

HB 4123:
A Coordinated,
Regional Response to
Homelessness



Enrolled
House Bill 4123

Sponsored by Representatives KROPP, WILLIAMS, Senator PATTERSON, Representatives EVANS, COMBERG, HOY, SMITH, ZIKA, Senators ANDERSON, ARMITAGE, GELSER BLOUIN, HANSELL, KNOPP, THOMSEN; Representatives ALONSO, LEON, CAMPOS, DEXTER, FAHEY, GRAYBER, HIEB, LEVY, MARSH, MOORE-GREEN, NOBLE, NOSSE, REYNOLDS, SOSA, WEBER (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to coordinated homeless response systems; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the lack of available housing, high rents and high home prices are driving rapid increases in housing instability and homelessness in Oregon; and

Whereas Oregon has experienced a significant increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness and unsheltered homelessness; and

Whereas funding, resources and services to address homelessness in Oregon are not scaled to meet this need; and

Whereas the lack of housing affordability and availability in Oregon cannot be addressed without cross-jurisdictional collaboration; and

Whereas communities require coordinated leadership and governance to identify local needs and centralize communication, policy and services to end homelessness; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide grants to local governments and nonprofit corporations that agree to, within 90 days of receipt of grant funding, enter into an agreement among the member governments and nonprofit corporations, if any, to create a coordinated homeless response system that consists of, at a minimum:

- (a) The establishment of a coordinated homeless response office;
- (b) An advisory board with representation from the governing body of each member government;
- (c) Specific roles of each member to support the advisory board and office;
- (d) Plans for coordination with any local continuum of care receiving funding under 24 C.F.R. part 578; and
- (e) The establishment of a centralized point of contact for the office.

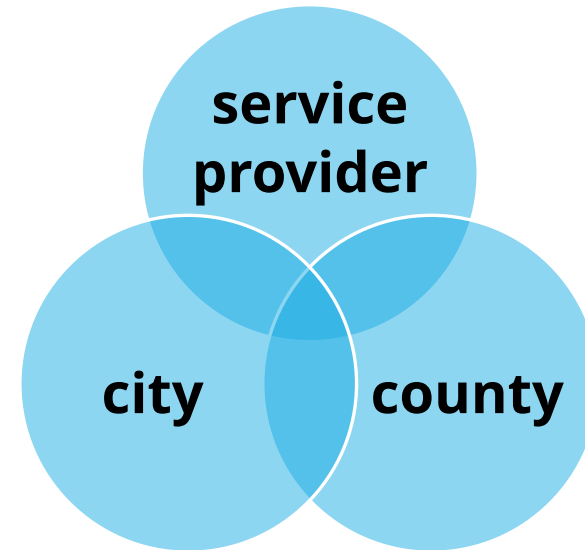
(2) Grants provided under this section shall be used by the coordinated homeless response system to:

- (a) Hire necessary staff for the office;
- (b) Support coordinated communications and public engagement;
- (c) Support community outreach and policy development, including stipends for people with current or recent lived experience of homelessness;



