

Summary – Community Sounding Board meeting 2

Meeting date: November 18, 2020

Virtual meeting via Zoom

- Introduced “the state at the table” representative for state participation in seeking solutions to homelessness in the Thurston County area.
- DES shared its timeline for next steps, its draft rule proposal and its draft implementation plan framework.

Group discussed:

- Participation by Emily Grossman, Policy and Strategy Advisor for the Department of Commerce Community Services and Housing Division, in Regional Housing Council activities around homelessness and how to connect with her moving forward.
- Key implementation plan aspects including no parking from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. along Deschutes Parkway and how that aligns with hours in other jurisdictions, suggestions for communication and outreach, and how DES can best stay connected with regional partners during both initial and ongoing implementation.
- The importance of clear signage during implementation and reviewed the draft rule element related to the department’s responsibility for signage.