



Human Services Commission

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Enabling Legislation and/or Bylaws

The Human Services Commission (HSC) ORS 190 Intergovernmental Agreement form of governance was established in 1972 to regionally coordinate the administration of human services jointly funded by the Cities of Eugene and Springfield and Lane County through the County Department of Health and Human Services. This entity is responsible for regional health and human services. In 1981, the federal Community Action Anti-Poverty Program, which had been administered separately by the County's Social Services Division, was folded into the fund. In 1984, with the beginning of the Community Development Block Grant program, the cities integrated the allocation of public service funds for social services.

The HSC Board is administered by seven members consisting of public officials under an ORS 190 Intergovernmental Agreement between the cities of Eugene and Springfield and Lane County. Membership is based on the proportion of general fund contributions. Representatives include at least one elected representative from each jurisdiction. The City of Eugene has three seats and Lane County and the City of Springfield each have two public officials seated on the Board. (LM 3.568)

Scope and Function

The function of the Human Services Commission is to provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners in the following areas:

The HSC provides advice to the Board of County Commissioners and the Eugene and Springfield City Councils on community needs and priorities for human services. Its tasks include: assisting in the development of an intergovernmental human services plan and budget, assisting in planning, review and evaluation of services in the intergovernmental human services plan; assisting in evaluation of proposals to provide services, providing for citizen participation in the planning process for community human services, and making recommendations to units of local government regarding their specific human services proposals.

Membership

Human Services Commission meetings are open to any county or city employee and members of the public. The HSC membership in calendar year 2018 was officially comprised of the following members:

The Commission consists of seven members. Representation is as follows: three representatives from the City of Eugene, two representatives from Lane County, and two representatives from Springfield. Representative delegations will include at least one or more elected officials and may include one appointed budget committee member.

Representing Lane County: Commissioner Pat Farr and Jay Bozievich

Representing the City of Eugene: Councilor Claire Syrett (Vice Chair), Councilor Greg Evans, and Budget Committee member Shaun Londahl

Representing the City of Springfield: Councilor Marilee Woodrow (Chair) and Budget Committee Member Gabrielle Guidero

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Meeting Frequency

The HSC met on the following dates:

- January 22, 2018
- February 26, 2018
- March 19, 2018
- April 16, 2018
- May 21, 2018
- June 18, 2018
- September 17, 2018
- October 15, 2018
- November 19, 2018
- December 17, 2018

Committee Topics of Note/Accomplishments

The HSC heard and discussed the following topics:

- Shelter Feasibility Study and Homeless Service System Analysis
- Frequent User Systems Engagement (FUSE) projects
- Jurisdiction budget requests
- HSC PHB Joint Planning Committee
- SAMHSA grant
- Point in Time Count (PIT)
- CoC HUD Homeless Assistance Grant
- State of Oregon funding
- Project 250/Dovetail
- Energy and Weatherization Programs
- Community Needs Assessment
- Workforce and Employment Services
- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Focus Areas

The HSC will focus on the following objectives in the upcoming year:

- Review Human Services Community Needs Assessment
- Review options for future human services revenues
- Update strategic plan
- Implement TAC recommendations

Challenges and Strategies

The following are the greatest challenges before the HSC and the strategies planned to overcome them:

- Challenge is the stagnant local revenue available for human services as poverty and homelessness increase in Lane County. Also lack of new resources to establish prevention and early intervention programs.