

Lane Equity Coalition Event Summary

Bridging Health & Poverty in Lane County



#LiveHealthyLane

Event Overview: October 3, 2019

Attendees: 142 community members

Overview: Part of Lane County’s Community Health Improvement Plan, this event educated the community, organizations, and policy-makers on the health impacts of poverty, and provided tools to support the health of individuals and families living in poverty in Lane County. After an introduction and honoring of native peoples and lands, Candice King, [Beegle Certified Poverty Coach](#) and local [Homes For Good](#) Housing Liaison, shared about poverty in Lane County and highlighted related systemic challenges. The event featured three *Stories from our Neighbors*, shedding light on unique experiences of poverty and health in Lane County. Marilou Carrera, Community Health Equity Manager at the [Oregon Health Equity Alliance](#), highlighted the role racism plays in economic challenges for people of color, and ways to address poverty at individual, cultural, structural, and institutional levels. To conclude, attendees explored and made tangible commitments to support individuals and families living in poverty ([summary of commitments](#)).



Event Highlights

76% of attendees heard about the event through their *organization*.

24% of attendees heard about the event through a member of the Lane Equity Coalition.

“I would have liked very clear direction (bullet points!) about how organizations could better support people in poverty. (Not with direct services, but with our relationships and interactions)”.

80% of attendees rated event content as *very good or excellent (91% in June)*.

20% rated event content as *good or fair (9% in June)*.

Areas for Improvement

- ⇒ Provide space for more table discussion and processing.
- ⇒ Consider space limitations and potential triggers for individuals in the room.
- ⇒ Provide more time for topics of this complexity.
- ⇒ Create stronger tie to the Social Determinants of Health.

“It was the best health coalition event I’ve attended in the past two years because there was direct talk about racism and systemic oppression. I feel like previous events have addressed symptoms of oppression without outright saying racism. The community voices were powerful and informative. It was well facilitated and I loved that women of color were at the forefront of the event.”

**Event evaluation responses from 25 of 142 participants.*



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Tabling Organizations & Additional Resources

Some supplemental resources only available in English

[Lane County Health & Human Services](#)

[Trillium Behavioral Health](#)

[Homes For Good](#)

⇒ [About Us](#)

⇒ [Market District Commons](#)

⇒ [Housing First on MLK: Supportive Housing Community](#)

[PacificSource](#)

[Eugene YMCA](#)

⇒ [Financial aid page](#)

⇒ [Enhance Fitness](#)

⇒ [YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program](#)

⇒ [LIVESTRONG at the YMCA](#)

[United Way of Lane County](#)

[Neighborhood Anarchist Collective](#)

⇒ [Solidarity Share Fair](#)

[DevNW](#)

[FOOD For Lane County](#)

⇒ [FOOD For Lane County Pantry Directory](#)

⇒ [Lane County Food Resource Sheet](#)

[Senior & Disability Services](#)

[G.L.A.D.](#)

[Centro Latino Americano](#)

[Florence Area Community Coalition \(F.A.C.C.\)](#)

[Siuslaw Outreach Services \(SOS\)](#)

[South Lane Family Resource Center - Peggy's Primary Connection](#)

[South Lane Family Relief Nursery](#)

[Be Your Best - Cottage Grove](#)

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