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*A 10-year plan to end homelessness in
Portland and Multnomah County*

2006 2ND QUARTER REPORT: APRIL-JUNE 2006

In late December 2004, the City of Portland and Multnomah County released their 10-year plan to end homelessness. This plan is built on three principles: focus on the most chronically homeless populations, streamline access to existing services to prevent and reduce other homelessness, and concentrate resources on programs that offer measurable results. The three principles are inherent in each of nine action steps. Below are some of the changes that have occurred in the last few months.

FROM APRIL TO JUNE:

- ◆ **56 chronically homeless people moved into permanent housing. Of these, seven were ages 24 & under.**
- ◆ **49 families moved into housing, including 21 high resource families.**
- ◆ The wait time for TPI shelters is one week less from June 2005 to June 2006, although 8% more men and 19% more women are on the lists.*
- ◆ Project Homeless Families Connect occurred on July 11, 2006. Comprehensive information was collected in HMIS on 218 households [More information on the event will be reported in the 3rd quarter report].

* TPI staff report a dramatic increase in the wait list following Project Homeless Connect on January 17, 2006. In June 2005, 128 men and 63 women were on the waiting list. In June 2006, 138 men and 75 women were on the waiting list. In June 2005 the shelter wait time for men was 8 weeks for men and 7 weeks for women. In June 2006, it was 7 weeks for men and 6 weeks for women.

YEAR-TO-DATE:

- ◆ Since January 2006, a total of **206** chronically homeless people have moved into permanent housing, including **26** aged 24 & under.
- ◆ A total of **147** homeless families moved into permanent housing, including **50** high-resource families.
- ◆ *Housing Rapid Response*, a collaboration of Portland Police, Office of Neighborhood Involvement and Central City Concern, permanently housed **17** chronically homeless persons who had repeat arrests or incarceration.
- ◆ From January to June, **137** units of permanent supportive housing opened and **149** units were added to the pipeline. *Exceeded goal.*
- ◆ Since October 2005, four “Key Not a Card” programs have linked **144** people in **119** households directly from the streets into housing. Of these, 98.5% remain in stable permanent housing.

As of 6/30/06

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PORTLAND & MULTNOMAH COUNTY 10-YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS
2ND YEAR GOALS TO BE MET BY DECEMBER 31, 2006

1. Move people into Housing First.

🏠 390 chronically homeless people will have homes. Of these, 40 will be ages 24 & younger. 75% will remain housed after 6 months, and 65% will remain housed after one year.

🏠 250 homeless families with children will be permanently housed, of whom 100 will be high resource users. Of these, 75% will remain housed at 6 months, and 65% will remain housed after one year.

2. Stop discharging people into homelessness.

🕒 70% of homeless persons, who are assigned to Jail's homeless discharge planner's caseload, will be placed directly into stable housing upon discharge.

3. Improve outreach to homeless people.

🕒 Find a location and resources for Access/Resource Center.

🏠 Ensure outreach provider system connects people from the streets to housing and services to support housing retention.

4. Emphasize permanent solutions.

🏠 Waiting lists for shelters and turn away counts will reduce by 5 percent from 2005 levels.

🏠 Permanent housing placement from transitional housing will increase from 65.5% to 70%. After 12 months, permanent housing retention will increase from 59% to 65% retention.

5. Increase supply of permanent supportive housing.

🕒 120 new units of permanent supportive housing will be added to the development pipeline. (85 for chronically homeless people and 35 will be for homeless families).

6. Create innovative new partnerships to end homelessness.

7. Make the rent assistance system more effective.

🏠 250 households will be prevented from becoming homeless through provision of rent assistance. Of these, 75% will remain housed after 6 months, and 65% will remain housed after one year.

8. Increase economic opportunity for homeless people.

9. Implement new data collection technology throughout the homeless system.

🕒 HMIS will provide timely reports on the numbers of people exiting chronic and other homelessness. In addition, HMIS will capture 75% (2,785) of all shelter, transitional housing, and McKinney-funded permanent supportive housing beds.

🏠 Exceeded goal ✓ Achieved 🏠 On schedule 🕒 Still collecting data or behind schedule