based on the LHC's housing inventory count (HIC) data
- 10% of funding based on local poverty data

b. OHS funded projects and contract quarterly reports †
State Homelessness Funding Quarterly and Annual Reports:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jV-8MXnUwmAyeK8iaBdwiwwJSLbghzxx>

November 2022 Reporting Guide:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pvvWtL5_tj6TSfmiCdU4Luv5J_CyZRml/view?usp=sharing

SUMMARY

All recipients of funding administered by the OHS are required to provide quarterly and annual reports on their progress toward achieving the performance measures and outcomes defined in their contracts. These reports play a central role in OHS' efforts to provide the assistance and training necessary for recipients to operate technically excellent projects and ensure provider accountability and the proper use of state funding. Quarterly and annual reports include both data on performance measures and a quarterly response form that enables providers to speak to factors informing their performance. Once finalized, these reports are reviewed jointly by data specialists and contract owners to identify areas where providers are excelling and those of potential concern. A technical assistance plan is then developed and implemented to hold the provider accountable to the terms of their contract and help them achieve their performance expectations to the best of their abilities. Finalized reports are provided

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	<p>to the Council through the Google Drive link provided above. In future meetings, OHS will also provide summaries of notable achievements and areas of concern identified by staff for each quarter.</p> <p>c. OHS and LHC Report on Homelessness – January 2024 ‡</p> <p>SUMMARY The Office of Homeless Services prepared the Report on Homeless January 2024 to inform communities, partners and decision makers of the challenges and opportunities of local homeless systems in the state. Information from a variety of sources is included in the report and organized to reflect the framework of the state strategic plan.</p> <p>Report and LHS highlights can also be found on the following webpage: https://endutahhomelessness.org/statewide/education-and-advocacy/</p> <p>d. Point in Time (PIT) Count Update – January 25, 2024 ‡ https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1081879.pdf</p>	<p>Peggy Green</p> <p>Tricia Davis</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6</p>	<p>6. Council and Executive Committee Follow up</p> <p>a. Salt Lake County Resource Center Bed Capacity Monitoring</p> <p>Katherine Fife, Associate Deputy Mayor for Salt Lake County and Katie Zimmerman, Program Coordinator for the Salt Lake County Continuum of Care talked about the results of the monitoring that took place at the request of the Utah Homeless Council. Their objective was to verify the capacity utilization of the beds throughout the system. There were 2 general findings from this monitoring. First, the utilization that has been reported was found to be accurate. Second, they suggested framing conversations in the future about facility utilization and not bed utilization.</p> <p>b. Pedestrian Safety Amendments Follow-up ‡</p>	<p>Salt Lake County</p> <p>Wayne Niederhauer</p>

SUMMARY

In the November 9, 2023, Utah Homelessness Council meeting, Representative Steve Eliason requested follow-up information from the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation cities regarding the enforcement of Pedestrian Safety Amendments. You can find the information OHS requested and received from the participating cities who responded at the following link.

<https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1081881.pdf>

c. Shelter Bed Availability Dashboard

Tricia presented the new Shelter Bed Availability Dashboard that the Office of Homeless Services has been working on. It is still a work in progress, but is now live and can be found here:

<https://endutahhomelessness.org/daily-bed-availability/>

d. Mitigation Rule Section R988-400-8 Enforcement of Camping Ordinance ‡

<https://adminrules.utah.gov/public/rule/R988-400/Current%20Rules?searchText=undefined>

Wayne led a discussion on the mitigation rule linked above. The council discussed how to define whether a city is enforcing camping or not in order to receive mitigation funding. It was agreed that the problem would not be solved during the meeting, but a conversation was initiated and the council worked together to start brainstorming ideas.

Pamela Atkinson made an announcement at the end of the meeting about the opening of the Aspen Magdalene House. Where they will provide victims of trafficking and exploitation a proven path forward. They aim to open in March or April of this year.

Tricia Davis

Wayne Niederhauser

Pamela Atkinson

Adjournment		CHAIR, Whitney Clayton, called for a motion to adjourn. Randy Shumway made a motion. Mayor Ben Nadolski seconded. Everyone was in favor. Meeting adjourned.
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*Needs approval

‡ Has corresponding document

As this was a hybrid webinar, set up with attendees and participants, there was a Question and Answer (Q &A) portion which was made available to all online attendees and Office of Homeless Services (OHS) staff provided responses to the Q&A during the meeting while consulting with our legal counsel for any portion that needed to be made aware to the council.

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