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Multnomah County District 2

**Eviction Prevention Table  
March 24, 2026**

**AGENDA  
Meeting #3**

<b>Meeting Topic</b>		<b>Intended Outcome</b>
Welcome and Intros	3:30-3:40	
Data Review	3:40-4:10	Discussion
Next Steps	4:10-4:25	Discussion
Closing	4:25-4:30	

**Background**

Eviction prevention programs are a proven strategy to reduce homelessness. Preventing someone facing eviction from being pushed into homelessness is far less traumatic and the least expensive intervention. Multnomah County finds itself in the midst of an eviction crisis. Funding from the State and Federal government continues to decrease, with little hope of that trend reversing in the near future. 42% of the evictions filed in the State of Oregon in 2025 were in Multnomah County. Of the eviction filings that get to court, 90% are for non-payment of rent. There is no legal defense for non-payment, and at the same time, rental assistance funding has been significantly reduced. Affordable housing landlords are having challenges with non-payment and increased vacancy due to tenant incomes not being high enough for rent regulated units. They are also reporting mental health and addiction challenges in keeping people housed who are not receiving services like they would in PSH. Federal government changes to Home Forward’s ability to house mixed-status families mean that immigrants in public housing face increasing scrutiny and eviction. This

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challenging environment is an opportunity to align eviction prevention programs in Multnomah County to keep people most at risk of being pushed into homelessness housed.

### **Goal**

Over the course of this convening, participants will

- Understand the landscape of eviction prevention programs operating within Multnomah County.
- Review program data and provide recommendations for data needed moving forward to evaluate best practices and prioritize future budget investments.
- Recommend policy and budget actions to fill identified gaps in eviction prevention programming and services.
- Recommend changes to eviction prevention structures to determine the best sustained engagement strategies.
- Discuss a more systemic approach to address housing retention.
- Assess and recommend improvements regarding the burden of proof for pending evictions and intervene earlier in the process.

### **Invitees:**

- Mult. County District 2- Commissioner and staff,
- Mult. County Chair's office- staff,
- Mult. County COO's office,
- Dept. of County Human Services,
- Mult. County Health Department,
- Homeless Services Department,
- Dept. of Community Justice,
- Homelessness Response System,
- SEIU,
- City of Portland Councilor District 1,

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- Portland Housing Bureau,
- Home Forward,
- Central City Concern,
- REACH CDC,
- Hacienda,
- PCRI,
- Bienestar,
- NAYA,
- Metropolitan Public Defenders,
- Oregon Law Center