



*The Homeless Leadership Coalition/Continuum of Care is a collaboration of community partners in Crook, Jefferson, and Deschutes Counties and The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, engaging the community through education, advocacy, planning, prioritization and accountability for services to persons experiencing homelessness.*

[www.cohomeless.org](http://www.cohomeless.org)

***“We are stronger, healthier, safer communities where people can thrive when everyone has a safe, stable place to call home.”***

#### **HLC AGENDA**

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 8am-9am  
Downtown Bend Library  
601 NW Wall St

Call in number provided.

#### **Welcome/Introductions**

**Mara Stephens; Bend-LaPine School District Homeless Liaison/FAN 15 minutes**

FAN Advocates and McKinney Vinto Liaisons are different people.  
Feel free to share email, phone office location

**Ari Halpern, Halpern Law Group and Theresa Quade, the Bend SSA Director**

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Feel free to refer clients to the firm or the social security office. Will take cases at any stage. clients should continue to access care and treatment and be honest with their care providers about their experience and limitations.

Many types of disability with varying criteria (the person's limitations) and are they enough to prevent full-time competitive employment.

Attorneys only get paid if case is won. If the case is won and there are back benefits, the attorney receives 25% w/ a maximum of \$6,000, whichever is less. The payment is from social security not the client. 3 ways to apply online, in person, or via phone.

There are other fees (photocopies, records requests, postage etc.)- Firm requests either \$10 installments or \$150 for a trustee account. If this is a hardship that can be discussed.

Diagnosis vs limitations= diagnosis does not get you benefits, it's based on your limitations and the severity of limitations (physical/mental)

Local Social Security office supports many types of entitlements & benefit verification.

Local phone: 877-405-0302 Fax: 541-385-6074

Staff of 11 people.

Functional reports are very important because the persons making decisions are relying solely on the information on the form.

Social Security requires direct deposit or they will receive a direct express card.

### **Agency updates/announcement** 10 minutes

Funds available within the community from Oregon Housing and Community services. These funds are to ensure there is a warming shelter available in every community. Neighbor Impact,, Homeless Leadership Coalition board is working on this. We are working as a region instead of as individual agencies. You will see a future announcement from HLC on this and how to apply. Tri-County wide there is a warming shelter that will most likely be running in November. Need to identify a Bend location.

Sign up for HLC newsletter at the HLC website.  
Send announcements to [newsletter@cohomeless.org](mailto:newsletter@cohomeless.org)

NeighborImpact Energy Assistance is open now. Propane benefit has increased.

**Next meeting:** Next Meeting Friday November 1 location TBD