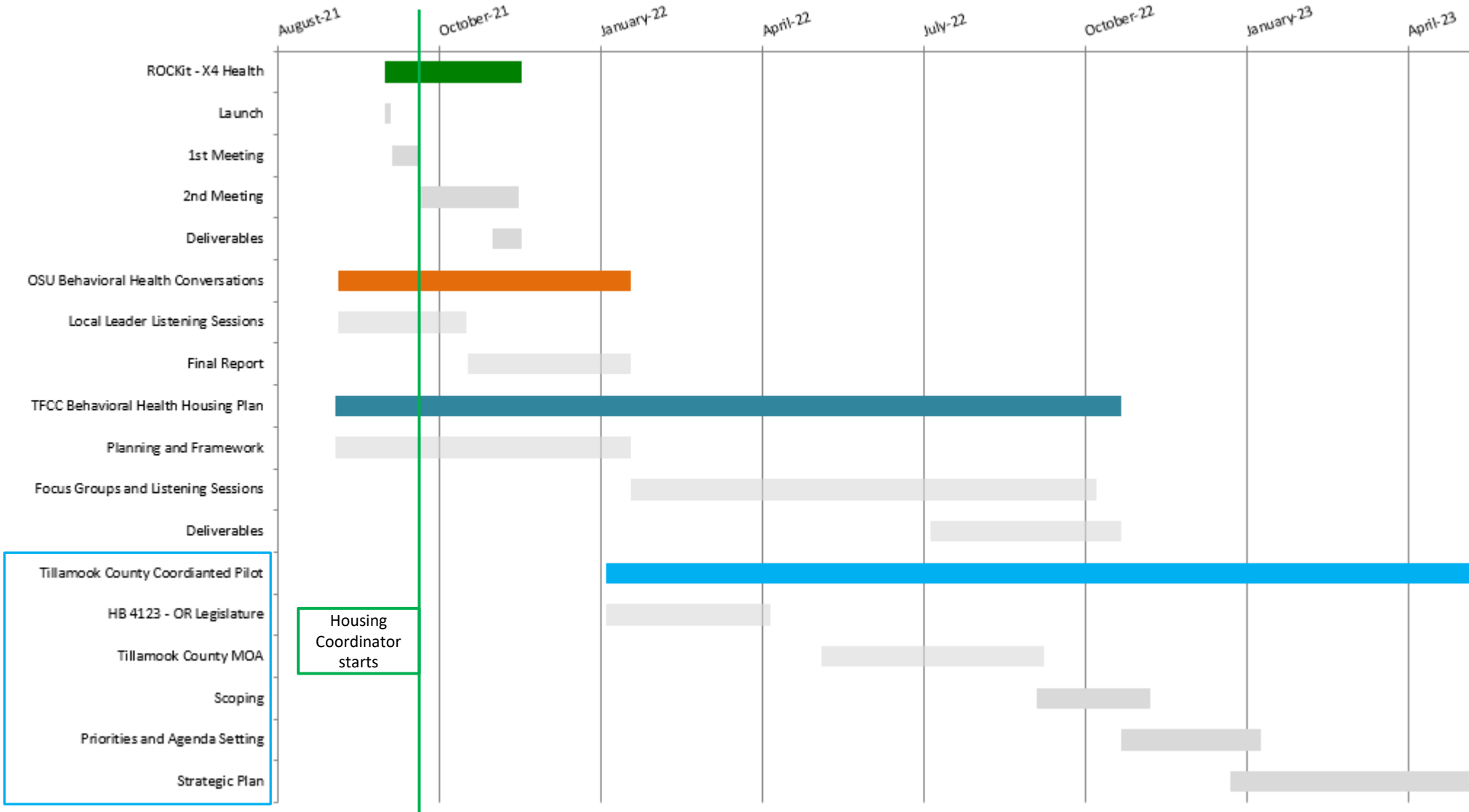
Bill Sponsor
Representative Jason Kropf
District 54 – Bend

A total of \$8 million to pilot 8 regional collaboratives to provide coordinated homeless response



1. Benton County, City of Corvallis
2. Coos County, City of Coos Bay, City of North Bend
- 3. Deschutes County, City of Bend, City of Redmond, City of Sisters, City of La Pine**
- 4. Hood River County, Wasco County, Sherman County, City of The Dalles, City of Hood River, Mid-Columbia Community Action Council**
5. Lincoln County, Lincoln City, City of Newport, City of Toledo
6. Polk County, City of Falls City, City of Monmouth, City of Independence, City of Willamina, City of Dallas, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
- 7. Tillamook County, City of Tillamook, Bay City, City of Garibaldi, City of Rockaway Beach, City of Wheeler, City of Manzanita, Community Action Resource Enterprises Inc. (CARE)**
8. Umatilla County, City of Hermiston, City of Stanfield, City of Echo, City of Umatilla

Implementation Timeline: Building upon past successes



Tillamook County Coordinated Homelessness Response Pilot



Monthly Advisory Board meetings (1.5 hours)

