Shelter Better Practices
Nationally Recognized, Evidence Based
Low Barrier Shelters

• Requirements for entry are limited or minimal
• Encourage guests to seek resources by eliminating obstacles
• Emphasize welcoming guests in as they are, while having clear and simple behavioral expectations
• Limited duration, step towards permanent housing
Access to services

- Emergency Food and Shelter
- Supportive Services
  - Life Skills
  - Substance Abuse
  - Financial Health
  - Job Training
  - Personal Identification (ID Cards)
- Long Term Housing
- Daycare
Vetting Agency

• Our Path Home develop Shelter Criteria
• Review proposed shelter and affordable housing projects before they move to the CUP process
• Location, size, population, neighborhood outreach, provided services
Conditional Use Permit

• How often is the permit revisited?
• Are the conditions that must be maintained that are reviewed by Planning and Zoning?
• Who is policing the CUP and what are the consequences?
Innovative Practices

- Cahoots
- Residential Work Programs
- Opportunity Village (Tiny Homes)
- Apps.
CAHOOTS

• Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets
• Community-based public safety system to provide mental health first response for crises involving mental illness, homelessness, and addiction
• Trauma-informed de-escalation and harm reduction techniques
• Not law enforcement officers and do not carry weapons
• 17% of Eugene Police Department’s overall call volume
• Legal in Idaho?
Outreach Ambassadors (Community Criteria)

- Much of the community pushback full of misinformation, a side effect of the unknown
- Identify people who live in the neighborhoods who may perceive an impact from proposed projects. Meet with them before the planning process to get their input and help in moving information to their neighbors
- Include neighbors in the process
- Similar to the cities approach for workforce housing
Good Neighborhood Agreement

- Neighbors, local businesses and Shelter Staff
- Create positive communication and plan together
- Legally binding
- Accountability