

# 2009 Oregon Forum on Ending Homelessness

November 19, 2009  
The LaSells Stewart Center  
Corvallis, Oregon

8:30 – 9:00 **COFFEE AND REGISTRATION**

9:00 – 9:15 Welcoming Remarks **Rick Crager, OHCS Deputy Director and EHAC Chair**

9:15 – 9:30 Opening Keynotes **Representative Peter Buckley**

9:30 -11:30 **Morning Sessions  
Concurrent**

## **10-Year Plans: Getting them Developed and Launched**

Beginning community discussions of a 10 Year Plan: Rationale, recruiting the key players, establishing the core goals and objectives to accomplish a plan that really works. An effective community homelessness plan needs information and data to make the case. Ask your peers how they started up their plan process, the obstacles they encountered, and the tasks still before them. This session will focus on the plan process, from inception through writing, up to the first stages of implementation.

*Facilitator:* Paul Carlson, Regional Coordinator USICH  
Bruce Abernethy, former Mayor of Bend  
Captain Ben Atchley, Albany Police Department  
Bob More, Oregon Coast Community Action  
Silas Halloran-Steiner, Yamhill County

## **Plan Unveiled and Adopted, Now What?**

Local 10-year plans get the blessing from the city or the county commissioners but often delegate the actual implementation to community groups of housing and service providers, or a branch of their government. The first one is on its 5<sup>th</sup> year of implementation while others are on their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year or just recently adopted.

Learn from your peers how they have managed to keep elected officials engaged, how to put the various pieces of the plan together, and who keeps track the actions agreed upon are being implemented, and how is it all financed. Ask them how they link people experiencing homelessness with other main stream services. Ask them what tools they have available to keep track and show success. Ask them how they adapt to changing social, political and economic environments.

*Facilitator:* Ed Angeletti, ACCESS, Inc.  
Pearl Wolfe, Lane County Human Services Commission  
Richie Weinman, Lane County Human Services  
Joan Zimmer, Community Services Consortium  
Sally Erickson, City of Portland  
David Christian, Jackson County  
Annette Evans, Washington County

11:30 – 1:00 **Lunch and Keynote Address**

## **Making a Case for Homeless Persons in the 2010 Census**

The 2010 Census is approaching fast. April 1, 2010 is Census Day when the US Census Bureau will count the entire population of the United States. One of the most difficult challenges facing the Census Bureau is enumerating people who experience homelessness. Mr. Burns will talk about the plans in place to count people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. He will describe when the enumeration will take place, how the Bureau will count people at shelters, abuse centers, mobile food vans, and targeted non-sheltered street locations, and job opportunities to work as a census enumerator. Why is the Census too important to ensure an accurate count? Many programs and grants are funded through federal revenue sharing as a result of the Census head count. The Census is used as one of the fundamental formulae for allocating funds for many grants that provide community services for homeless persons.

**Michael P. Burns, US Census Bureau**

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## Afternoon Sessions

1:15 - 2:15	<p><b>Shifting Paradigms About Homelessness: Adapting to New Programs and Policies</b></p> <p>Between the federal programs leaning towards prevention and rapid-rehousing, a shift towards funding housing programs and less for services, changes through the HEARTH Act, and Oregon's homelessness policy in law there are many changes going on. Hear about these changes and how they might affect implementation of local 10-year plans.</p> <p>Nancy Donovan, HUD – Oregon State Office Rick Crager, OHCS</p>
	<p><b>Housing First – A Discussion</b></p> <p>At the core of local ten year plans to end homelessness are strategies to provide housing, in some cases with a focus on permanent housing, while in others a continuum of emergency to permanent housing. Generally, the plans adhere to the concept of Housing First whose basic premise is that homeless persons need housing first and foremost before offering a plan for services. What exactly is Housing First? How has it been applied in Oregon? How has it helped homeless families, and other people experiencing chronic homeless? These questions will be addressed in this discussion.</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Heather Lyons, Senior Program Manager Corporation for Supportive Housing</p>

## BREAK

2:30– 4:30	<p><b>Successful Strategies, and Applying Lessons Learned</b></p> <p>The Corporation for Supportive Housing, a national non-profit organization, has done extensive research, policy development, and capacity building throughout the country for the development of permanent supportive housing to prevent and end homelessness. They work with state and local communities engaged in 10-year plans to end homelessness.</p> <p>This session will highlight successful strategies in building the structure and processes to engage different players to tackle multitude of issues associated with homelessness. It will also give attendees an opportunity to identify ways of begin applying the lessons learned in the morning sessions.</p> <p>Heather Lyons, Senior Program Manager Corporation for Supportive Housing</p>
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## END OF DAY ONE

**REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS FOR DAY 2 NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVENING MEALS.**