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

2006 3RD QUARTER REPORT: JULY-SEPTEMBER 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 JULY TO SEPTEMBER:

- ◆ **30** chronically homeless people moved into permanent housing. Of these, **3** were ages 24 & under.
- ◆ **72** families moved into housing, including **32** high resource families.
- ◆ **Project Homeless Families Connect** occurred on July 11, 2006. Nearly 300 families received help including 50 who received housing placement and rent assistance. 800 volunteers and dozens of sponsors made the event a great success. The next event will be January 23, 2007.
- ◆ **Bridges to Housing**, a 4-county initiative to serve high-need homeless families, received a boost in funding when the Meyer Memorial Trust committed \$500,000 in matching funds. In addition, Multnomah County selected 5 projects for service funding, from the \$1 million they had previously committed.

YEAR-TO-DATE:

- ◆ Since January 2006, a total of **277** chronically homeless people have moved into permanent housing, including **32** people ages 24 & under. After 6 months, **84%** of those contacted were still housed.
- ◆ From January through September 2006, a total of **234** homeless families moved into permanent housing, including **110** high-resource families. After 6 months, **85%** of those families contacted were still housed.
- ◆ From January to September, **137** units of permanent supportive housing opened and **147** units were added to the pipeline. *Exceeded goal.*
- ◆ As of June, 2006, **69%** of participants who left HUD-funded transitional housing moved to permanent housing.

As of 9/30/06

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

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

The goals above will help our community achieve the nine Action Steps outlined in the 10-year plan:

1. Move people into Housing First.
2. Stop discharging people into homelessness.
3. Improve outreach to homeless people.
4. Emphasize permanent solutions.
5. Increase supply of permanent supportive housing.
6. Create innovative new partnerships to end homelessness.
7. Make the rent assistance system more effective.
8. Increase economic opportunity for homeless people.
9. Implement new data collection technology throughout the homeless system.

★ Exceeded goal ✓ Achieved/On schedule ⊕ Still collecting data or behind schedule