

# *The 2026 Oregon AHMA, OHCS Spring Symposium*

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## Meet Our Presenters!

*“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”*

– Helen Keller

### **Jessica Blakely, Director of Development and Strategy, Salem H.A.**

Jessica's background in multifamily housing includes property management from development to disposition and managing buildings from acquisition through large-scale renovations. Property development has included both new construction and existing projects. Her project and portfolio management experience spans multiple states. Jessica's many years in multifamily housing have taught her a great deal about working with challenging tenants, and she enjoys sharing her insights, tips, and techniques with other housing providers.

### **Jaidra Hennessey, Multnomah County Homeless Services Department**

Jaidra Hennessey is a tenacious advocate for the housing rights survivors of abuse. Her 20 years' of experience in the nonprofit world has given her a passion for strengths-based, survivor-led service provision, housing protections for survivors, and cross-system collaboration. Jaidra currently serves as the Domestic and Sexual Violence Technical Assistance Program Specialist for the Multnomah County Homeless Services Department.

### **Leah Sykes, Attorney at Law**

Leah Sykes is a founder and partner in the law firm, Andor Law. Leah serves housing providers in all legal aspects of property management with a special focus on education and fair housing discrimination defense. Leah has over 20 years of experience as a landlord-tenant law attorney and is a deservedly popular speaker with housing providers!

### **Marsha Zimmerman, Director of Operations, Pinehurst Management**

Marsha has been in property management for 30 years, 20 of which have been in affordable housing. Marsha started out as an onsite manager and since then, has done it all- gaining experience in portfolio management, asset management, and as a compliance manager. She also has over a decade of experience with Rural Development budgets and working with the Rural Development agency.

### **Our OHCS Presenters:**

#### **Tracy Blanchard, OHCS**

A Senior Regulatory Compliance Analyst at OHCS, Tracy now works in the Portfolio Support Department. Tracy is a lively, experienced speaker who enjoys interacting with her audience while sharing her presentation.

### **Tari Bradley, Portfolio Support Manager, OHCS**

In her role at OHCS, Tari is responsible for providing technical advice, training, and overseeing the Portfolio Support team that is responsible for documenting processes for consistency and transparency, creating and updating manuals, rules and other documents to support the work performed by Portfolio Management. She works with leadership in determining and implementing updated processes for state and federal affordable housing programs and ongoing monitoring regulations.

### **Dawn Cockrum, OHCS**

Dawn has dedicated over 25 years to the Affordable Housing Industry, driven by a passion for helping communities thrive. In 2024, Dawn joined OHCS as a Multifamily Program Analyst, bringing deep expertise in LIHTC, HOME, Housing Trust Fund, HUD programs, and Fair Housing laws. She loves sharing her knowledge to make complex regulations easier to understand and enjoys building partnerships that strengthen compliance and create lasting impact in affordable housing.

### **Valerie Duncan, OHCS**

Valerie is a seasoned public-sector professional with over 15 years of experience across multiple state agencies, specializing in compliance, program implementation, and training development. Currently, she serves as a Compliance Officer for Project-Based Section 8, conducting regulatory oversight and ensuring adherence to federal housing requirements.

### **Tina Esther, OHCS**

Tina has worked at Oregon Housing for 16 years and has been conducting inspections for 13 of those years. She has taken several NSPIRE courses and holds an ACE Certification from US Housing Consultants. She is OHCS' internal trainer and subject matter expert for NSPIRE with a special focus on training the new and existing staff using the NSPIRE Protocol.

### **Allen McCartt, OHCS**

Allen has over 23 years working for the State of Oregon across three different agencies. Eventually, he found his passion and his people at Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS). After serving as a team lead and advancing to the position of Compliance Specialist 3 (CS3), Allen was promoted to Portfolio D Manager in 2024.

### **Reina Orndoff, OHCS**

Reina has worked in the affordable housing field since 2001, beginning her career as an on-site property manager at a small Rural Development (RD) property before moving on to manage a larger RD and Tax Credit community. Today, she serves as a Senior Regulatory Compliance Analyst on the Portfolio Support Team. In this role, she provides regulatory guidance, assists with complex compliance questions, and supports the Senior Physical Inspector as needed to ensure consistent and accurate oversight across Oregon's affordable housing portfolio.

### **Chrislyn Prantl, Assistant Director Portfolio Section, OHCS**

Chrislyn has a wealth of industry-related knowledge and experience which she has acquired during her varied career, including working in private industry, non-profit management, and more recently, as Asset and Preservation Unit Manager at OHCS.

### **Nathan Robedeau, OHCS**

Nathan has more than 10 years in property management and a year of managing MOR operations under his belt. He's all about making compliance feel a little less intimidating. He enjoys training because it allows him to share what he's learned and connect with people along the way.

### **Keri Smith, OHCS**

Keri has worked in affordable housing since June, 2011. She started as a receptionist but had a knack for HUD compliance, which allowed her to become a compliance assistant before moving to a compliance officer. She has also worked on-site as an assistant property manager and property manager.

### **Casey Sparks, OHCS**

Casey has more than a decade of experience in the Section 8 affordable housing industry, including over four years with the Project-Based Section 8 program at OHCS. Before joining OHCS, Casey spent six years working in the voucher-based Section 8 program, developing a deep understanding of the systems, partnerships, and supports that help individuals and families maintain stable housing.

### **Tanya Stagra, OHCS**

Tanya worked as a Senior Asset Manager at OHCS for several years prior to coming to the Portfolio Division and has brought a deeper understanding of how deals are financed and how this affects the long-term success of a project through the term of affordability to this side of the agency.

### **Corinna Tanguy, OHCS**

A U.S. Army veteran, **Corinna Tanguy** now works for OHCS as a Compliance Officer. She is passionate about giving back to her community, Corinna believes in empowering others, fostering collaboration, and inspiring growth wherever she can. She is committed to lifelong learning and helping others discover their potential through continuous growth and development.

### **John Wright, OHCS**

John has over 20 years of experience as an analyst in both corporate and state environments, including the past decade at OHCS. In his current role, he oversees compliance and regulatory processes for housing programs, ensuring adherence to state and federal guidelines and supporting initiatives that promote safe, sustainable affordable housing across Oregon.

### **Angela Yardley, OHCS**

Angela has nearly 30 years of experience in the affordable housing industry. Angela serves as a Manager in OHCS's Portfolio Management Section, and leads a team responsible for monitoring assets and program compliance for properties funded by OHCS, ensuring regulatory adherence and supporting the success of affordable housing programs statewide.

