



Portland Housing Bureau

DATE: September 2, 2021

TO: N/NE Oversight Committee

FROM: PHB Staff

RE: Renaissance Commons: Revised Process for Referrals to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Units

Revised Proposal for Renaissance Commons:

In August 2021, PHB, JOHS, Urban League and REACH staff had several meetings following the committee’s April and July meetings to respond to questions and incorporate feedback shared by N/NE Oversight Committee members on the PSH units at Renaissance Commons. The JOHS responses to the committee’s prior questions are summarized in the PDF document, “JOHS responses to N/NE Oversight Committee Questions.”

Based on the committee’s feedback, data from the initial lease-up of the PSH units, and data from the current Preference Policy and Coordinated Access lists, we propose the following process for ongoing referrals to PSH:

Step	Description	Responsible Parties	Example from cross-referencing lists on 8/12/21
1	Cross-reference current Preference Policy and Coordinated Access lists to identify people on both lists and are eligible for PSH.	JOHS, PHB	Of the 342 people on the Pref. Policy list, 8 are on both lists and eligible for PSH.
2	Conduct an additional screen to identify individuals also seeking culturally specific services for the Black community. This question is asked as part of the Coordinated Access process.	JOHS	Of the 8 people, 5 are on both lists, eligible for PSH, and also seeking culturally specific services for the Black community. This list will be the “PSH Referral List”.
3	As a PSH vacancy becomes available, referrals will come from the PSH Referral List, in order of Pref. Policy points. Every third referral will come directly from the Urban League to enable service continuity for households they are already working with who need PSH. This will allow access to PSH units for Black households who may not be on the Pref. Policy List.	JOHS, Urban League, REACH	
4	If the PSH Referral List is exhausted, Urban League will make direct referrals into the PSH units.	JOHS, Urban League, REACH	

PHB, JOHS, Urban League and REACH will be available to provide regular updates on progress and demographics of households served in the PSH units to the N/NE Oversight Committee at its meetings annually, or more frequently as requested.