OR-506CoC Hillsboro/Beaverton/Washington County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board

Applicant Summary

Applicant: Charlie Voss-Flowers

Organization: Rapid Rehousing Specialist, CPAH

CoC Board Position: HSSN Co-Chair

Professional or lived experience in:

- Food Assistance
- Employment Services
- Transportation Assistance
- Physical Health Services
- Mental Health Supports
- Affordable Housing
- Rent/Energy Assistance

- Training/Education
- Homelessness Services
- Senior Supports and Services
- Youth Services
- Case Management
- Housing Navigation

As a person who has experienced houselessness and has based my career around public services, I have had both personal and professional experience in navigating the public health and wellness sectors. I have had years of familiarity with systems of support geared toward low to no income communities and individuals. I have also volunteered at events centered around vaccination, food provision and resource fairs.

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

As a Latinx, non-binary person who was born and raised within the indigenous culture of Hawai'i, I take this work very personally as it actively and disproportionally effects folks within my community and communities alike. I want to be more involved with the decisions that affect individuals and communities who are most at risk to experience houselessness. I know personally how difficult it is to face an ongoing process of grief due to instability, especially instability that puts both physical and body wellness at high risk. I feel it is my responsibility to be an active advocate in the intersections of systemic oppression and would love to gain more insight and experience with serving on a board that makes decisions within that.