



Community Advisory Forum

Bud Clark Commons

1st Floor Multi-Purpose Room

650 NW Irving Street, Portland, OR

2:00pm – 4:00pm, Wednesday, February 15, 2017

1. Welcome and Introductions	2:00-2:10
2. Diversity and Equity Question (Katherine Moore, Steering Committee) CAF uses this time to promote and inspire conversations on diversity and equity to enhance our work in the community.	2:10-2:20
3. Trauma Informed Care: Understanding the Impacts of Trauma - Drew Grabham, LCSW, and Kerri Smith Slingerland, LCSW, CADCIH, from OHSU’s New Directions Outreach Team will present on Trauma Informed Care and how individuals, organizations and communities can utilize this approach towards providing more compassionate and effective care for those experiencing homelessness.	2:20-3:45
4. 2017 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Update Our community conducts an annual survey of people who are sleeping on our streets or in temporary shelter on a given night. In February 2017 (date was changed from January), we will conduct our Point in Time Count across Multnomah County. We will review the plan for both the Street Count and the One Night Shelter Count. Our 2015 PIT Count documented the troubling findings of increases in homelessness among: communities of color (including a dramatic 48% increase in the number of unsheltered African Americans), women, families with children, adults age 55 and older and individuals in East County. Additionally, the percentage of people with disabilities remains very high (57%). Many of these findings urged the Home for Everyone Coordinating Board and Executive Committee to bring a focused attention to prioritizing over-represented populations, increasing housing access, improving access to health and mental health care with housing, and addressing the need for more safe sleep options.	3:45-4:00

Metered parking available on streets or in parking lots near Union Station

For more information about

“A Home for Everyone: A United Community Plan to End Homelessness in Multnomah County” go to: ahomeforeveryone.net



Commitment to Racial Equity

Portland prides itself in being a wonderful place to call home. Yet every resident does not experience the same access and resources to secure safe, stable housing. Nearly half (45%) of those experiencing homelessness are people of color, although

Everyone Coordinating Board is committed to promoting and ensuring racially equitable access and outcomes in housing and services. This includes using an equity lens to inform and guide our planning, policies, programs and decisions.

What is a Racial Equity Lens?

A racial equity lens is a set of questions we ask ourselves when we are planning, developing or evaluating a policy, program or decision. It helps us assess if we are taking in the perspectives of the racially diverse people and communities we intend to serve, and whether our policies and programs are resulting in equitable or inequitable outcomes. An equity lens helps us see where challenges and opportunities exist, so that we can make intentional steps to ensure more equitable outcomes for all individuals and communities.

Racial Equity Lens Tool²

1. What is the policy, program or decision under review?
2. What group(s) experience disparities related to this policy, program or decision? Are they at the table? (If not, why?)
3. How might the policy, program or decision affect the group(s)? How might it be perceived by the group(s)?
4. Does the policy, program or decision improve, worsen, or make no change to existing disparities? Please elaborate. Does it result in a systemic change that addresses institutional racism³?
5. Does the policy, program or decision produce any intentional benefits or unintended consequences for the affected group(s)?
6. Based on the above responses, what are possible revisions to the policy, program or decision under review?
7. What next step is recommended and how will it be advanced?

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³ Institutional Racism refers to organizational policies, practices and programs that work to the benefit of white people and the
(City of Portland Office of Equity and Human Rights).