



Monday, December 18, 2023, at 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Homeless Service Center, 61 NW Oak Street, Madras, OR 97741
(Corner of 4th Street and Oak Street)

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This meeting is open to the public. This agenda includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting. However, the agenda does not limit the ability of the Committee to consider additional subjects. Meetings may be canceled without notice.

HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Regular Agenda

1. Report on Resources Available for Pollution Clean-up in Willow Creek.
2. Status Update 'No Camping/ No Littering' Signs.
3. Status of Request for City Appointment to Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC).
4. Status of Appointment of Community Partner Member by City Council.
5. Next HAC meeting date/time: January 8, 2024, at 2:00 – 3:30 PM.

IV. Additional Discussion

V. Adjourn Meeting



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Board of Directors
Homeless Leadership Coalition
C/O Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
1250 NE Bear Creek Rd.
Bend, OR 97701

December 11, 2023

Dear members of the board,

Jefferson County, the City of Madras, and the Madras Homeless Advisory Committee are excited about the opportunity to have a collaborative partnership with the Homeless Leadership Council for the 2024 Point-In-Time (PIT) count. As you are well aware, the PIT count is conducted to determine the number of sheltered and unsheltered individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness on a specific night in January. An accurate and comprehensive Point-in-Time count takes an entire community and partners to conduct, as many of our homeless population are difficult to reach and can be untrusting of formal government organizations. It is therefore essential that partners, like the Homeless Leadership Coalition, have an active and visible role with this work.

The Point-in-Time count for 2023 estimated 51 unique individuals that reported experiencing homeless on January 24, 2023, in Madras. According to local organizations, shelter operators, and homeless outreach advocates, this number is closer to half than what was expected based on ongoing services that are provided locally on a daily basis. This is a concern, as information from the PIT is frequently used to inform decisions about homelessness funding, policy recommendations, and local resources. With an inaccurate Point-in-Time count, vital resources that are needed to support our local homeless population and organizations are instead sent to other areas. For a community such as Madras, these resources are essential as there are no alternative funding sources for many of the needed local services.

The Madras Homeless Advisory is committed to being engaged throughout the planning, preparations, and conducting of the 2024 Point-in-Time count for the City of Madras. Although we are anxious to support and participate, we lack the expertise that

the Homeless Leadership Council has and will look towards you for guidance and recommendations to ensure a successful PIT count.

If there is anything the committee can do to help your efforts, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you again for your continuing partnership.

Sincerely,

Mike Lepin, Mayor

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