

# Minutes

## Multnomah County Animal Services Community Advisory Committee

January 28th, 2025  
6:30-8:30 PM



### 1. Agenda

#### Meeting Summary from Facilitator

The CAC met for 2 hours to discuss whose voice is missing and share ideas about the role that others who care about MCAS could play with the CAC. Slide deck [here](#).

For each of the discussion topics, we broke into 2 small groups and practiced “think, write, share”. Images of the notes taken during these small group discussions are embedded below. Overall there is a lot of interest in elevating the voices of those who might not readily have access to decision makers at the County (electeds and leadership) or within MCAS, and to build partnerships and collect data that can better inform a strategy for how to do this.

Committee members expressed interest in understanding the budget process within the constraint environment and how this might impact current operations and development of the new shelter.

This committee does not advise the board or play a budget advisory role, but the MCAS CBAC presentation video and the Chair’s budget survey were shared with CAC members as well as an offer for staff to inform on the budget in more detail outside of the CAC structure.

<b>1.1 Public, interested parties and parallel organization engagement</b>	<p>1.1 A: Whose voice is missing? Who is not getting access to MCAS either through decision makers or the CAC and how can we elevate their voices?</p> <p>1.1 B: What role should others who care about MCAS play with this committee in the future?</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<p>1.1 A: Reflection, then small group discussion.</p> <p><u>Large group share:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited access to technology</li> <li>• Limited access to MCAS (location)</li> <li>• Senior Citizens</li> <li>• Marginalized communities</li> <li>• Limited mobility/disability</li> <li>• English as second language</li> <li>• Immigrants</li> <li>• Fosters</li> <li>• Houseless communities</li> <li>• Other rescue groups/coalitions</li> <li>• People “on the edge” - may just barely not qualify for services/help</li> <li>• Community ambassadors</li> <li>• People/ adopters looking for emotional/physical support from pet</li> <li>• Rural communities</li> <li>• People in need of vet care</li> <li>• Volunteer hotline</li> <li>• People who have had a bad experience with government or do not trust the government</li> <li>• Pets voice/needs</li> </ul> <p>(consider intersectionality of these groups)</p> <p>1.1 B: Reflection, then small group discussion.</p> <p><u>Large group share:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connecting with organizations and partners</li> <li>• Storytelling/Community assessment</li> <li>• Idea testing/samples/pilots</li> <li>• Testifying for change (laws)</li> <li>• Diversifying/Accessibility</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community outreach (grassroots, not just technological) - maybe attending community events and tabling</li> <li>• research /feedback poll/suggestion box</li> <li>• Message amplifier - using county comms resources to amplify messages that meet public needs</li> <li>• Hearing community concerns</li> <li>• Veterinarian Feedback/contributions</li> <li>• What can CAC do to engage? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Designing and offering surveys(individuals, organizations, and leaders)</li> <li>○ Work with trusted community leaders (political leaders, faith-based, educators)</li> <li>○ Host town halls / outreach</li> <li>○ Meet people where they are at (go to events/table)</li> <li>○ Reaching out to other organizations like Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland (ASAP) and asking them to do some work that might not land within the CAC's mission/objective(s)</li> <li>○ Having joint advisory committee meetings with other CACs at the county who serve a population that MCAS wants to serve better (example ADVSD)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Decisions made:	N/A
Actions:	<p>Homework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring between 1 and 3 agreements to the next CAC meeting that you either want to keep in the Membership Agreement, or want to add to the Membership agreement.</li> <li>• Review the scope and charge of the MCAS CAC in the position description.</li> </ul>

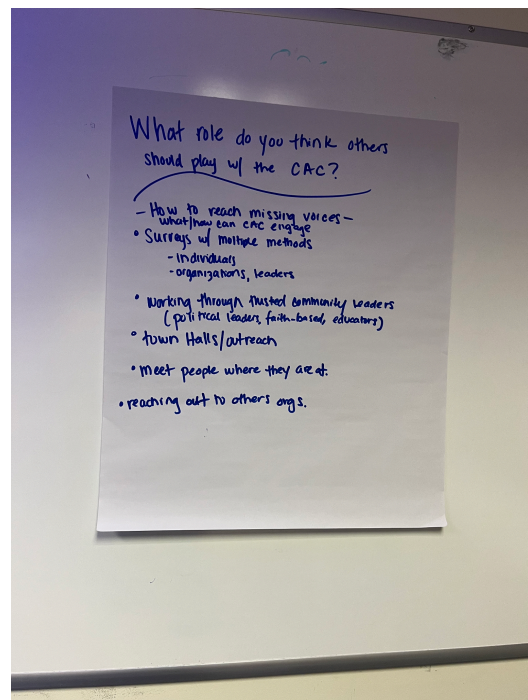
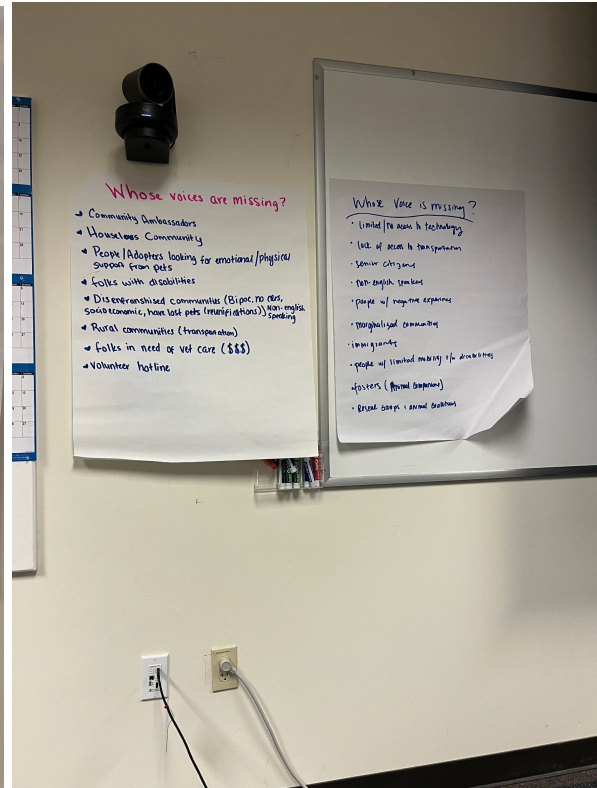
	<p>Next meeting agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task bank development</li> <li>• Membership Agreement</li> </ul>

2. Other Action Items/Notes	
2.1 Review final values from last meeting	<p>Equity - strive for balance of consideration for human and animals, cultural respect</p> <p>Goal Focused</p> <p>Transparent</p> <p>Curious</p> <p>Empathetic</p> <p>Respectful</p> <p><i>Everyone is in agreement on these and they will be displayed at the beginning of each meeting.</i></p>
2.2 Members request to discuss budget process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently facing a \$21 million budget constraint for the upcoming year.</li> <li>• Only 1 CAC that has auth to provide budgeting feedback (CBAC).</li> </ul>

3. Parking Lot Ideas:	
3.1 N/A	



- Connecting w/ organizations / partnerships
- storytelling / community assessment
- Idea testing / samples / pilots
- Testifying for changes (laws)
- Diversifying / Accessibility
- Community Outreach (not just technological) <sup>Grassroots/</sup>
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- Veteranian feedback / contributions
- Message amplifier / Diverse voices / Ambassador
- Hearing community concerns



Next Meeting: March 25th (?), 2025; 6:30pm-8:30pm