AGENDA COVER MEMO

Memorandum Date: November 20, 2024

Order Date: January 14, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services

PRESENTEDBY: Eve Gray

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER / IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPOINTING 2 MEMBERS TO THE POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS BOARD.

I. MOTION

In the matter of re-appointing 2 members to the Poverty and Homelessness Board.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Poverty and Homelessness Board (PHB) focuses on developing regional plans and strategies on poverty and homelessness. The Board consists of 21 members. The BCC is being asked to re-appoint 2 members to the board.

BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

The BCC established the Poverty and Homelessness Board via BO 14-06-24-04. The Poverty and Homelessness Board (PHB) provides advice to the Board of County Commissioners and the intergovernmental Human Services Division with the goal of reducing and preventing poverty and homelessness in Lane County. It assists the development of the delivery of housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are impoverished or homeless, improving their stability. It assists to maximize the allocation of local, state, and federal funds made available for this purpose. It serves as the administrative board for the Lane County Community Action

Agency and as the oversight board for the Lane County Continuum of Care. The PHB prioritizes the Human Services Division projects for funding through local, state, and federal grants that target homeless and impoverished populations. PHB also fulfills the board requirements outlined in ORS 458.505 for the designation of a Community Action Agency for state and federal anti-povertyprograms.

Current Board composition includes: a third of the members are public officials currently serving or their designees; a third of the members are representatives of low-income persons in Lane County selected democratically; a third of the members represent business, law enforcement, the private philanthropic sector, faith-based organizations, education, healthcare, or other major groups of interest in the community.

Position #11 Lived Expertise of Homelessness/Poverty Member. The position advertised through vacancy notices posted on multiple websites and sent to several email lists from 03/20/2024-4/11/2024. Two applications were received. The application was reviewed by a PHB subcommittee, an interview was held, and a final recommendation was forwarded to be voted on and approved at the PHB meeting on June 20, 2024.

Position #15 Sector Representative. The position advertised through vacancy notices posted on multiple websites and sent to several email lists from 03/20/2024-4/11/2024. Two applications were received. The application was reviewed by a PHB subcommittee, an interview was held, and a final recommendation was forwarded to be voted on and approved at the PHB meeting on June 20, 2024.

The Poverty and Homelessness Board recommends the individuals listed below for appointment:

Member	Position #	Term Expiration*
Maggie Bagon Community Member	#11 Lived Expertise of Homelessness/Poverty Member	06/30/28
Mike Fleck Community Sharing	#15 Sector Representative	12/31/2028

*based on the maximum term expiration, all advisory committee members serve at the will of the BCC.

B. Policy Issues

The candidates for appointment meet the qualifications to serve on this body. The current twenty members provide balance between public, private and community members.

C. Board Goals

This action supports the goal Safe and Healthy County: Support the implementation of Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) goals, including partnering with

the Poverty and Homelessness Board and key stakeholders to develop supportive housing and emergency shelter solutions.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

None.

E. Health Implications

The Poverty and Homelessness Board plays a critical role in creating innovative partnerships and programs that use best practices to reduce poverty and homelessness in Lane County. Poverty and homelessness are strongly associated with poor health outcomes and lowered life expectancy.

F. Analysis

The appointment of these candidates will preserve the board composition required by the Poverty and Homelessness Governance Charter.

G. Alternatives/Options

1. Appoint the nominated candidates.
2. Decline the nominations and instruct the Poverty and Homelessness Board to continue recruitment.

III. RECOMMENDATION

Both H&HS and the Poverty and Homelessness Board support these nominations.

IV. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

If Board approval is received on Tuesday January 14th, 2024, the member will begin to serve Wednesday January 15th, 2024.

V. FOLLOW-UP

N/A

VI. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order
Poverty and Homelessness Board Roster (proposed appointment in italics)
PHB Membership Applications

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. 25-01-14-XX

IN THE MATTER OF
RE-APPOINTING 2 MEMBERS TO THE
POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS BOARD.

