

## Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee

January 13, 2026, 5:30 PM Remote Meeting

Committee Attendance:

Anna Bullett, Chair (District 4), Sarah Michniewicz (District 1), (Wesley Pelletier (District 2).

Councilor Attendance:

City Staff:

Adam Harr, Executive Assistant; Greg Jordan, Assistant City Manager; Chad Johnston, Fire Chief; Caity Hager, Emergency Management Coordinator; Maggie McLoughlin, Director or HHS; Dena Libner, Assistant City Manager.

### 1. Announcements

- Councilor Fournier unable to attend due to employment responsibilities.

### 2. Review and Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2025

- Councilor Pelletier Moved to approve the minutes and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz. The minutes were approved unanimously 3-0 with Councilor Fournier absent at the time of approval.

### 3. Discussion: Winter Warming Shelter Activation Threshold (Councilor Anna Bullett, Chair)

- Emergency Management Coordinator Hager explained the thresholds for activation were retained from last year.
  - Threshold
  - Analyze historical data and forecasts for the season and meet with the shelter directors to determine how many days the shelter would likely be activated and determine how many activations funding would allow.
- Director McLoughlin explained that hypothermia sets in at 45 degrees which informs the threshold.
  - It costs approximately \$7,000 per activation; funding allows for 50 activations.
  - The Warming Shelter
- Are there data on exposure deaths on nights the shelter was not activated?
  - Have not been able to identify a data source for tracking at the state level; housing status is not captured by vital statistics by the state.
- Councilor Michniewicz noted that that the shelter did not open two nights that thresholds would have called for which occurred multiple times in the previous iteration when the shelter was run by community partners.
- We have activated 12 nights
  - Half of the individual served have not stayed at the HSC, either at all or in the past 6 months.
  - 35% have been at the HSC in the last 6 months.
  - 15% have been at the HSC in the last 6 to 12 months range.
- Chair Bullett requested that this remains a standing update through the end of Winter.

#### 4. Committee 2026 Workplan

- Goal is to determine top level priorities.
  - Council Pelletier requested:
    - a protocol for alerts of cruise ships disembarking with norovirus to communicate to the public and for staff
    - An on-peninsula day space
    - Overdose prevention centers.
    - Immigration policies and clarifying gray zones.
      - May be able to get an update from the District Attorney.
      - How do our officers and citizens interact with agents of unknown affiliation? (uniform requirements)
  - Council Michniewicz
    - Seconded day space
    - Community policing stations are physically limited leaving some neighborhoods to go without.
      - Greater distribution for the public to have access and for officers to be dedicated to those areas.
      - The civilian coordinators interface with the community and as a result of these limitations, some areas are underserved.
      - Overview of where they could potentially be sited.
    - Framework for how we approach social services in Portland.
    - Update on food service delivery.
      - Will potentially dovetail with day space.
    - Urban rangers update.
      - Will be included in the PD update every other month with Fire and additional HHS division updates.
  - Chair Bullett
    - Reminded that the first held session of Council goal setting occurred last night and this work plan won't be finalized until the Council goal settings are finalized.
    - Regional coordination on homeless services.
      - Every other month reports.
      - Needle waste impact
        - Root cause solutions.
    - Housing Stability
      - Housing support funding; will follow HCDC work plan.
    - Senior center.
      - Policy?
      - Feasibility Study?
- Will prioritize seasonally impacted goals.
- City Manager Jordan
  - S&T is handling most of Vision Zero, but a possible law enforcement element that would be included are red light cameras that could be relevant to this committee.
    - Explore what can and cannot be done and what we would want or not want to do within those confines.
    - Data security and privacy

- Evidence based analysis of does it save lives and its efficacy.
- Current location of the police station and will update the committee.

**Next meeting is February 10, 2026.**

Councilor Pelletier oved to adjourn, and was seconded by Councilor Michniewicz. The motion passed unanimously 3-0 (Councilor Fournier absent) and the meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM.