

Poverty and Homelessness Board Application

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Applicant Information

Name

Christina Barnard

Preferred Name

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Preferred Pronouns

She/Her/Hers

How long have you lived in Lane County?

20 Years

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No

Do you currently serve on any advisory boards or committees?

No

Share a description of the experience, training and/or advocacy that prepares you for serving as a member of the PHB?

As the Program Manager and Peer Supervisor at Restored Connections Peer Center, I oversee our housing program and work directly with individuals who are exiting treatment, detox, incarceration, or homelessness. Every day I see the realities of our community's gaps, strengths, and systems through both a professional and lived-experience lens.

Why are you interested in becoming a member of the PHB and what specific contributions do you hope to make?

I am interested in joining the Poverty and Homelessness Board because my work is deeply rooted in supporting individuals who are experiencing poverty, housing instability, and the many barriers that come with rebuilding a life in recovery. Serving on this board would also allow me to continue growing as a leader while representing Restored Connections Peer Center and helping strengthen partnerships across agencies. I understand the realities of poverty and homelessness not only through my role, but through my own lived experience, and I want to use all of that experience to inform meaningful change in our community.

What is your present or past involvement in relevant community groups?

I served on LEAGUE for approximately 1 year

In your perspective, what are three major challenges facing our community related to poverty and homelessness? Please share/explain where you feel like changes can be made and why?

Limited funding to help people get on their feet. Substance use and lack of employment and rental history for individuals who have been chronically homeless making it challenging to be approved for place. Extremely long waitlist for low income housing.

People of color experience homelessness and poverty at a higher rate, compared to the total populations, than those who are white in Lane County. How would you help to address this issue if you joined the board?

I believe that reducing homelessness for people of color requires both equitable access to services and intentional removal of systemic barriers. It is a value of mine to support people of color by ensuring my input is trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and grounded in dignity and respect

Identities, Lived Experience, Advocacy, and Professional Background

Please check all lived identities that are true for you:

Person with lived experience of homelessness as an adult with children

Which sector(s) do you identify as being a part of as an advocate, as someone with lived

experience and/or as someone with professional experience.

(Check all that apply)

Affordable Housing Developer

EMS/Crisis Response Team

Hospital

Tribal Member

Law Enforcement

LGBTQ+ Population

Local Jail

People with Behavioral Health Challenges

Lived Experience

Professional Experience

Public Housing Authority

Lived Experience

Professional Experience

School Administrator/Homeless School Liaisons

Survivors of Domestic Violence

Lived Experience

Professional Experience

Survivor of Sexual Assault and Stalking

Youth (under age 25)

Coordinated Care Organization (CCO)

People of Color

Business

Lived Experience

Professional Experience

Veteran

Are you interested in being a PHB stakeholder which is a non-voting member?

No

Are you an elected official in Lane County?

No

Optional Demographic Information

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Date
11/14/2025

Signature

Christina Barnard

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Applicant Information

Name Brianna Hatchell	Preferred Name Bri Hatchell
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Preferred Pronouns
She/Her/Hers

How long have you lived in Lane County?

I come from Marion County and have lived and professional outreach experience in one of oregons largest camps. I now work in Lane County as a deflection Navigator

Do you have a permanent address?

Yes

[Redacted address information]

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No

Do you currently serve on any advisory boards or committees?

Yes

Names of the boards or committees?

mid willamette valley homeless alliance
budget committee and also the technical review advisory committee with them. As well as the Marketing advisory committee for Marion County Health and Human Services

Share a description of the experience, training and/or advocacy that prepares you for serving as a member of the PHB?

Many years of lived experience as a homeless drug addicted civilian to now as a leader in both lane and Marion. My work in Wallance Marine Camps as well as amongst non profits I have worked previously contributed towards my knowledge in how to best serve the communities I work in and live in. My profession is and has been walking along side the poverty stricken and houseless population with a trauma informed approach.

Why are you interested in becoming a member of the PHB and what specific contributions do you hope to make?

I hope to provide valuable feedback and be apart of a decision making process which can help make a community thrive.

What is your present or past involvement in relevant community groups?

In Marion County I was able to assist in decision making processes for mobile rapid STI testing within the poverty stricken and houseless population.

In your perspective, what are three major challenges facing our community related to poverty and homelessness? Please share/explain where you feel like changes can be made and why?

lack of affordable housing, severe lack of mental health service provides and primary care providers, and in my personal opinion I do not see much collaboration within the service providers working together for the same goal in mind.

People of color experience homelessness and poverty at a higher rate, compared to the total populations, than those who are white in Lane County. How would you help to address this issue if you joined the board?

combatting racial disparities has multiple solutions. Building a more equitable and culturally competent community in my opinion looks like allocating funds to more equitable housing, creating policies and procedures that are culturally responsive, having a collaborative board with different backgrounds working together creating things like action driven committees that provide boots on the ground outreach targeting BIPOC communities. and creating more programs that help those underprivileged and underrepresented communities.

Identities, Lived Experience, Advocacy, and Professional Background

Please check all lived identities that are true for you:

Person with lived experience of houselessness more than seven (7) years ago.

Person with lived experience of houselessness in rural area outside of Springfield/Eugene
Person with lived experience of houselessness as an adult with children
Person with lived experience of houselessness as a youth (under 25)
Person with lived experience of poverty within the last seven (7) years.
Person with lived experience of poverty more than seven (7) years ago.

Which sector(s) do you identify as being a part of as an advocate, as someone with lived experience and/or as someone with professional experience.

