



Community Advisory Forum

Bud Clark Commons
 1st Floor Multipurpose Room
 650 NW Irving Street, Portland, OR
 Wednesday, April 19th, 2017
 2:00pm – 4:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions	2:00-2:15
2. Fair Housing Council of Oregon: Fair Housing and Shelters The Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) received an Education and Outreach grant from HUD specifically focusing on fair housing and shelters. They are currently in an information gathering stage and meeting with Continuum of Care groups across the state to discuss issues and concerns related to homelessness and shelters. After they gather information, they will be offering trainings to shelter providers throughout Oregon and updating their Fair Housing Shelter Guide.	2:15-3:00
3. Diversity and Equity Question CAF uses this time to promote and inspire conversations on diversity and equity to enhance our work in the community.	3:00-3:15
4. CAF Member Announcements & Updates	3:15-3:40
5. Legislative Updates 2017 is the year of the Housing and Renters' Protections in Salem. There are numerous bills this session to add protections all aspects of the housing crisis Oregon is experiencing. From ending no-cause evictions, boosting funding to emergency housing assistance, creating specialized savings accounts for first time homeowners, creating a landlord incentive program to rent to individuals that might have barriers to becoming housed, increasing tiny home communities, reforming the mortgage interest rates, and much more.	3:40-4:00
<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 17th, 2017 2:00pm – 4:00 pm</p> <p>Bud Clark Commons, 650 NW Irving Street, 1st Floor Multipurpose Room <i>Metered parking available on streets or in parking lots near Union Station</i></p> <p>For more information about "A Home for Everyone: A United Community Plan to End Homelessness in Multnomah County" go to: ahomeforeveryone.net</p>	



Commitment to Racial Equity (From “A Home for Everyone”)

Portland prides itself in being a wonderful place to call home. Yet despite our city’s strengths, 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 they comprise only 29% percent of Multnomah County’s total population¹. The Home for 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?

¹ “2013 Point-in-Time Count of Homelessness in Portland/Multnomah County”, Kris Smock Consulting.

² Adapted from “Sample Equity Lens Tool”, Nonprofit Association of Oregon.

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