



Housing and Homelessness SUMMIT

Thursday
June 9, 2022

The Expo

Jackson County
Oregon

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Prior to the Summit

Baseline State...

- Critical housing shortage (Alameda fires)
- Minimal local awareness of the Continuum of Care
- Housing projects in silo
- Incoming housing dollars
- Behavioral health need for treatment with housing

Starting Point for Collaboration

BH Planning Grant Recipients

- Jackson Care Connect
- Youth 71Five Ministries
- Compass House
- Hearts with a Mission

Supporting Partners:

- Southern Oregon Success
- Continuum of Care

Grant Projects

- 6 question survey
- Facilitator training
- Listening sessions/group events
- **Housing Summit**

Survey: 134 respondents

*listening sessions with 248 participants

1. How have you struggled to secure housing?
2. What has caused you to lose your housing in the past?
3. Who (or what agencies) helped you with your housing needs?
4. What help do you still need related to housing?
5. These are the types of housing projects in discussion:
 - Emergency shelter or Stabilization Center; Transitional, short-term housing; Recovery/Sober housing; Permanent supported housing: long term housing with various types of supports depending on need
 - Local community planners assume that permanent supported housing is the biggest priority; Are we on the mark? If not, what kind of housing would you prioritize? (It can be something not on this list)
6. What else do we need to know about this topic or in making our recommendation to the Oregon Health Authority?

Key Takeaways

Financial hardship, worsened by the **lack of affordable housing options**, low-paying jobs or job loss, disability and **mental health challenges** and stigma/discrimination:

- Common reasons for losing housing are issues with quality, increases in rent, or interpersonal issues like intimate partner violence. Wildfires and natural disasters have also caused some housing loss in recent years.
- Over 43 organizations helped people in Jackson County with housing needs, especially governmental agencies, ACCESS, St. Vincent de Paul and HUD.
- The most common housing related needs 1) financial support, and 2) improvements in affordable housing availability, safety and quality.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing was the highest priority housing type.**
 - Access to housing support and resources can be improved by working through trusted voices, **offering support in Spanish**
 - Housing that supports people throughout substance use treatment and recovery is needed



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Goals of the Summit

Generate recommendations for the Oregon Health Authority on local housing needs:

- Increase collective shared understanding of local housing work
- Uncover gaps in local services
- Validate the results of surveys and interviews with participants
- Determine next steps

Housing and Homelessness Summit for Jackson County

June 9th 8:30am-3:30pm

**The Expo #1 Peninger Rd. Central Point, OR 97502
Lunch & Refreshments Provided!**

Please join an urgent community forum to **address the crisis of housing** and homelessness in our region. Those **with lived experience** will lead the narrative and advance the issue alongside providers representing **community-based support, construction industry, government, and treatment services**. The summit will highlight current housing and community reports, review active projects, and **formalize funding recommendations** to the Oregon Health Authority according to prioritized areas of need.



Contact Lisa@71Five.org with any questions and Register at: <https://www.71five.org/online-registration>

Summit Schedule

Welcome and Orientation.....	8:30 am
Housing Panel Presentation.....	8:45 am
Break in Padgham Pavilion	10:15 am
Musical Performance by Tracy Owen	
Exhibit and Small Group Presentations	10:30 am
Lunch in Mace Building	11:45 am
Musical Performance by James Beals	
Keynote Speakers Justin Hon and LaDonna Lofland	12:15 pm
OHA Behavioral Health Planning Grant Findings	12:45 pm
Solutions for Housing and Homelessness	1:00 pm
Facilitated by Nancy Goff and Dana Hiniker	
Collective Health Strategies	
Wrap Up and Next Steps.....	3:00 pm

Summit Committee

Vicky Armstrong
Continuum of Care

Ashley Blakely
Hearts With a Mission

Peter Buckley
Southern Oregon Success

Nancy Goff
Collective Health Strategies

Dana Hiniker
Collective Health Strategies

Julia Jackson
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Compass House

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Lisa Stadtmiller
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Anna Wayman
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Large Panel Presentation

- Julia Jackson, Jackson Care Connect
- Pam Marsh, OR State Representative
- Vicky Armstrong, Continuum of Care
- Kellie Battaglia, ACCESS
- Jason Elzy, Housing Authority
- Linda Hurst, Lived Experience
- Kelly Madding, City of Medford
- Chad McComas, Rogue Retreat



Lived Experience in the Spotlight



Tracy Owen

Musician

I teach music (keyboard/recorder) as well as reading at Compass House and through my own internet business. I take classical style recorder lessons from Anne Timberlake and jazz recorder lessons from Tali Rubinstein. I am a member of NAMI and a member of the Community Engagement Committee in Jackson County. I am also a proud mom of a grey/silver tabby named Snuggles.



James Beals

Musician

Hi! My name is James, and the things that help me through tough times are music and journaling. I love to write, but my true passion is piano. Sometimes when friends are not around, my piano is my friend. It has helped me through the ups and downs in life. Another thing that has helped me out are close friends. So thank you—you know who you are!



John Ardry

Lived Experience
Community Member

John has overcome difficulties related to mental health, hospitalizations, and income instability. He is now living independently and has stable employment for the first time in his life. At clubhouse, John is a mentor to anyone who needs support. His writing is regularly featured in our newsletter and gives members hope and inspiration.



Lynda Hurst

Lived Experience
Community Member

Lynda is an integral member of the Compass House. At one time she was an excellent downhill skier and enjoyed coaching for The Special Olympics. She has shown remarkable resiliency and determination in overcoming barriers related to mental health and poverty in her journey to find permanent housing in the Rogue Valley. Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors at the Compass House.



Justin Hon

Operations Manager
Rogue Retreat

Justin Hon was born in Medford and grew up in the valley. He identifies as a person in long-term recovery, with an amazing story of resilience against all odds. As the now Operations Manager for Rogue Retreat, he continues to play a critical part in the systemic change to help individuals transform their lives.

Recommendations

1. Develop and finance additional quality, safe, affordable housing units
2. Throughout any housing initiative, include people with lived experience in planning and implementing housing solutions
3. Increase collaboration and coordination among local organizations and sectors
4. Increase state and local funding for social services, including sustainable and flexible funding programs/models
5. Support tenants to find and maintain housing, including rent support and vouchers
6. Promote and implement Permanent Supportive Housing and Housing First models
7. Advance systems level changes through policies that support increases in income and availability of jobs with family-sustaining compensation, reduce barriers and improve accessibility of housing and housing services, and increase safety and efficiency of affordable housing



Questions?

Thank you!