(Check all that apply)

Affordable Housing Developer

Advocate

EMS/Crisis Response Team

Advocate

Professional Experience

Hospital

Advocate

Lived Experience

Professional Experience

Tribal Member

Advocate

Law Enforcement

Advocate

Lived Experience

Professional Experience

LGBTQ+ Population

Advocate

Lived Experience

Local Jail

Advocate

Lived Experience

Professional Experience

People with Behavioral Health Challenges

Advocate

Lived Experience

Professional Experience

Public Housing Authority

Advocate

Lived Experience

Professional Experience

School Administrator/Homeless School Liaisons

Advocate

Lived Experience

Survivors of Domestic Violence

Advocate

Lived Experience

Professional Experience

Survivor of Sexual Assault and Stalking

Advocate

Professional Experience

Youth (under age 25)

Advocate

Lived Experience

Coordinated Care Organization (CCO)

Advocate

Professional Experience

People of Color

Advocate

Business

Advocate

Veteran

Advocate

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No

Are you an elected official in Lane County?

No

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Date

12/17/2025

Signature

Brianna Hatchell

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Applicant Information

Name

Ashley Kirkhart

Preferred Name

Preferred Pronouns

She/Her/Hers

How long have you lived in Lane County?

20+ years

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Yes

Provide a brief explanation

I am currently the Director of Homeless Youth Services for Looking Glass Community Services.

Do you currently serve on any advisory boards or committees?

No

Share a description of the experience, training and/or advocacy that prepares you for serving as a member of the PHB?

I during the years of 2010-2020 held a position as a voting member for Nye County Community Services Block Grant, CDC compiled task group to end the HIV epidemic in Esmerelda County including being the President of Senior Nutrition for Nye County serving as a child, veterans, and adult aging advocate. I currently am the Director of Homeless Youth services for Looking Glass in Eugene OR; our services encompass youth and adult outreach and target youth prevention programs.

Why are you interested in becoming a member of the PHB and what specific contributions do you hope to make?

I was born and raised in Lane County. Growing up, I lived with a parent struggling with substance use disorder, which led to unmet basic needs, food insecurity, and I lived in a place not meant for habitation. When I was 13 years old, I found safety at Station 7, an emergency shelter operated by Looking Glass Community Services in Eugene, OR. At Station 7, I was met with kindness, access to food, a hot shower, and support from caring adults—an experience that holds great significance for me. Today, I speak to you as the Director of Homeless Youth Services for Looking Glass. In the United States, half of all unhoused adults first experienced homelessness as youth. We know that by investing in services for this population that we can and will deter a lifetime of housing instability and homelessness. I could bring valuable insight to the barriers that adults and young people are facing in our Rural and Urban communities.

What is your present or past involvement in relevant community groups?

I have current and past involvement working directly with individuals experiencing poverty and homelessness and would like the opportunity to elevate the voices of our community.

In your perspective, what are three major challenges facing our community related to poverty and homelessness? Please share/explain where you feel like changes can be made and why?

Food insecurity is the first on my list at this time due to the limitations of SNAP benefits due to the current government shutdown. As we know our food pantries and providers are here to supplement not be a main source of accessing food. One way that we could make these changes is to ensure we have stockpiles of shelf stable items and start sourcing locally prepared and sourced foods. This would require an incentive but what better incentive is there to give back to the community that has given us so much.

Shelter capacity we have many services for youth and adults in our community, but we are not a resource that works together rather we all work towards a common goal which is finding housing stability for individuals we serve. Creating a more equitable structure to ensure when one door closes due to mental health, substance use, or length in program there could be a referral process to a provider to ensure stability could be obtained.

Housing availability, it has become harder and harder to find a FMR with the increase of rental and lease

costs. If we could provide incentives to business partners to work with our shelter and community housing partners to offer subsidized housing resources this would open more opportunities, to people in need.

People of color experience homelessness and poverty at a higher rate, compared to the total populations, than those who are white in Lane County. How would you help to address this issue if you joined the board?

I myself identify as a woman and an indigenous person. Equity and inclusion are at the forefront of my decision making. Lane County is primarily white or white presenting. I would start with education instead of leaning into all demographics served but being intentional of informing on where the gaps of services that are provided are.

Identities, Lived Experience, Advocacy, and Professional Background

Please check all lived identities that are true for you:

Person with lived experience of homelessness more than seven (7) years ago.

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Person with lived experience of homelessness as an adult with children

Person with lived experience of homelessness as a youth (under 25)

Person with lived experience of poverty more than seven (7) years ago.

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(Check all that apply)

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Professional Experience

Business
Advocate
Professional Experience

Veteran
Advocate
Professional Experience

Are you interested in being a PHB stakeholder which is a non-voting member?
Yes

Are you an elected official in Lane County?
No

Stakeholder Designation

Which stakeholder designation do you align with?

Training and Employment
Current Professional Connection

Direct Service Provider
Current Professional Connection

Agency Recipient of CoC or ESG
Current Professional Connection

Faith Based Organization

Coordinated Care Organization (CCO)
Current Professional Connection

Philanthropy
Previous Professional Connection

Mainstream Providers
Current Professional Connection

Mental Health and Substance Abuse (Behavioral Health) Providers

Current Professional Connection

Hospitals

Previous Professional Connection

Health Care

University

Affordable Housing Developer

Current Professional Connection

School District

Previous Professional Connection

Veterans Administration

Previous Professional Connection

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Select ALL identity options that apply to you:

I am a member of a systemically marginalized community based on my gender or sexual orientation (women, LGBTQIA2S+, or other)

I am a member of a systemically marginalized community based on my race or ethnicity (Black/African American, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native/Indigenous, Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or other)

I have experienced homelessness or being unhoused

I live in a rural community in Lane County

Date

11/3/2025

Signature

Ashley Kirkhart