# Homeless Leadership Coalition

Serving Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson Counties and the Confederated

Tribes of Warm Springs



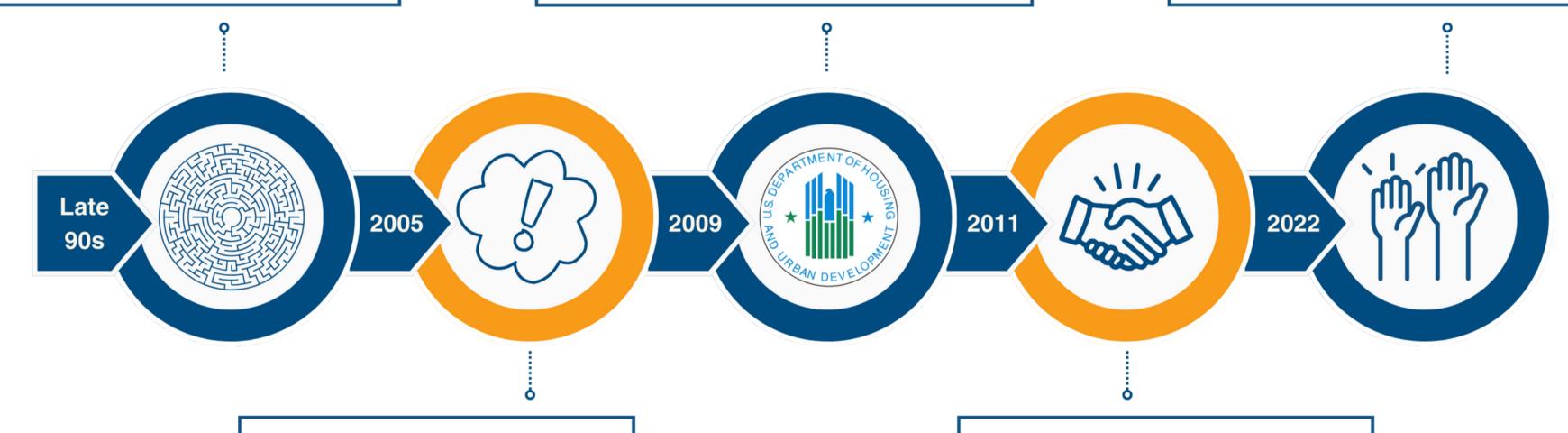


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#### History of HLC

Central Oregonians have gathered since the late 90's to coordinate services and discuss solutions to complex social issues experienced by those living in poverty. The HEARTH Act was signed into federal law in May 2009. Subsequent amendments required communities nationwide organize into Continuums of Care (CoC) based on geographical region in order to apply for and receive federal funding related to housing needs.

HLC members vote to appoint Central Oregon Intergovernmental Agency (COIC) as the collaborative applicant. NeighborImpact remains as the HMIS lead agency.



By 2005, this group of concerned providers began meeting informally as the Central Oregon Homeless Leadership Coalition and coordinated to complete annual PIT counts.

HLC is formalized in accordance with HEARTH Act requirements and applied for CoC status. NeighborImpact took on the role of collaborative applicant.

# What is Homeless Leadership Coalition?



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#### HLC Is:

A Membership Network & Coalition

Acts as the Continuum of Care for Central Oregon: OR-503

Serves:

Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties & The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

#### **Uses Collective Impact Strategy to:**

- Enhance coordination and integration of mainstream resources + other programs that target people experiencing homelessness
- Secure funding for programs and projects
- Improve data collection
- Measure performance of the homeless response system

# Principles of Collective Impact



### "Collective impact brings people together in a structured way to achieve social change."

- The Collective Impact Forum

# Collective Impact Principles of Practice

Design and implement the initiative with a priority placed on equity.

Include community members in the collaborative.

Recruit and co-create with **cross-sector** partners.

Use data to continuously learn, adapt, and improve.

Cultivate leaders with unique system leadership skills.

Focus on program and system strategies.

Build a culture that fosters relationships, trust, and respect across participants.

