

A Road Home

10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Washington County, Oregon

YEAR 1: July 2008 – June 2009

(4th Quarterly Update: June 2009)

Prevent People from Becoming Homeless

Action Steps (Strategy #)	Status	Lead	
Create a Universal Point of Referral for at-risk tenancies (1.1)	--- Remove from Year 1 ---	H	--
Work with Evictions Court to develop process for Diversion Specialist (1.2)	--- Remove from Year 1 ---	H	--
Develop homeless prevention strategies (Jail and Hospitals) and track # of discharges (1.3)	7/08 – Committee formed to address incarcerated and hospitalized homeless persons to obtain and retain SSI/SSDI, Medicaid, and TANF benefits. --- Carry forward to Year 2.	IS	∞
Integrate homeless/formerly homeless consumer participation in program development (1.6)	Representation on agency Boards, at HSSN and HPAC meetings, and new project development committees.	All	☑
Provide Family Mediation and Reunification Services (1.7)	Services provided by The Boys and Girls Aid Society at the Safe Place Youth Shelter.	YTH	☑
Expand HomePlate Program and develop drop-in center for youth (1.7.c)	10/08 – A plan is in development on expanding in the future to include a drop-in-center.	YTH	∞
Develop sustainable funding Year 1 for Safe Place Shelter (1.8)	10/08 - \$230,000 operating funds secured by The Boys and Girls Aid Society; additional \$266,000 needed to stabilize funding for 24/7 access to 7 beds.	YTH	∞

Move People into Housing

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Increase rental assistance to serve: 9 units for chronic homeless people (2.1)	12/08 – 9 Shelter Plus Care vouchers issued.	MHSN/ HS	☑
10 units for high-need homeless families (2.1.c)	7/08 – 12 families in the B2H program, implementation 9/2008.	JIT	☑
6 units Youth Transitional Living Program (2.1.e)	12/08 – Program enrollment complete – 7 clients leased.	YTH	☑
10 units Short-term Rental Assistance linked with mental health services and employment (2.2, 3.4, 4.2, 5.2)	4/09 - 10-bed Homeless To Work program for single men.	HS/IS/ MHSN	☑
Increase supply of housing units: 5 units permanent affordable housing for extremely low-income persons (2.4)	7/08 – 12 units at Merlo Station, Beaverton.	PH	☑
Create Risk Mitigation Pool (2.5)	12/08 – Pilot program model discussions.	MHSN/ PH	∞
Preservation of affordable housing (2.6)	10/08 – 48 units at Garden Grove (Forest Grove) preserved. 24 units at Stewart Terrace and 111 units at Woodland Park – on hold due to bond market.	PH	∞
County/City Tax Exemption Program (2.6.b)		PH	∞
Increase private housing market units through Landlord forums (2.7)	Scheduled: April 22, 2009 “Saving” Your Bottom Line – Attracting and Maintaining Tenants	PH/ HS	☑

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Link People to Appropriate Services and Remove Barriers

Action Steps (Strategy #)	Status	Lead	
Develop unified assessment system (3.1)		H	
Expand Homeless Outreach (3.2)		MHSN/ H	
Begin project development of One-Stop Resource Center (3.3)	--- Remove from Year 1 ---	MHSN	--
Hold Project Homeless Connect event to engage under-served homeless persons and develop new community resources (3.3.e)	January 28, 2009 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sonrise Community Church 6701 NE Campus Way, Hillsboro	H	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Develop On-Line Resource Platform (3.5)	8/20/08 – One Economy will present roll-out of draft software. 11/08 – Pilot testing March 2009. Scheduled release Spring 2009.	IS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expand Veteran Services (3.6)	11/08 – Kick-off meeting held between Housing Services and DAVS. 3/09 – Outreach/Referral System implemented in partnership with US Dept. of Veterans Affairs, DAVS, and OR-Employment.	IS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increase Child Care (3.7)	Community Action awarded \$6,000 (CDBG) for child care linked to B2H	H	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increase Transportation (3.8)	10/1/08 – HSSN, presentations on Ride Connection and RideWise programs.	H	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Expand links between Housing and Food/Nutrition Programs (3.9)	10/2/08 - Kick-off meeting to develop plan for expanding housing and food linked programs. In Summer 2008, 39 sites served (31 in 2007).	PH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Develop Unified Housing Screening Policy linked to 2.5 Risk Mitigation Pool (3.10)	--- Remove from Year 1 ---	MHSN/ PH	--

Increase Income Support and Economic Opportunities

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Reduce barriers to accessing mainstream benefits (4.2)	4/15/08 – Oregon DHS hosted SOAR 5/14/08 – SSA hosted SSI/SSDI Basics	IS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Develop HSSN Income Support Subcommittee (4.4)	7/08 - HSSN Subcommittee transition complete.	IS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Expand Data Collection

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Implement HMIS in Homeless Program data collection (5.1)	1/09 - Street and Shelter Homeless Count completed and enumerated in HMIS.	All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Expand number of HMIS users (5.2)	4/09 – New users include Homeless To Work.	All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Develop 10-year Plan Advisory Committee (5.3)	9/23/08 – County Commissioners approved HPAC Resolution & Order. 12/16/08 – HPAC members appointed.	HS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OR-506 CoC participate in Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) (5.4)	12/08 – AHAR submitted.	HS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Perform comprehensive Point-In-Time Homeless Count, use data to develop annual 10-year Plan Action Steps (5.5)	January 25 – January 31, 2009	H	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Implement Public Education on Homelessness

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Website, forums (6.1)	New site: http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/10-year-plan-to-end-homelessness.cfm	HS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10-Year Plan reports on outcomes (6.2)		HS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Education Campaign, Roundtable discussions(6.3)	Interfaith Committee is tentatively scheduling Summit (May 09) to address 3-H's (Health, Hunger and Housing).	ICH	<input type="checkbox"/>

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