BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES BEGINS AT HOME

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Agenda

▪ Overview
▪ What does inclusivity mean in our communities?
▪ Challenges
▪ Opportunities
▪ Small group discussion
▪ Report backs

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Visualization: What does inclusivity look like?
INCLUSIVITY:

(noun) an intention or policy of including people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized

WHY DOES INCLUSIVITY MATTER?

- Living out values
- The importance of having a sense of belonging, feeling respected and being treated with dignity
- Foundation of connection and community
- Breaking down stereotypes
- Building blocks of social change
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Lived Experience: The Fabric of Central City Concern
Featuring Fabric Artists Sherri Culver & Mary McLaughlin
along with a panel of CCC peer leaders

Human beings are social creatures. Relationships are crucial to our well-being. Friends, family, and support groups are whom we turn to when we need counsel, comfort and guidance.

At Central City Concern, we recognize the transformative power of peer relationships. Staff with lived experience of homelessness, incarceration, addiction, and mental illness are found at every level of our organization and in every program. Peers act as service providers, case workers, connectors, and role models, offering strength and hope to our residents, patients, and clients.

Please join us for a discussion with four of CCC’s peer leaders and an unveiling of their portraits by local artists Sherri Culver and Mary McLaughlin.

From left to right: Bobby Tsew, Certified Alcohol and Drug Primary Counselor at CCC Recovery Center; Medina Kurney, Program Manager for CCC Housing Rapid Response program; Lynda Williams, Certified Recovery Mentor, Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Qualified Mental Health Associate with CCC Mentor Program; Tyrone Rucker, Case Manager and Qualified Mental Health Associate with CCC Integrated Health and Recovery Treatment team. Together they have nearly 50 years of combined experience in helping thousands of individuals learn how to help themselves. Next Event: Monday, June 25, 2018
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Old Town Recovery Center | 33 NW Broadway, Portland
CHALLENGES

Barriers:

- Working within systems that are oppressive
- Lack of inclusive models
- Funding requirements
- Organizational Priorities
- Staff Support / Capacity
- Social Norms
- Life circumstances and lack of material resources
OPPORTUNITIES

Strategies for creating inclusive communities:

- Start somewhere
- Start where you are
GROUP DISCUSSION

• What do inclusive communities mean to you?
• What strategies do you propose for overcoming barriers to building inclusive communities and enhancing consumer participation?
STRATEGY REPORT BACKS
NEXT STEPS
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