Customize for local context.

**Credit: The Collective Impact Forum** 

# Continuums of Care: What does HLC do?



Secure funding via the annual HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity



Promotes community-wide commitment to implement best practices to prevent and end homelessness in Central Oregon



Organize annual Point in Time (PIT)
Count of individuals experiencing
homelessness throughout
Central Oregon



#### Administer the Homeless Management Information System

Includes submitting performance reports to HUD

Implementation and oversight for the Coordinated Entry System

Launch Built for Zero and operate CO's By Name List



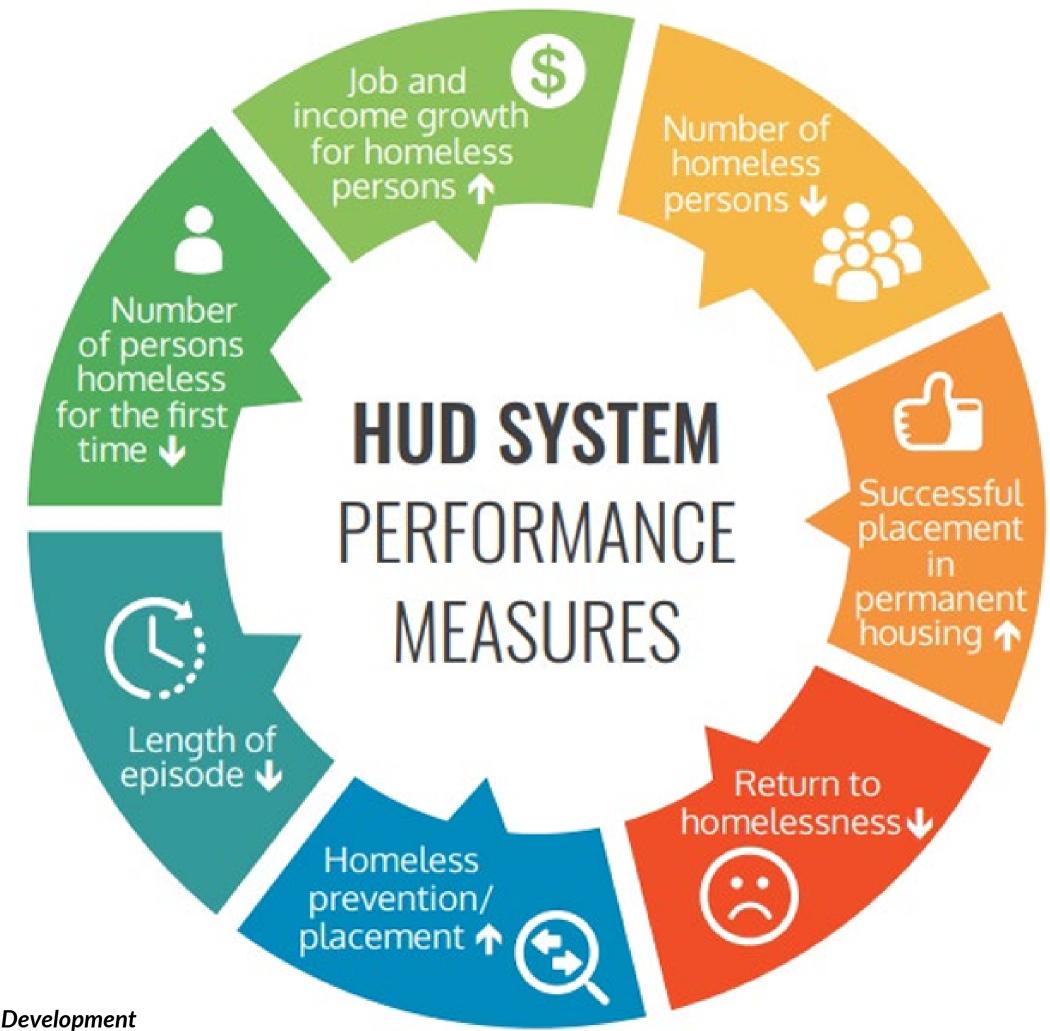
Conduct system planning, prioritization, and gaps analysis of available services

