



ECHO convened at the Clark County Public Service Center, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hearing Conference Room, also via WebEx Online.

## Clark County ECHO

(Ending Community Homelessness Organization)

Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2025.

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ECHO Chair, Clark County Councilor, Sue Marshall, called the ECHO meeting to-order.

### Welcome and Introductions

Lead by Chair, Councilor Sue Marshall

- Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2024

**ACTION:** Moved by Glen Yung to **APPROVE** minutes for November 12, 2024. Seconded by Ty Stober, All aye/ motion passed.

- Review of Agenda.
  - Dr. Marisa Zapata, Director, Portland State University Homelessness Research and Action Collaborative, was unable to attend the meeting today due to unforeseen circumstances.

### Presentation & Discussion

- *Dr. Marisa Zapata, Director, Portland State University Homelessness Research and Action Collaborative*
  - Dr. Marisa Zapata was unable to attend the meeting today due to unforeseen circumstances.
  - Jordan relayed her apologies, and she hopes to visit in the future.
  - The group watched her speech from Council for the Homeless Gathering for Change Event:
    - (keynote begins around 1:27:30): <https://vimeo.com/1020443831?share=copy#t=0>.

### 2025 Work Plan & Priorities

- ECHO Membership
  - ECHO held a discussion of the group's MOA and Charter, and then conducted an exercise for the group to work on identifying and beginning to prioritize the body's work in 2025.
  - The purpose of the group is to collaborate on addressing homelessness and prioritize vulnerable populations.
  - The group needs to add members with lived experience and discuss compensation for their involvement.
  - The group should strategize on how to recruit and compensate members with lived experience.
  - The group needs to define success and track progress through data to inform their efforts.
  - The group should prioritize three or four areas of focus for the year 2025.
  - Local planning and collaboration is a top priority, followed by housing production and affordability, and funding and advocacy.
  - The group will work on developing a work plan for the year at the next meeting.



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- 2-3 elected officials will participate in the homeless action plan process, with small cities selecting their representative.
- Small cities are encouraged to participate in the planning for the homeless action plan.
- The idea of a larger community plan/framework, separate from the homeless action plan, was discussed.
- A framework or theory of change approach was discussed as a method to guide the overall strategy for addressing homelessness beyond individual groups' strategy plans.
- The need for a structure to involve people with lived experience in a way that is authentic, and welcoming was emphasized.
- Consideration should be given to scaling up participation and creating a buddy system to make new members feel included.
- Tours or visits to the community may help remove barriers and build relationships with individuals with lived experience.

Takeaways, Recommendations, Next Steps, and Closing

NONE

NEXT MEETING

- February 11, 2025; 9:30am – 11:00AM

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