# Home Again A 10-year plan to end homelessness in Portland and Multnomah County

## JANUARY - JUNE, 2007 UPDATE

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. Each year, the Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness develops measurable steps to achieve the long-term goal of ending homelessness. Below are recent results from those annual goals.

### 3 RD YEAR GOALS TO BE MET BY DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Goals	6-month results: January-June	Status
1. Move people into housing first	390 chronically homeless people will move into permanent housing with supportive services. Of these, 40 will be ages 24 & younger. 75% will retain housing after 6 months, and 65% will remain housed after one year.	221 chronically homeless people moved into permanent housing with supportive services. Of these, 8 were ages 24 & younger. Of those contacted who were placed in housing more than 6 months ago, 88% were still in housing after 6 months, and 82% after one year.	<b>√</b>
	250 homeless families with children will move into permanent housing, of which 125 will be high resource users. 75% will remain housed at 6 month, and 65% will remain housed after one year.	311 homeless families with children moved into permanent housing, of which 58 were high resource users. Of those contacted who were placed in housing more than 6 months ago, 89% were still in housing after 6 months and 80% 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.	36 homeless persons (80%) who received placement services from the Jail's homeless discharge planner were placed directly into stable housing upon discharge. An additional 6 persons (13%) went to residential treatment.	*
3. Improve outreach to homeless people	Determine a site for an access center, with services focused on ending homelessness, such as housing placement.	We anticipate locating a site by December 2007.	4
4. Emphasize permanent solutions	Create community plan to increase the number of eligible persons who receive SSI/SSDI benefits and expedite approval process.	The SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access & Recovery Workgroup is facilitating strategic planning to improve access to SSI/SSDI, such as meeting with State and federal staff who determine eligibility. They are also discussing methods to educate/involve key elected officials.	<b>(1)</b>
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)	60 new units of permanent supportive housing were added to the development pipeline. Of these, 17 are for homeless families. 43 are for homeless or at-risk individuals (40% of these are specifically for chronically homeless persons, who can also access the other units).	<b>√</b>

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6. Create innovative new partnerships to end homelessness	Hold Portland Homeless Connect event in order to reach out to under- served homeless persons and attract new community resources – funds, services, and volunteers.	January's Portland Homeless Connect provided <b>800+ homeless people with services</b> including dental, medical, vision, and employment. 550 volunteers and community leaders connected with people experiencing homelessness at this 3 <sup>rd</sup> PHC event. An event specifically for families will be held September 18, 2007.	*
7. Make the rent assistance system more effective	500 households will be prevented from becoming homeless through provision of rent assistance. After rent assistance ends, 75% will remain housed after 6 months, and 65% will remain housed at one year.	191 households were prevented from becoming homeless through provision of rent assistance. [Retention information will be reported in the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter report.]	4
8. Increase economic opportunity for homeless people	300 homeless individuals (adults, youth, parents with children) will receive job training, placement and retention services	190 homeless individuals became employed while receiving services through Central City Concern's WorkSource and ADFC Transitional Housing programs.	<b>√</b>
9. Implement new data collection technology throughout the homeless system	Complete a coordinated, comprehensive One Night Shelter and Turnaway Count as well as a One-Night Street Count to re-establish a baseline of homeless persons.	A January count showed a 39% decrease, in the last two years, of people on the streets in Portland and Multnomah County. 1,438 people were counted. On the same night 2,014 households (3,018 persons) were counted in shelter, transitional housing or receiving rent assistance. 311 households, containing 575 individuals, could not be served. Since 2005, this is a 10% increase counted in emergency housing and a 44% decrease in turnaways from shelter.	<b>√</b>
	Provide timely reports on the numbers of people exiting chronic and other homelessness. In addition, a community-wide data collection system will include 75% of all shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing beds.	HMIS is used by 51 service providers in our community, covering 63% of all shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing beds. Planning and implementation is underway for providers not yet using HMIS and we expect to reach 75% bed coverage by mid-2008. HMIS is able to provide immediate reports on homeless data, based on information entered. Aggregate HMIS reports are being generated and plans to post them on web are underway.	<b>(1)</b>

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