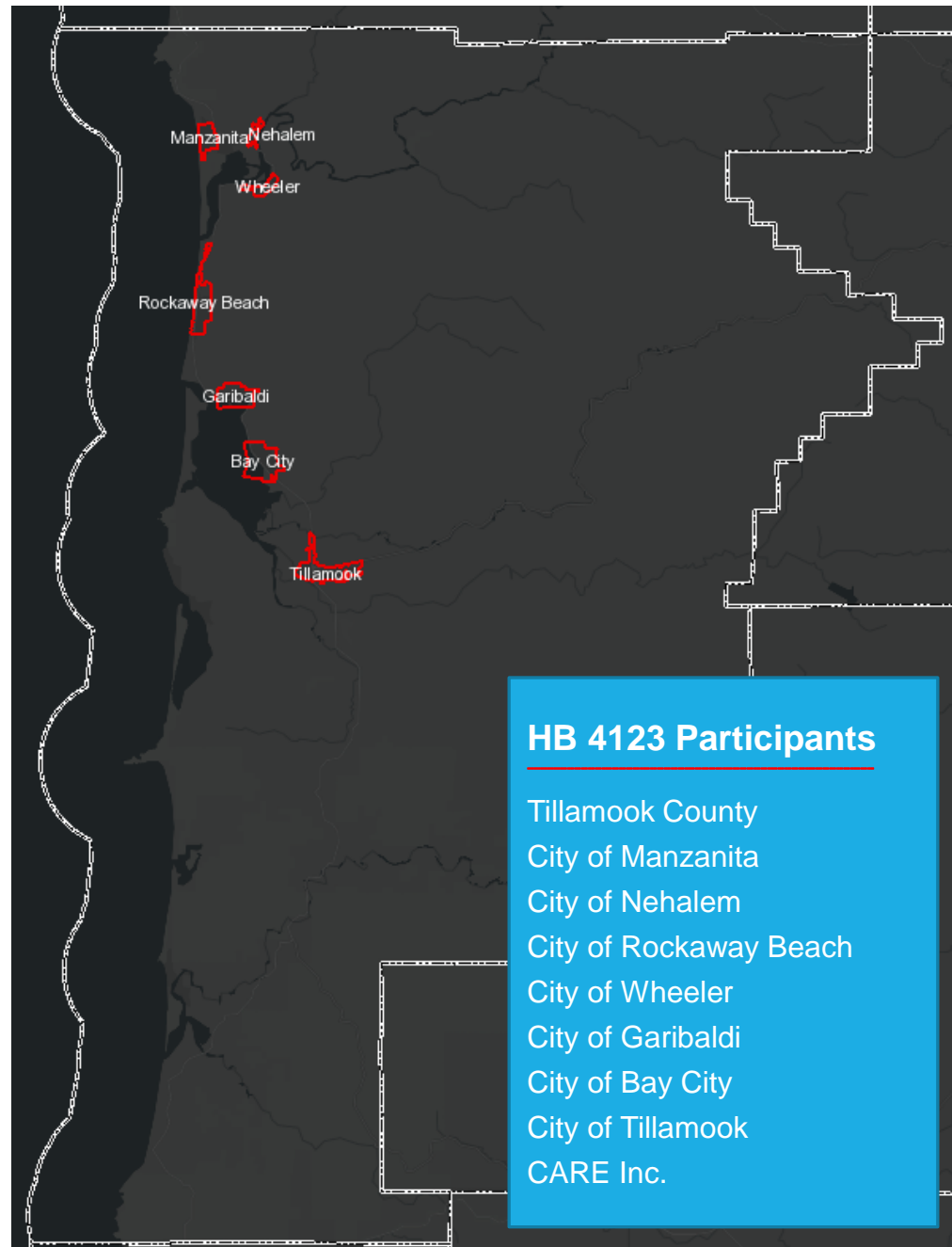
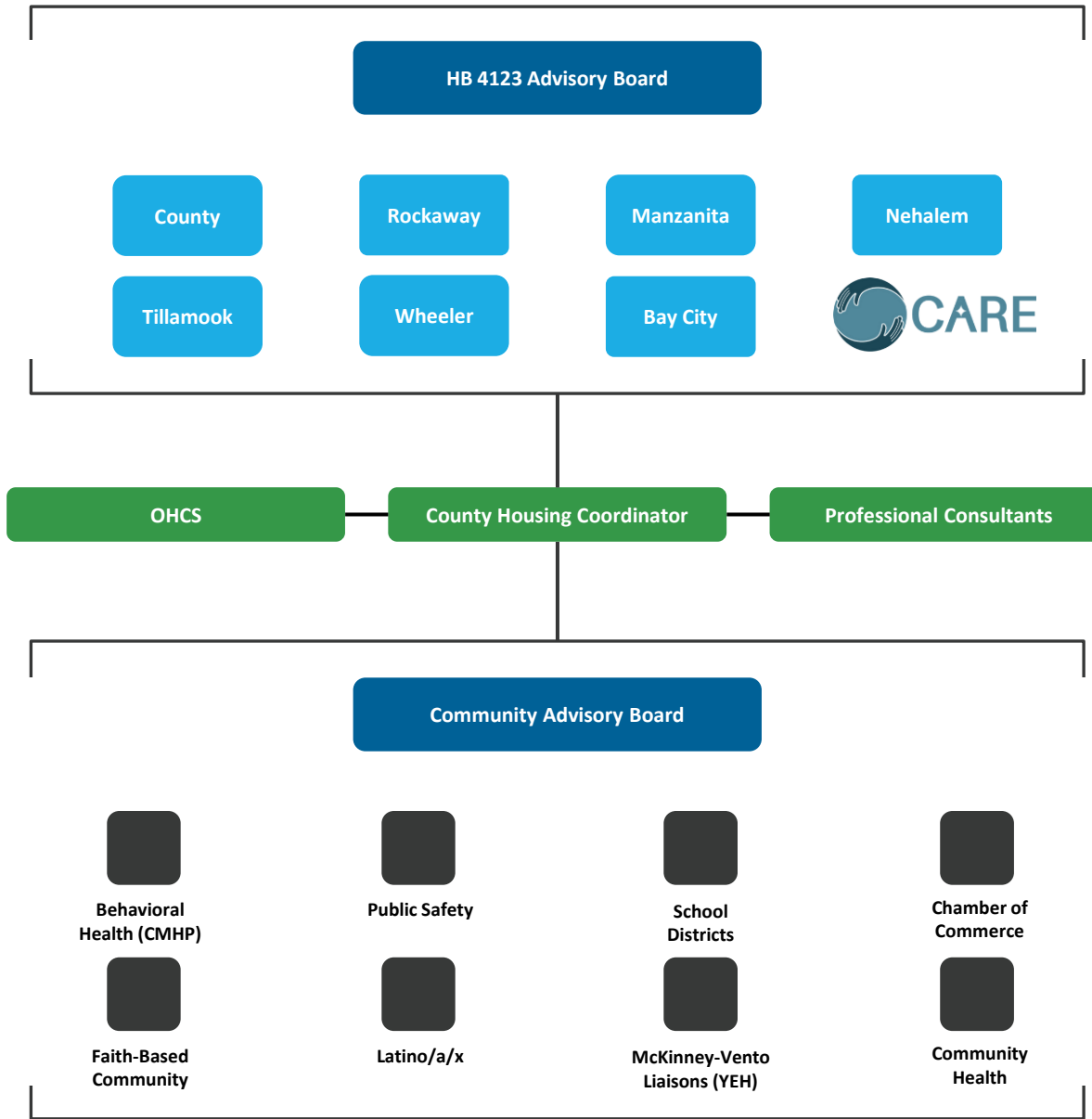
“Needs-based” planning and decision-making with member cities

