



CITY OF TUALATIN

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Megan Cohen, Homelessness City/County Liaison

DATE: April 14, 2025

SUBJECT:
Homelessness City/County Liaison Six Month Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Washington County Supportive Housing Services (SHS) funds a City/County Homelessness Liaison position that is shared between the cities of Tigard, Tualatin, and Sherwood. The position supports efforts that have a direct impact on homelessness within the SE Washington County cities and elevates local issues to Washington County. The position coordinates with city services including community engagement, law enforcement, library, public works, parks, and external partners that are engaged in issues relating to homelessness to address programmatic, communication, and community needs. The SE Washington County Homelessness Liaison, Megan Cohen, will present a six-month update to City Council on her engagement in Tualatin and the services that are available.

Cohen will be joined by two Street Outreach workers who provide service referral and coordination for unhoused or unsheltered individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Tualatin.

- Caleb Peterson is the Street Outreach Coordinator for Just Compassion of East Washington County, which is contracted by Washington County to provide two outreach workers for SE Washington County. Just Compassion serves adults 18+, operating a Resource Center and Shelter in Tigard.
- Lucy Simmons is the Outreach Coordinator for HomePlate Youth Services, which is contracted by Washington County to provide three outreach workers focusing on the youth population for the entire county. HomePlate Youth Services serves youth 12-24 and operates a Drop-In Center in Beaverton.

Peterson and Simmons will provide an overview of their efforts connecting with people experiencing homelessness in Tualatin and helping them to obtain services and housing.

In addition to street outreach, the update will touch on topics such as the recent Point-in-Time Count, inclement weather shelter, Metro SHS reform, and new and upcoming resources in Washington County.

ATTACHMENTS:

-PowerPoint Presentation