WHEREAS, the Poverty and Homelessness Board provides advice to the Board of County Commissioners and the intergovernmental Human Services Commission with the goal of reducing and preventing poverty and homelessness in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, the Poverty and Homelessness board must maintain its membership of twenty-four members, including sixteen voting members and eight non-voting members; and

WHEREAS, 2 candidates were re-appointed due to term expiration; and

WHEREAS, The 2 candidates met the required standards for membership; and

WHEREAS, the Poverty and Homelessness Board has referred these nominations and requested action by the Board of County Commissioners for consideration for appointment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. that the following individual be appointed to serve on the Poverty and Homelessness Board, as listed below:

Member	Appoint to Position#	Term Expiration
Maggie Bagon Community Member	#11 Lived Expertise of Homelessness/Poverty Member	06/30/28
Mike Fleck Community Sharing	#15 Sector Representative	12/31/28

ADOPTED this 14th day of January, 2025.

David Loveall, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

BOARD POSITIONS			
Poverty and Homelessness Board			
1.	Poverty and Homelessness Board, Chair	01/31/26	Shawn Murphy, Laurel Hill Center
	Voting Board Positions	**1-Year Term Expires**	**Board Members and Agency Affiliation**
2.	Elected Official or Designee* Lane County	01/31/25	Pat Farr Commissioner, Lane County
3.	Elected Official or Designee* City of Springfield	01/31/25	Sean VanGordon Mayor, City of Springfield
4.	Elected Official or Designee* City of Eugene	01/31/25	Lucy Vinis Mayor, City of Eugene
5.	Elected Official or Designee* Rural Lane County	01/31/25	Vacant
6.	At Large Elected Official	01/31/25	Cliff Harrold Lane County Sheriff
	Lived Experience Voting Board Positions	**3-Year Term Expires**	**Board Members and Agency Affiliation**
7.	Lived Expertise of Homelessness/Poverty Member-Youth	12/31/26	Mattias Smith Community Member
8.	Lived Expertise of Homelessness/Poverty Member	12/31/28	Vacant
9.	Lived Expertise of Homelessness/Poverty Member-Family	12/31/26	Kate Wooden Community Member
10.	Lived Expertise of Homelessness/Poverty Member	06/30/25	Kris McAlister Community Member
11.	*Lived Expertise of Homelessness/Poverty Member*	*06/30/28*	*Maggie Bagon* *Community Member*
	Sector Representatives Voting Board Positions	**3-Year Term Expires**	**Board Members and Agency Affiliation**
12.	Sector Representative	12/31/26	Heather Quaas-Annsa Community Supported Shelters
13.	Sector Representative	06/30/25	Terri Hsieh
14.	Faith Based Organization	06/30/25	Rosalia Marquez St. Vincent De Paul
15.	*Sector Representative*	*12/31/28*	*Mike Fleck* *Community Sharing*
16.	Sector Representative	12/31/28	Vacant
	Stakeholder Representatives Non-Voting Board Positions	**3-Year Term Expires**	**Board Members and Agency Affiliation**
17.	Stakeholder Representative	12/31/26	Jack Boisen St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Services
18.	Stakeholder Representative	12/31/26	Glenn Porter Equitable Social Solutions/ Navigation Center
19.	Stakeholder Representative	12/31/26	Sheila Wegener Department of Human Services District 5
20.	Stakeholder Representative	12/31/26	Debi Farr Medicaid Services, Trillium
21.	Stakeholder Representative	12/31/26	Katharine Ryan PacificSource

BOARD POSITIONS

** Elected representatives shall serve for a term of one year, which terms shall begin within thirty days after the beginning of the calendar year. Community and Citizen Members shall serve for terms of three years. **Updated 11/8/2024**

Poverty and Homeless Board Application

The Poverty and Homelessness Board (PHB) is a group of elected officials, interested parties, sector representatives and individuals who have lived expertise of being low-income and/or unhoused. Board Membership consists of 16 voting positions. Five non-voting members attend meetings and participate in the discussion representing their agencies. For more information about the PHB, click here.