High Desert Home: CO's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Evaluate CoC performance using HUD System Performance Measures

# HUD System Performance Measures

Collective impact relies on shared measurement



#### CENTRAL OREGON CONTINUUM OF CARE

Homeless
Management
Information System
& Coordinated
Entry Lead Agency

NeighborImpact

Board of Directors

11 - 15 community representatives

HLC General Membership
Community stakeholders
concerned about homelessness

Collaborative
Applicant &
Staff Support

Central Oregon
Intergovernmental
Council

#### HLC Committees complete HUD mandated tasks and coordinate services

Coordinated
Entry
Planning
Committee

HMIS & Data Quality Committee

Street
Outreach
Committee

**Shelter Committee** 

Community Engagement Committee Grants &
Annual
Funding
Committee

Youth Advisory Committee

#### **Collaborative Applicant:**

#### **Purpose:**

Provide professional support and guidance to CoC

#### Selection:

Designated by the CoC's governing board

Must be a nonprofit or government agency

#### Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council

#### Responsibilities:

- Submit consolidated application(s) on behalf of the Continuum of Care
- Provide administrative support for CoC
- Publish and maintain regional 10-year plan to end homelessness (High Desert Home)
- Other responsibilities outlined in Governance Charter and written agreement with the CoC



# Homeless Management Information System & Coordinated Entry Lead Agency:

#### Purpose:

Operate the HMIS on behalf of the CoC

#### **Funding:**

Only organization able to apply for dedicated HMIS funding within the CoC

#### NeighborImpact

Supporting People, Strengthening Communities.

# NeighborImpact

#### **Selection:**

Designated by the CoC's governing board

Must be a nonprofit or government agency

#### Responsibilities:

Operate the HMIS on behalf of the CoC

Manage Coordinated Entry System - matching people with available resources

Receive and manage HMIS grant funding

Plan and oversee the annual Point in Time (PIT) Count. Aggregate and share data from PIT count.

#### Stakeholders in a Continuum of Care



#### General Membership: The Basics

#### Purpose:

Strategize and plan a coordinated, comprehensive approach to provide housing and services to those at risk of becoming or currently experiencing homelessness

#### Composition:

Open to any community stakeholder with an interest in preventing and ending homelessness. Each member of the coalition has voice on important community matters

#### Commitments:

Active participation in various CoC chartered committees and giving intentional effort to prevent and end homelessness in Central Oregon.





# General Membership: Responsibilities & Committees

The HLC is the most successful when all members actively participate in committees that work to coordinate services and complete HUD mandated tasks





# **Board Participation: The Basics**

#### Purpose:

The HLC governing board works to coordinate, act on behalf of, and lead the CoC independent of the collaborative applicant and HMIS Lead Agency.

#### Composition:

Must be comprised of 11 - 15 individuals representative of the CoC membership and also include those with lived experience.

#### Commitments:

Serve as the decision-making and accountability body for CoC OR-503. Work to oversee HUD funding for homeless services and its required activities.





#### Board Responsibilites:



Attend monthly board meedtings



Arrive prepared, Actively participate



Active committee & workgroup participation



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Facilitate community collaboration and strategy



- Donald McGannon



Adhere to conflict-of-interest policy (Often specific to funding or letters of support)



Use awareness of CoC goals & performance to inform funding priorities



Commit to system performance to measure success



If representing an organization, understand its positions on core issues relative to HLC work



#### What is the term of commitment?

Board members serve a two year term with a cap of four terms.

#### When are applications accepted?

Applications that fill representation gaps are accepted and considered year-round.

Other applications are accepted for seats that become available when board terms transition in October.



- An info session is held with member(s) of the current executive committee
- 2 Interested member submits application
- Sitting board votes on new applicants

Decisions are based on open seat requirements, sector expertise, and prior involvement with HLC or related work





We are stronger, safer, and healthier communities when everyone has a place to call home!

## Thank You!!



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