

**THE PORTLAND / MULTNOMAH COUNTY
COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO END HOMELESSNESS (CCEH)**

First United Methodist Church
Note different room: 1838 SW Jefferson, Fireside Room
Wednesday, February 18, 2009

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

HCDC public hearing on community needs will follow from 5:00-6:00 p.m.*

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Introductions (All)	3:00-3:05
2. Approval of January minutes (Jean DeMaster & Marc Jolin)	3:05-3:10
3. Budget alert: Where are things in the State legislature? What can CCEH members do? (Marc Jolin & Housing Alliance)	3:10-3:40
4. Street Count & Warming Centers update (Ryan Deibert)	3:40-3:50
5. 10-year 2009 strategies: Last chance to review. We'll review the hot-off-the-press latest draft of the 2009 strategies (Sally Erickson)	3:50-4:15
6. What could the federal stimulus package mean for Multnomah County? (Beth Kaye & Sally Erickson) There is promising news that the stimulus bill will include \$1.5 billion for homelessness prevention and re-housing, with \$4M for the Portland area. HUD may issue guidance in March, requiring communities to submit plans by April and operate programs by May. The National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) recommends that communities start discussing the following 5 questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the fundamental goals – what outcomes does the community want to see as a result of this funding and how might they be tracked? 2. How could the community identify the people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who will be served? 3. Who can administer short or medium term rental assistance and other financial assistance? 4. Who could provide housing location and stabilization services, including outreach to landlords? How might they be selected? 5. How could information be tracked in HMIS or another data system? <p>We will have an informal discussion to get group feedback. The Steering Committee can follow up with next steps and recommendations for CCEH.</p>	4:15-4:45
6. Next CCEH meeting and transition to Community Forum (Jean DeMaster & Marc Jolin)	4:45-5:00

NEXT CCEH MEETING: WED., MARCH 18, 2009 3:00-5:00PM, FUMC ROOM 202

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Questions can be directed to Sally Erickson, Homeless Program Manager, (503) 823-0883 serickson@ci.portland.or.us

The Coordinating Committee is the lead entity for ongoing community planning for ***the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Portland and Multnomah County***. The committee provides broad-based feedback on implementation issues. It also develops strategies for ending homelessness that are incorporated into the plan so that it continues to be a viable tool in a changing environment. Co-facilitators: Jean DeMaster & Marc Jolin. Staff: Sally Erickson & Dove Hotz, City of Portland.

***Four Ways to Comment on Community Needs:** Portland, Gresham, and Multnomah County are preparing Action Plans that will guide how they will spend scarce resources on low- and moderate-income housing, access to economic opportunity, programs to prevent and end homelessness, and programs serving people with special needs. What needs to you see in the community? The Housing & Development Commission (HCDC) wants to hear your story. You can share them in one of 4 ways:

1. **Present comments** (up to 3 minutes) to HCDC at a public hearing on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 5:00-6:00 p.m. in First United Methodist Church's, Fireside Room. The meeting is wheelchair accessible. If you need an accommodation to participate in this meeting, or require an interpreter, please call (503) 823-2375 or (503) 823-6868 (TDD) at least three days in advance.
2. **Send an e-mail** to bhcdinfo@ci.portland.or.us
3. **Leave a voicemail** at (503) 823-2351
4. **Write a letter** to: Housing & Community Development Commission, c/o City of Portland /BHCD, 421 SW 6th Ave., Room 1100, Portland, OR 97204

Upcoming City and County Budget Forums

2009 County Budget Forums: The Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners and the Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC) will hold two public meetings to gather public input on the county's Fiscal Year 2010 budget.

Monday, March 2, 2009, Multnomah County East

Topic: Health and Human Services

6-8 pm, East County Service Center, Sharron Kelley Conference Room, 600 NE Eighth Street, Gresham

Monday, March 16, 2009, Multnomah Building, Boardroom

Topic: Public Safety

6-8 pm, Multnomah Building, Boardroom, 501 SE Hawthorne, Portland

County leaders will share the latest updates about the reduction in revenues and the increased cost of doing business. The meetings are intended as informal, small group discussions to gather the community's priorities, input and questions. They will provide more detail on the county's annual budget process.

Multnomah County faces deep budget cuts in light of a projected \$35 million general fund shortfall, because of sharp decreases in tax funding due to declining economic conditions and the rising costs of doing business. The projected shortfall could increase even more and likely cuts in state funding further exacerbate the situation.

The public's input will help shape Chair Wheeler's Executive Budget, which will be released in late April. After that document is released, the full Board of County Commissioners will deliberate its contents, accepting further public testimony at meetings in May, and ultimately adopt the county's FY 2010 budget in early June.

Learn more: www.co.multnomah.or.us

City of Portland Community Budget Forums:

- ◆ **Thursday, February 19** - St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N Central Street, 6:30-8:30pm
- ◆ **Saturday, February 21** - Floyd Light Middle School, 10800 SE Washington Street, 10:00am-Noon
- ◆ **Tuesday, February 24** - Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capital Highway, 6:30-8:30pm

The agenda includes breakout sessions for residents to learn more about two service areas of their choice. Details are still being finalized, and will be available at www.portlandonline.com/omf.