People representing the diversity of our community are encouraged to apply (including but not limited to people with lived experience of poverty and/or homelessness, women, those who identify as BIPOC, LGBTQIA2S+, persons with a disability, veterans, and people who live in rural Lane County). We are most interested in finding the best candidates for the advisory board, and candidates may come from a less traditional backgrounds. If you are interested in applying, we encourage you to think broadly about your background, lived experience, and skill set for the role.

Three voting PHB seats are open for interested parties which represent various demographics in Lane County.

A meeting attendance stipend is available for those with lived expertise who are not otherwise being paid to attend.

Please contact Diana Alldredge (541-682-4688) with any accommodation needs, including support filling out this application.

Click here to learn more about advisory committees and boards.

Applicant Information

Name
Michael Fleck

Preferred Name
Mike

[redacted]

Phone Number
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mike@communitysharing.org

NOTE: Information consisting of home addresses and phone numbers may be exempt from disclosure per ORS 192.502(3).

Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements or family connections with programs having contractual agreements with the County or that might be within the purview of the committee on which you are seeking appointment? (If there is a change in your circumstances, please advise the staff for the committee within 30 days.)
Yes

Provide a brief explanation
I am the Executive Director of Community Sharing Program.

Do you currently serve on any advisory boards or committees?
No

Share a description of the experience, training and/or advocacy that prepares you for serving as a member of the PHB?
Leadership Training
- Ford Community Leadership Program Trainer - Class of 2014
- Ford Community Trainer 2010 – Effective Organizations (Non-Profit training)
- Pacific Program – Leadership Program - Class of 2008
- Ford Community Leadership Program Trainer - Class of 2008
- Ford Community Leadership Program Class of 2004

Community Activities
- Cottage Grove City Council: 1/2003-12/2006, 1/2009-12/2012, 1/2014-8/2024
- L.R.A.P.A. Board of Directors: 2/2010-8/2024 (Past chair – 3 years)
- Lane County Poverty and Homelessness Board: 1/2022-8/2024
- Lane County Public Health Advisory Committee 8/2017-8/2022 (Past Chair)
- Cottage Grove Community Hospital Foundation (Past President) 7/2010-9/2017
- Cottage Grove Rotary Club (Past Treasurer, Past President) 3/2009-7/2024
- Fire Board Budget Committee 2009 – Present
- South Lane Co. Fire & Rescue Board of Directors: 7/2005-2/2009
- South Lane School District Budget Committee: 2019-Present
- Economic Development Committee 2009-2011
- Cottage Grove Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors 2008-2010
- City of Cottage Grove Planning Commission: 8/2000-12/2002, 1/2007-12/2008
- City of Cottage Grove Budget Committee: 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2002/2003 (also as Councilor)
- OLPH Catholic Church: CCD – 10 years, Eucharist Minister for several years, Cantor for several years.

Why are you interested in becoming a member of the PHB and what specific contributions do you hope to make?
I would like to continue to serve on the PHB board to bring my experience as a service provider to its deliberations. I also have served on many boards for many years and can offer that support as well. I hope to help the PHB continue its good work to end poverty in our county.

What is your present or past involvement in relevant community groups?
See the experience listed above. I also have been involved in many other local groups addressing related community needs. A few are Be Your Best, Community Stakeholders and the Housing Needs committee (all in Cottage Grove).

In your perspective, what are three major challenges facing our community related to poverty and homelessness? Please share/explain where you feel like changes can be made and why?
One of the biggest problems is the lack of housing at all income levels including affordable housing. While

the PHB isn't directly involved in housing development, I believe it can be an advocate for change to those who are involved in those efforts. Funding is the next HUGE need our service providers are facing. The PHB can also advocate for additional funding from the State and Federal governments. Staffing is the third challenge I would like to mention. Wages and benefits are also funding issues but finding dedicated and passionate employees is a challenge in this political environment. The PHB might be able to provide information to the media about the rewarding opportunities of working in the nonprofit world. Many other issues are mental health and addiction challenges, employment challenges, etc.

