

OR-506CoC Hillsboro/Beaverton/Washington County

Continuum of Care (CoC) Board

Applicant Summary

Applicant: Nansi Lopez
Organization: Policy Director, Latino Policy Council
CoC Board Position: Culturally Specific Provider Organization

Professional or lived experience:

As a bicultural and bilingual Latina and daughter of immigrants, I've lived life through the lens of what others of the dominant culture felt they needed to dictate on me because they lacked the knowledge and or experience of working from an equity framework. Like many, the lack of support that I failed to receive from systems that have historically and systemically kept people from accessing basic needs we all need to be afforded to have an equitable opportunity to succeed. I had the privilege of having a great foundation from my parents, who always pushed me to do better, and I followed the path of serving others. I have nearly 20 years of working with people who have been impacted by systems. My experience, passion, and empathetic character are willing to learn and work through systems that can better our most marginalized communities. I'm committed to the role I have at Centro Cultural as the Latino Policy Council Policy Director to further advance the work before us on this board.

Experience and willingness to serve on behalf of and advocate for people experiencing homelessness:

My professional work experience is limited to 5-6 years of working with the homeless as part of the intersectionality of other issues such as; domestic violence, mental health, lack of employment, and business impacts. Homelessness is an issue that can impact anyone, especially our communities of color and other marginalized communities. I would be committed to the advocacy work within my capacity to advocate for those experiencing homelessness.