



**CARING PLACE**

OCBA Forum  
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Solving Homelessness through  
Community Collaboration





# **Clackamas County's Recovery-Oriented System of Care**

**Commissioner Ben West**

# What is an ROSC?

- ▶ A Recovery-Oriented System of Care (ROSC) is a coordinated network of community-based services that is person-centered and builds on the strengths and resiliencies of individuals, families, and communities to achieve abstinence and improved health, wellness, and quality of life for those with or at risk of alcohol and drug problems.
- ▶ An ROSC supports the premise that there are many pathways to recovery.



BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Supporting a  
Recovery-Oriented System of  
Care in Responding to the  
Addictions, Mental Health and  
Homelessness Crisis



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**WHEREAS**, Clackamas County has identified drugs, crime, and untreated mental illness, of which homeless encampments are a symptom, as top threats to the health, safety and flourishing of all of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Clackamas County believes in the dignity and worth of its residents, and the communal good that is achieved when residents are on a path toward the realization of their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, Clackamas County acknowledges that a significant and consequential portion of both those struggling with homelessness in the greater Portland area and throughout North America also contend with the complex diseases of mental illness and or addiction, whether a precursor to or a result of homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Surgeon General specifically describes addiction as a brain disorder



# Tackling the problem

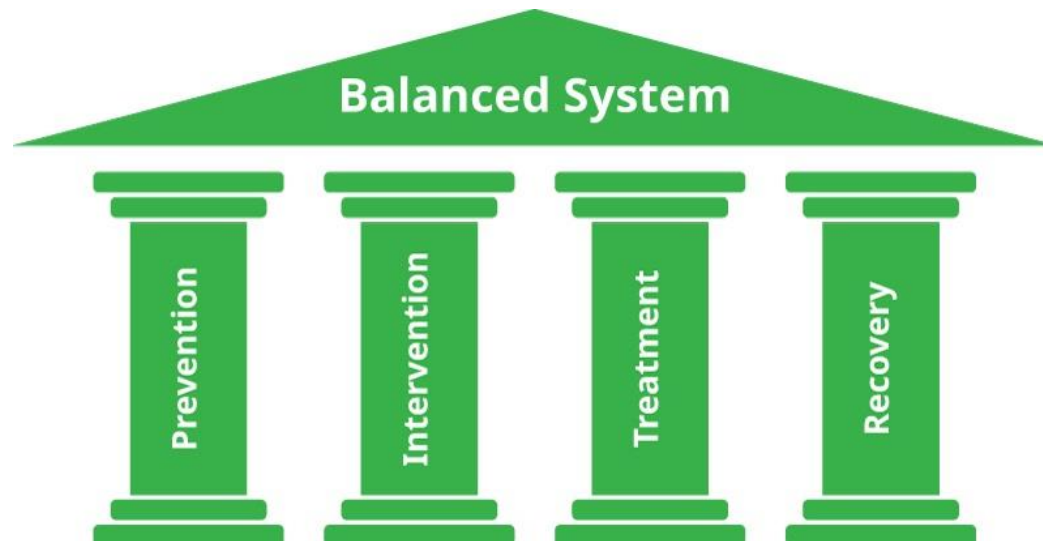
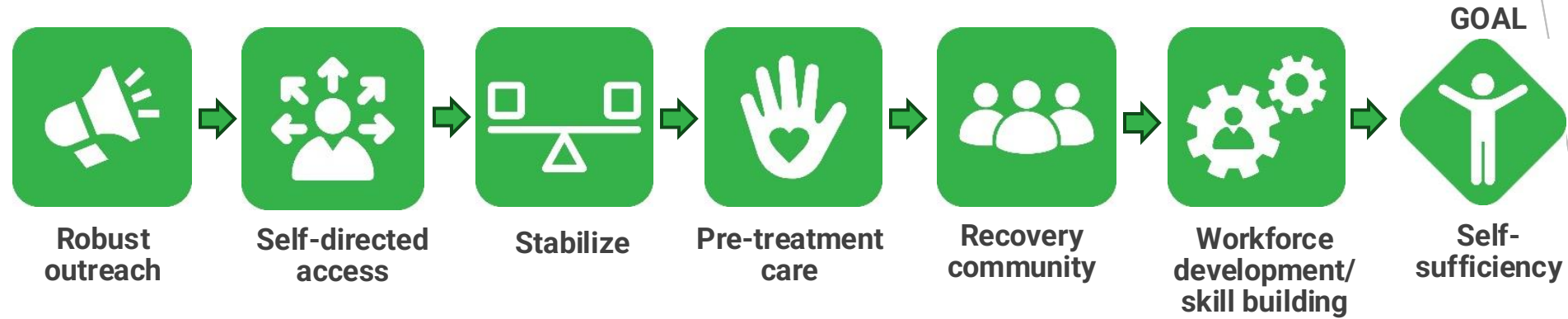
Addiction, mental health, and homelessness are complex and often interconnected. In April 2023, the county took a bold approach by establishing a recovery-oriented system of care (ROSC).

