

Continuum of Care Board Meeting
September 21, 2023
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Land & Labor Acknowledgement

Multnomah county rests on the stolen lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, and Clackamas Bands of Chinook Indian Nation; Tualatin Kalapuya; Molalla; and many others along the Columbia River. This country is built on stolen Indigenous land and built by stolen African people. This land was not stolen and people were not enslaved by ambiguous entities and actors. The land was stolen by, and African peoples were enslaved by White settlers who had government support.

We also want to honor the members of over 400 tribal communities who live in Multnomah County. Many of these People and their cultures still survive and resist despite the intentional and ongoing attempts to destroy them.

Let us please take a moment of silence to acknowledge the history of how we are here in this place and to honor the People.

Credit to: Dr. Aileen Duldulao and Heather Heater, Multnomah County

Community Agreements

1. Account for power dynamics in the room and in the work.
2. Assume best intentions while honoring impact. Acknowledge that intent does not trump impact.
3. Be accountable. Commit to acknowledging and working through harm caused.
4. Be mindful of privilege, historical structures of oppression, and the shared goal to lead with a lens of equity, inclusion, diversity, and anti-racism.
5. Expect and accept non-closure.
6. Honor the diversity in the room and stay open to different perspectives. There may be several different roads that lead to a great outcome.
7. Language matters. Use intentional, direct, non-violent language. Speak your truth responsibly.
8. Make space, take space. Make space for those who are not speaking up as often, take space if you usually don't speak up.
9. Maintain confidentiality. share lessons learned while keeping names and identifiers confidential.
10. Meet folks where they are at. Do not assume knowledge on behalf of others. Be thorough, clear, and transparent in our dialogue.
11. Refrain from stigmatizing language and use people-first language.

Agenda

| Time | Agenda Item | Facilitator |
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| 10 min | Community Agreements, Land and Labor Acknowledgement | Co-Chairs |
| 30 min | Provider Presentation: Our Just Future | Nancy Johnson |
| 10 min | Board vote on MOU for Stability Vouchers | Ian Slingerland, Home Forward |
| 10 min | Break | |
| 60 min | RELT Refresher Training | Emily Nelson |

**Provider
Presentation:
Our Just Future**

Stability Voucher MOU

What are Stability Vouchers?: These are long-term Housing Vouchers awarded to Home Forward. The vouchers are part of a partnership opportunity between the CoC and the PHA through the Special NOFO.

How many Vouchers was our community given?: 77 - This will cover the rental assistance for 77 of the 91 units in the NARA NW Special NOFO project.

What does the MOU describe?: Standards goals for administering the vouchers including a commitment to racial equity, eligibility, supportive services connected to the vouchers, responsibilities of Home Forward, NARA NW, and JOHS

What is the CoC responsibility?: The responsibility of the CoC is that these vouchers are administered through Coordinated Access

**10 MINUTE
BREAK**

RELT Refresher Training