

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Staff Presentation Worksheet

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Presentation Title: Establishment of Homeless Leadership Council for Clackamas County

Department: Health, Housing and Human Services

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POLICY QUESTION

Should one or more members of the BCC become founding members of a newly established Leadership Council to participate in the ongoing implementation of the Clackamas County 10 Year Plan to Address Homelessness?

ISSUE & BACKGROUND

Much has been accomplished since the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners approved the County's 10 Year Plan to Address Homelessness in 2006. Examples include the creation of the SON shelter network, expansion of the Backpack Buddies Program, and Homeless School Liaison networking meetings. These actions have made a significant difference in the lives of people living without a home and are primarily the result of groups moving forward on areas of interest to them. What is missing in Clackamas County's implementation of the 10 Year Plan is the on-going involvement of county leaders who have the ability to impact high-level policy issues.

In addition to addressing high level policy issues, a Homeless Leadership Council would provide needed visibility to the County's efforts to address homelessness. Recent comments by Multnomah County Commissioner Nick Fish urging Clackamas County to join the *Plan to End Homelessness* highlight the importance of increasing community awareness of the local efforts.

The Clackamas County Department of Health, Housing and Human Services (H3S) will establish an on-going Homeless Leadership Council (HLC) comprised of county leaders and key stakeholders to meet on a quarterly basis. The newly formed HLC will work closely with the well-established Homeless Council, with each group focusing on its area of expertise. The Homeless Council has years of experience creating and operating programs that are successfully moving people out of homelessness. Members of the HLC will "raise the bar" by bringing their expertise in creating policy change and discussing county wide initiatives that benefit vulnerable populations.

QUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Should the BCC become a founding member of the HLC?
Which Board Member(s) would like to participate in the Council?


OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The BCC can chose to participate as a found member on the HLC or not.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that one of more members of the BCC become founding members of the newly created Homeless Leadership Council.

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval 
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