# Clackamas Addictions Recovery Summit

- ▶ In September 2023, the Board of County Commissioners held the Summit, a forum which brought together local, national and international experts on addiction and homelessness.
- ▶ The purpose of the Summit was to learn more about evidence-based programs, best practices, and lessons learned to expand investments related to homelessness, addictions and mental health.
- ▶ Commissioners were looking for new solutions.



# My vision



# How We're Expanding: Our Priority Investments

► Building on what we already have, the County is investing in six flagship projects that will ensure access to a recovery pathway depending on an individual's unique needs. Five are:

- Recovery Campus
- Crisis Stabilization Center
- Lake Road Health Center
- Clackamas Village
- Recovery Housing







## Our 6<sup>th</sup> Investment: Caring Place

- ▶ In 2023, Clackamas County granted \$10 million to the nonprofit Homeless Solutions Coalition of Clackamas County (HSCCC) in support of the future Caring Place, a homeless services resource center.
- ▶ The facility will help people navigate community programs and connect them directly with housing, basic needs and other safety net programs.
- ▶ Located in Oregon City, Caring Place expands access to housing services resources.





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Our mission is to inspire, motivate, and empower our community to develop and implement solutions to homelessness in Clackamas County.

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The Caring Place project, which includes a 35,000-sq ft building, is estimated to cost \$28 million. Thanks to generous grants from Clackamas County (\$10 million) and the State of Oregon (\$2 million), HSCCC is on its way to making its vision a reality.



# Partners

- The Father's Heart
- LoveOne
- Oregon City Community Court
- Clackamas County's Coordinated Housing Access
- Homeless Solutions Coalition of Clackamas County
- Health care providers