People of color experience homelessness and poverty at a higher rate, compared to the total populations, than those who are white in Lane County. How would you help to address this issue if you joined the board?
I believe we should always look at issues with an equity lens. We need to understand the challenges facing people of color, and all under represented communities, so that we can work toward eliminating the barriers they are facing. I believe my position at Community Sharing helps me understand many of these issues which will help me be a voice for change on the PHB.

Identities, Lived Experience, Advocacy, and Professional Background

Please check all lived identities that are true for you:
Person with lived experience of houselessness more than seven (7) years ago.
Person with lived experience of houselessness as a youth (under 25)
Person with lived experience of poverty more than seven (7) years ago.

Which sector(s) do you identify as being a part of as an advocate, as someone with lived experience and/or as someone with professional experience.

(Check all that apply)

Affordable Housing Developer
Advocate

EMS/Crisis Response Team
Professional Experience

Hospital

Tribal Member

Law Enforcement
Advocate

LGBTQ+ Population

Local Jail

People with Behavioral Health Challenges
Professional Experience

Public Housing Authority
Advocate

School Administrator/Homeless School Liaisons
Advocate

Survivors of Domestic Violence

Survivor of Sexual Assault and Stalking
Advocate

Youth (under age 25)
Advocate

Coordinated Care Organization (CCO)

People of Color
Professional Experience

Business
Professional Experience

Veteran
Advocate

Are you interested in being a PHB stakeholder which is a non-voting member?
No

Optional Demographic Information

Lane County does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, religion, language, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expressions, veteran's status, or political beliefs. Providing this information will not adversely affect your opportunity to serve on this committee or board and this information is processed separately from the application. Completion of this section is entirely voluntary and remains confidential.

What is your ethnicity/race?
[redacted]

What is your age?
[redacted]

What is your preferred language?
[redacted]

Gender
[redacted]

Will you be needing any accommodations?
[redacted]

Select ALL identity options that apply to you:
[redacted]

Date
9/5/2024

Signature

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Applicant Information

Name
Maggie Bagon

Preferred Name
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Do you currently serve on any advisory boards or committees?
Yes

Names of the boards or committees?
Florence Housing Resource Team. City of Florence Public Art Committee, Siuslaw Vision Team, Lane County PHB, Siuslaw Family Connections.

xhare a description of the eSperience, training and/or advocacy that prepares you for serving as a member of the PHB?
I'm a retired Child Welfare Specialist and previously worked as a Mental Health Case Manager in Coos County. I am a former welfare recipient and during the change in welfare policy worked with a nation wide organization called Welfare Made a Difference which advocated for people living in poverty. I served for 8 years on the State of Oregon Family Services Review Commission.

Why are you interested in becoming a member of the PHB and what specific contributions do you hope to make?
I feel that every person deserves to live with dignity. I feel that it is important that people in rural areas are represented by this board and feel that I can contribute both as an advocate and also as a person with lived experience.

What is your present or past involvement in relevant community groups?
As mentioned I serve on several committees in Florence that represent under served populations and volunteer as the food equity outreach coordinator for Florence Farmers Market, serve on the Florence Housing Resource Team, and also volunteer at Siuslaw Outreach Services.

In your perspective, what are three major challenges facing our community related to poverty and homelessness? Please share/eSplain where you feel like changes can be made and why?
The three most important in my opinion are lack of understanding about causes of homelessness by the majority of people, lack of affordable housing, and lack of living wage jobs.

People of color eSperience homelessness and poverty at a higher rate, compared to the total populations, than those who are white in Lane County. How would you help to address this issue if you joined the board?
I think that we need to involve more people of color in the decision making process and also educate the public about this inequity.

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Date
8/16/2024

Signature