PUBLIC HEALTH SEMINAR SERIES

HEALTH CARE REFORM & HOMELESSNESS IN OREGON

Date:  Friday, March 4th, 2016
Time:   12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, *Refreshments served at 11:30 AM*
Location: CUPA 2nd floor Parson’s Gallery
          506 SW Mill Street, Portland, OR

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As the chair of the City Club research committee, Crista Gardner published and presented the research report and advocated for the policy recommendations on Health Care Reform & Homelessness. Crista is a project manager, urban planner and grants maker with fifteen years of experience. Crista currently leads 3 grants programs to great community organizations for Metro’s Parks and Nature. Recently, she has been honored with the international Leadership Legacy Award by the Women’s Transportation Seminar and Community Engagement Award for her Master’s in Public Administration by Portland State University.

In January 2014, the Affordable Care Act expanded Medicaid eligibility to those with incomes at 138% of the federal poverty level, including nearly all homeless adults without dependents and those not currently eligible for Medicare. As a result, more than a quarter of all residents in Multnomah County—including nearly all individuals experiencing homelessness—are now eligible for Oregon Health Plan coverage. The presentation will share an analysis of the impact of the newly instituted Medicaid reform on homeless persons in Multnomah County—its successes, setbacks and challenges, and the potential for positive change. Read more at: [http://www.pdxcityclub.org/healthcarehomelessness](http://www.pdxcityclub.org/healthcarehomelessness)