

Lane Equity Coalition Event Summary

Bridging Health & Poverty in Lane County



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Putting into Practice:

Community commitments supportive of individuals and families living in poverty

- Do more for 15th Night.
- Train + support Traditional Health Workers in + from their communities.
- Foster organizational relationships.
- Show up.
- Support individuals where they're at.
- Celebrate not tolerate.
- Speak the truth.
- Check in with Nightingale in regards to SNAP & changes in policy.
- Support our community in more meaningful ways (i.e. garbage, service, sanitation, maintenance, etc.)
- Speak up when my organization implements policies harmful to people experiencing poverty & homelessness.
- Learn other agencies' processes so when our agency refers them we know what we're referring them to.
- Field trips: Community Supported Shelters, Nightingale, Opportunity Village, Emerald Village, Catholic Community Services, etc.
- Free medical care along the river.
- A NASA attitude: "failure is not an option."
- Hire more equity staff.
- Edit our referral form with a poverty informed lens.
- Stand in awe of those we serve.
- Helping advocates keep from burnout.
- Create spaces of empathy & solidarity
- Free school lunches for everyone. (That are actual food)
- Looking at job req's & education or ODL requirements
- CAHOOTS, MCH, affordable housing, DC, Planned Parenthood, OHP, Volunteers in Medicine, LC Prevention, CHIP
- Power hour, 15N, School board diversity, Juliana US Gov, Take back the night
- Talk to the 4J school board
- Rent regulation, Universal health care, Zip code funding public school/ education inequity, 15th night community supported shelters, more transitional housing options, Nightingale 34th & Hilyard
- Increase income limits for the programs that we have. DHS, insurance preventing care, Climate change activism.
- Bridge the gap between health and current experience, get client to pursue and maintain counseling, and preschool or play group for daughter.
- Speak up when my organization implements policies that hurt people who are experiencing poverty/ who are unhoused.

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- Not to get burnout so we can keep going and not be judgmental.
- Work to bring nature and nature education to low-income children and their families.
- Try to provide access to flu shots and other vaccinations to people in cottage grove who can't get to L.C.P.H in Eugene because of issues: work, transportation, knowledge. (Refugee resettlement Coalition)
- Work towards reducing barriers for those living in rural Lane County.
- Organize my friends & Neighbors to support a rest stop. I am going to take steps to acquire a sharps container, so that I can help get some needles off the street. Additionally, I will become knowledgeable as to all of the needle exchange opportunities, as well as sharps drop sites throughout the community.
- I am going to learn and be a part of agencies I am not familiar with.
- Change comes from within- I'm not going to give up on burnt out coworkers. Failure is Not an option! If we care for ourselves & each other, we can better care for our clients.
- More advocacy in groups like Planned Parenthood.
- I commit to continue to seek collaborations between FFLC & other agencies that will increase health outcomes in Lane County.
- Be more understanding of children acting out, Bridge gap for rest stop in Veneta, more mobile medical services (free) in rural communities, strive to always include those w/ lived experiences in decision making & problem solving.
- SNAP changing benefits to eliminating more people from receiving benefits (working poor), Occupy, homeless activism, transponder training.
- "People want to be celebrated not tolerated."
- Public Health: Occupy Health Organizing & Activism: SURJ, occupy Health, Transponder, Pride event, Look me in the eye.
- Driver's license for all, Housing first policies/ programs, occupy medical traditional Health Workers, Universal Health Care.
- School funding, rent control, application fees, minimum wage, keeping & strengthen ACT, Housing first/ low barrier affordable housing, integrated care, behavioral health.
- Speak up; speak truth, foster positive communication, find a way to support nightingale rest stop – sponsor 1 port-a-potty.
- Find a way to put language on referral form that communicates that not everyone that someone believes should be referred is "poor".
- Keep giving Medicaid – keep looking for missed opportunities
- Think about how to implement a poverty lens to my work.
- Show up for people every day
- Increase equity staff at my organization

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- Create process/ follow process to address racial incidents at work
- Thinking beyond giving clothes & food (e.g. bucks rental \$35/mo.), mindful kindness, gain more knowledge about resources/community partners, organizing friends/neighbors to support a rest stop, Emergency preparedness.
- Advocating for affordable housing – Coning & SOU restriction, research Dr. Beegle – promote partly competency, can act “ism” when I see them.
- Volunteer – w/ refugee, housing a refugee, Connect w/ OHEA Candice
- Break language barriers, celebrate instead of tolerate, attend/ be part of community events, resources
- Public Health- Prevention, drug and alcohol help, vaccines, flu shots, free health clinic, WIC, prevention help.
- Organizing an activism Domestic violence awareness, homes for good, health direction collide older Adult in activities, rural access, Live Healthy Lane, YMCA
- Families with resources in the community, be less fatalistic about visible poverty, stand in awe of people in poverty; respect and empathy rather than pity.
- Seek new connections with organizations to break down barriers to health and poverty.
- Read more about, gain more knowledge about the experience and systematic oppression faced by people/communities of color.
- Structural racism- policies, EOA – discrimination @ work, hate crime laws
- Park programs, passes to recreation, vaccinations, translators in health offices, home visiting – parenting
- Organizing in Lane Co., Healthy lunches in school, occupy health, opportunity village, SNAP – farmers market
- Continue to build networks & share opportunities to give access to others & develop partnerships.
- Help foster awareness to issues & provide opportunities for personal voices to speak their words & their needs.
- Helping other advocates keep from burnout so they can do more w/ out judgement.
- My commitment is to celebrate the families I work with. Look more closely @ the strengths, be in awe of them.
- My commitment is to listen & learn and find ways to better serve (with an equity lens) individuals impacted by the SNAP ABAND rule and those communities impacted by public change.
- Get food to the Head Start centers for families to take home- eliminate an additional trip for a family in poverty to get their kids and food at the same time.

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