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Danielle P. West, *Interim City Manager*



**To:** Mayor Snyder and Members of the Portland City Council

**From:** Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

**Date:** March 27, 2023

**Re:** Temporary/Emergency Housing Plan

This memo is to update you on a plan to address the temporary/emergency shelter capacity issues in the City of Portland, in response to the significant increase in demand for shelter by both individuals and families. Below is a summary and timeline for the activation of various properties to address this situation over the next three to four months plus. We will be reviewing the entire plan, its costs, and requesting your guidance/answering any questions on this proposal. The plan is as follows:

#### **Portland Public School Gymnasium**

Staff plan to continue to operate a temporary overnight shelter at a Portland public school gymnasium until on or about *Monday, April 10, 2023*. This location is currently at capacity, with approximately 130 family members sheltered there on a nightly basis.

#### **Portland Expo Center**

Beginning on or after *Monday, April 10th*, staff plan to operate the Portland Expo as a temporary overnight shelter for asylum seekers (both individuals and families). We will be seeking assistance from the community and community partners as part of this operation, and we expect its operation to continue until additional capacity is made available by a private partner (see details below).

#### **Family Shelter/Overflow Space**

The family shelter will remain operational and is currently at capacity. The overflow space will also continue to be available, if needed.

#### **Blueberry Road Property**

Made possible by a partnership between Developers Collaborative and the Center for Regional Prosperity, a temporary overnight shelter is anticipated to be developed and activated at this location on or after July 2023. At this point, guests would relocate from the Expo to this facility once it is completed.

Developers Collaborative has indicated that they plan to develop the site and partner with a private social services provider to operate the shelter, which is expected to operate for at least two (2) plus years.

**Homeless Services Center (HSC)**

This facility will serve 208 circumstantially homeless individuals and is expected to become operational on or about *Monday, March 27*, or shortly thereafter. The HSC is expected to be at full capacity immediately upon opening.