

Vision Action Network
of Washington County

Annual Report

2010 - 2011



A Message To Our Partners

This past year has been another difficult year for many in our county community. While the needs of families and individuals continue to be high, the resources available to provide support continue to diminish. The Vision Action Network (VAN) was originally created in 2002 because its founders saw great value in working across organizations and sectors to address community issues collaboratively. This wisdom is even more critical during difficult times such as these.

Despite the challenges we face as a community, there are amazing individuals and organizations coming together to accomplish amazing things to improve lives in Washington County. VAN's efforts are just one small piece of this work. To address these challenging times, VAN's work over the past year has been heavily focused on issues of economic security and infrastructure support. Strong partnerships fortified through VAN initiatives helped our community come together to deal with the challenges of the past year. Heading into 2011-12, these partnerships, built upon the spirit of collaboration, will help our community weather the storms ahead.

We are excited to share our accomplishments for 2010-11, which of course, are your accomplishments! We are continuously amazed and inspired by the passion, engagement and hard work of those agencies and individuals who sit around the tables we set. Thank you for working with us to create a Washington County where all people live and work in healthy, vibrant, sustainable communities.



Roy Kim
Board President



Karin Kelley-Torregroza
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Key Accomplishments

In 2009-10, in its role as a convener and catalyst for collaborative community solutions, VAN convened and facilitated **78 meetings and 12 events**. Collaborative problem-solving meetings engaged an average of **52 organizations** and **55 people** every month and each event averaged **110 attendees**. VAN also supported the work of many externally-convened committees, councils, and initiatives that sought collaborative solutions for the growing needs of our diverse community. Key accomplishments of our collaborative initiatives this past year include:

VAN continued as a primary planning partner and fiscal sponsor for Project Homeless Connect. Project Homeless Connect 2011 **served over 500 individuals** in need again this year. **Sixty-three organizations** representing all sectors (nonprofit, faith, public and private) and **293 volunteers** came together to provide services, supports and linkages such as dental care, vision screenings, haircuts, clothing, and food, all free of charge. **Twenty-one donors and sponsors** provided \$15,000 in cash contributions that **leveraged close to \$31,000 in in-kind donations and services**.

At the request of multiple service providers, VAN facilitated a series of **Immigrant and Refugee Networking Meetings** during the 2010-11 fiscal year. **Four meetings were convened, averaging 16 participants** each, to support information sharing and networking among providers.

In partnership with Community Action, VAN convened and facilitated a series of **Community Conversations** focused on finding creative and innovative ways to maintain the Washington County safety net system in these troubling financial times. **Twenty-five community leaders** representing all sectors participated in a series of three conversations that have resulted in **the creation of Washington County Thrives**, a local cross-sector collaboration working to create a shared vision for the purpose of strengthening the safety net system in Washington County through improved coordination and alignment of services, as well as increased community engagement and support.

VAN convened and facilitated the **Behavioral Health Care Crisis Response Oversight Committee**, a committee comprised of representatives from law enforcement, emergency medical services, 911, county mental health, behavioral health service providers, hospital emergency departments and consumer advocacy organizations. The Oversight Committee's goal is to increase positive outcomes for individuals experiencing behavioral health crises. Their focus areas for this year have been to improve system coordination and create more effective collaborative first response strategies. They have accomplished the following:

- o **Developed a system flow chart** that clarifies roles and responsibilities,
- o **Implemented a co-location pilot program** between the Sheriff's Office and the LifeWorks NW Behavioral Health Crisis Team, and
- o **Created a pilot partnership** between 911, Beaverton Police Department and LifeWorks NW Behavioral Health Crisis Team where 911 dispatchers inquire about the need for Crisis Team dispatch with Beaverton Police Department calls to improve field response time of Crisis Team.

VAN continued to support the **Washington County Nonprofit Network**, a collaborative effort led by a Steering Committee representing local nonprofits and technical assistance organizations that works to provide networking, training and peer learning opportunities to nonprofit organizations serving Washington County. The goal of the Nonprofit Network is to provide capacity building supports to improve the stability and success of Washington County nonprofit organizations. During the 2010-11 fiscal year, the Nonprofit Network, in partnership with the Willamette Valley Development Officers and the Nonprofit Association of Oregon, brought **8 training opportunities and 1 Funders Faire** to Washington County nonprofits, most of these free of charge. Attendance at **workshops averaged 46 participants** and the **Funders Faire drew 118 individuals**. The Nonprofit Network, through the VAN, was able to provide **30 scholarships** to nonprofits for attendance at fee-based trainings.

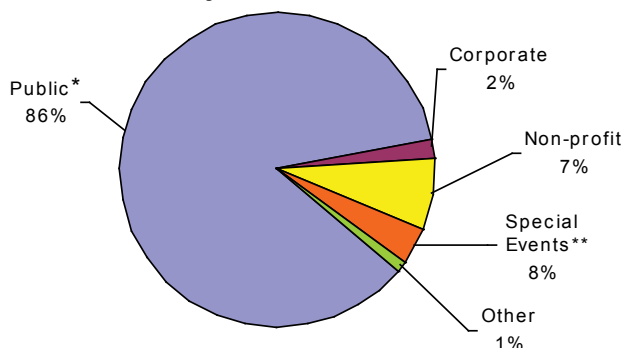
VAN continued to facilitate the **Washington County Workforce Development Workgroup**. The Workgroup's goal is to improve the connections of participants to better take advantage of resources, partnerships and future opportunities to support individuals and families living in poverty obtain living-wage employment. The Workgroup includes representatives from the Worksystems Inc., PCC Workforce Development, Oregon Employment Department, Oregon Department of Human Services, the business community, and housing and anti-poverty providers. Through the partnerships built from the Workgroup's efforts, Worksystems Inc. **expanded the Aligned Partners Program** into Washington County. This is a partnership between Washington County Department of Housing Services, Community Action, PCC Workforce Development and WorkSource Oregon that better aligns social services and workforce development by providing improved employment linkages and training services to underserved and highly barriered individuals and families who are case managed clients of the county and Community Action.

In addition to the above, VAN continued to support the **Inter-religious Action Network**, the **Washington County Human Rights Council** and the **Partners for a Sustainable Washington County** Community during 2010-11.

2010-2011 Revenues

Vision Action Network is able to accomplish its work through the generous support of its community partners. Support can take many forms, like participation on planning teams, help with community summits, one-time sponsorship of a special event, or on-going financial support through an annual membership. All types of support are critically important to help us achieve our goals. Please join us!

FY10-11 Revenue Sources
Total Projected Revenue: \$335,052*



* Total and public sector revenue includes \$82,152 pass through dollars for PSWCC
 **Special events revenue includes sponsorships and participant fees.

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- City of Beaverton
- City of Hillsboro
- Clean Water Services
- Comcast
- Kaiser Permanente
- Providence Health and Services
- Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
- Tuality Healthcare
- Washington County

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(\$2,500 - \$4,999):

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- City of Tualatin
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- Tualatin Valley Water District

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- SolarWorld Industries
- Tuality Healthcare
- United Way of the Columbia-Willamette
- Unity of Beaverton
- Washington County

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