

## **ENDING HOMELESSNESS PLAN – WHERE ARE WE NOW HIGHLIGHTS** **(April 2015)**

The decision to develop the Yamhill County Ten Year Ending Homelessness Plan actually started in Fall 2006 when the Yamhill County Commissioners passed a resolution indicating backing of efforts to move forward with a 10-Year Plan to end homelessness.

A Committee was formed in fall 2007 with one of the goals being to develop a 10-Year Ending Homelessness Plan to present to the community. This goal was completed in September 2008.

The Ending Homelessness Plan has a super ambitious goal of not simply “managing” homelessness but of ending homelessness and for every citizen to have a decent, safe, and affordable place to call home. There are 10 Action Steps in the plan and 40 individual tasks under those action steps. This past year, we made progress or had completed 40 of those action steps.

Several highlights of major events that have occurred under the plan are as follows:

- 1) Starting in January 2009, Yamhill County started counting not just the homeless in shelter beds but on the street as well during their annual Point In Time homeless count that occurs each January.
- 2) In 2009, we held our first Community Connect Event which is a one day event to connect those in need with local resources and direct services such as haircuts, vision screenings, dental services, basic medical services, bike repairs, and veterinarian services. On May 15, 2015, we will be holding our seventh annual Community Connect Event. We have served between 250 – 600 residents annually with needed resources and direct services through these events which completely rely on donations and local volunteers.
- 3) Affordable Housing completed since Fall 2008 when we rolled out the plan:
  - a. 50 new units of Affordable Senior Housing
  - b. 118 new units of Affordable Workforce Housing (HAYC, McMinnville Habitat for Humanity, Newberg Habitat for Humanity, Community Homebuilders – rentals and homeownership opportunities)
  - c. 1-5 bedroom home for adults in recovery with young children
- 4) Memorandums of Agreement were put in place between the Housing Authority of Yamhill County and the Yamhill Community Action Partnership, Yamhill County Community Corrections, Yamhill County Health and Human Services, Department of Human Services, and the Yamhill County Veteran’s Department to provide prioritized and expedited voucher process for clients meeting specified criteria.
- 5) Yamhill County began piloting the 2-1-1 info social services hotline on June 1, 2009.
- 6) 12 beds were made available in Yamhill County for runaway and homeless youth (11-17 years of age)
- 7) C-WISH (Community Winter Inclement Shelter) group created and established a system for activating winter shelters in McMinnville and Newberg starting in winter 2010. In 2011, Newberg C-WISH went to an on-call system with the Newberg Police Department. In the 5 winter seasons C-WISH has been open, they have had a total of 1,509 shelterings through local churches.

- 8) Faith-based organizations in McMinnville have increased the number of community meals to eight per week covering every day of the week. In 2013, 57,323 meals were served and in 2014, 66,970 meals were served for an increase of 9,647 additional meals served in 2014. Faith-based organizations in Newberg have increased the number of community dinner meals from 3 nights to 4 nights a week.
- 9) On March 2, 2013, the McMinnville Free Clinic opened its doors with a total of 513 people served in the first year and 434 the second year for a grand total of 947 patient visits since inception.

Organizations with activities falling under the Ending Homelessness Plan:

211

C-WISH

Chehalem Youth and Family

Community HomeBuilders

Cooperative Ministries/Community Compassion Fund

First Baptist Church

First Federal

Give A Little Foundation

Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers

Henderson House

Hope on the Hill

Housing Authority of Yamhill College

Love in Action

Love INC

Love, Unconditional

McMinnville Area Habitat for Humanity

McMinnville Free Clinic

Newberg Affordable Housing Committee

Newberg Habitat for Humanity

Provoking Hope Recovery Support Services

Salvation Army

WorkSource Oregon – Yamhill Center

Yamhill Community Action Partnership (YCAP)

Yamhill County Adult Mental Health (YCAMH)

Yamhill County Community Corrections (YCCC)

Yamhill County Gospel Rescue Mission (YCGRM)

Yamhill County Veteran's Services