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MEMORANDUM

TO: Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Mary Rumbaugh and Shannon Callahan, Housing and Community Development Department
RE: Continuum of Care Review Panel Board Representative
DATE: December 9, 2025

REQUEST: Board selection of a representative to the Continuum of Care local review panel.

BACKGROUND: The FY2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition released on November 13, 2025, by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) introduces significant structural, scoring, and policy changes. Among the new requirements is that the local board which reviews the ranking of CoC applications for funding must include three local elected officials.

This year's competition also requires two representatives from law enforcement, one representative from the business community and one representative with lived experience of homelessness. Staff is working to identify people from these required categories to support the process this year.

To fulfill the requirement for elected representation, staff recommends the Board of Commissioners appoint one of its members to serve on this panel, with the other two elected official spots to be filled through an appeal to Clackamas County cities.

The panel will meet from 9:00-10:30AM on Thursday, December 18, 2025, to review and approve a final ranking of local applications for submission to HUD in January.

This year's CoC funding round is expected to be exceptionally competitive. H3S is working aggressively to prepare the strongest possible applications under the new criteria. Assembling a local review panel in alignment with the new membership requirements, including elected officials, is part of this overall strategy to best position Clackamas County to receive CoC funding.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board appoint one Commissioner to participate in the 2025 CoC ranking review panel and direct staff to work with city partners to fill the two other panel elected positions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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