- To identify and track the scope of challenges, weaknesses, and constraints associated with homelessness and the efforts, services, and ordinances to address it

Quarterly Community Advisory Board meetings (2 hours)

“Asset-based” visioning and community engagement with participating stakeholders

- To capitalize on strengths and expand upon opportunities arising out of the agreement



- HB 4123 Participants**
- Tillamook County
 - City of Manzanita
 - City of Nehalem
 - City of Rockaway Beach
 - City of Wheeler
 - City of Garibaldi
 - City of Bay City
 - City of Tillamook
 - CARE Inc.

ADDRESSING OUR CRISIS OF HOUSELESSNESS TOGETHER

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The Collaborative Team



County Chair
Patti Adair



City Councilor
Megan Perkins



City Councilor
Colleen Scott



Mayor
George Endicott



City Councilor
Andrea Blum



65+ service providers



Next steps for moving our plan forward

Foundational Initiatives

Focus first on system performance and readiness

- **Data Collection and Quality**
 - More street outreach with focus on CES intakes
 - Increase # of providers using CES and HMIS
 - Improve quality of data - reduce errors, entry time, etc.
- **Key Provider Capacity Building**
 - Internal infrastructure development – ‘back office’
 - Service delivery – use evidence-based best practices
 - Ability to hire and retain qualified staff
- **Priority Projects Pipeline**
 - Support critical shelter and housing projects underway

What needs to happen **NOW** for us to be successful **LATER**?

What data will help show us the **PROBLEMS** and the **SOLUTIONS**?

How can we support the **PEOPLE** doing the work?

How can we quickly get **MORE UNITS** built?



Equity, Compassion, Collaboration, Community, Respect
**Mid-Columbia
Community
Action Council**



*Pioneering pathways
to prosperity.*



**Mid-Columbia
Houseless
Collaborative**

Shelter Services Housing Advocacy



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- Established an **Office of Housing Stabilization**
- **Signed MOU** with each local government
- Designated elected officials for **Advisory Committee**
- Established **Collaborative Office** and hired lead staff
- **Strategic Plan** finalized in September 2022, kickstarted by Providence funding
 - Goal 1: Shelter
 - Goal 2: Services
 - Goal 3: Housing
 - Goal 4: Advocacy

The Gloria Center



Connecting the Dots on the Ground



Diversion & Prevention



Abatement & Sanitation



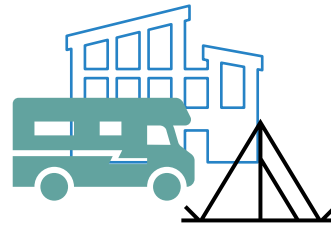
Behavioral Health & Addiction Treatment



Permanent Supportive Housing



Outreach & Coordinated Entry



Shelter and Services

Racial Justice & Equity



Questions?

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