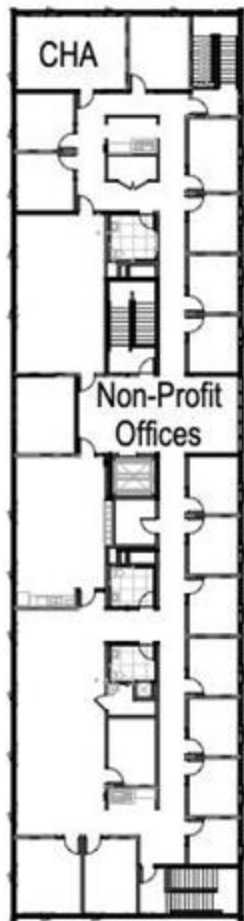












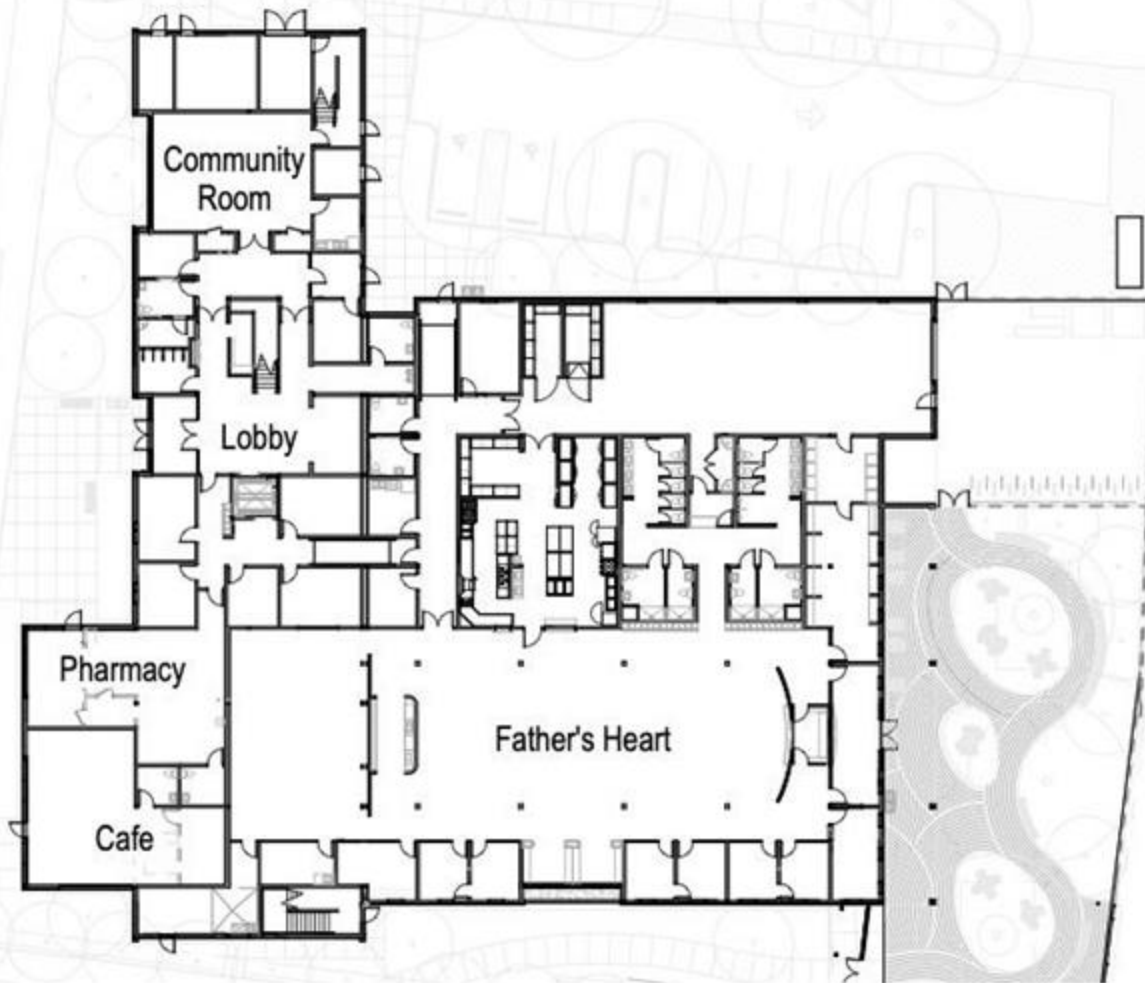
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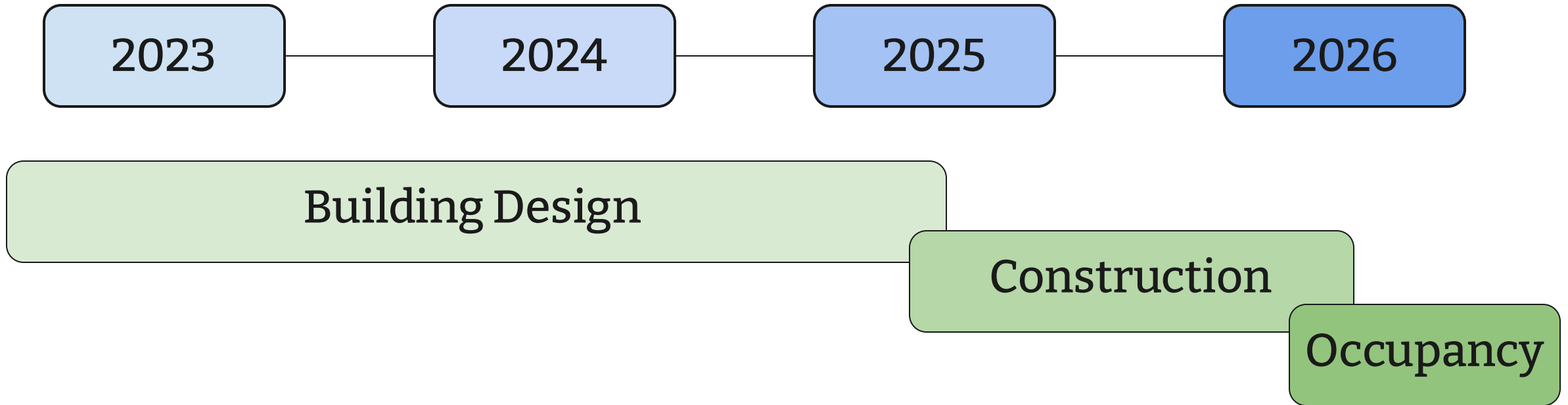


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# Project Timeline







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**HSCCC aims to raise \$28 million for this project.**  
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# Ways to Engage

- Invite HSCCC to present to your community or group
- Volunteer at one of our partner agencies
- Make a donation to the Caring Place
- Join our newsletter to stay informed
- Visit our website at [www.hsgccc.org](http://www.hsgccc.org)
- Attend “A Night of Caring” Gala on Oct 10, 2025

Contact us about any of the above at  
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SAVE THE DATE

Friday, Oct. 10, 2025

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# Caring Place Forum Panelists

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**Andrew Suchocki**

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*The Father's Heart & LoveOne  
Executive Director*

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*HSCCC Executive Director*

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*City Manager of Oregon City*

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