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Community invited to Feb. 1 Housing First forum *Panelists to discuss permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless*

EVERETT – Community members from around the county are invited to participate in a Housing First forum on Monday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m., at the Historic Everett Theatre. The event is a follow-up to the Nov. 16 forum featuring Utah housing expert Lloyd Pendleton.

The event will feature panelists from around the state participating in a moderated discussion about different approaches to low-barrier, permanent supportive housing in their communities. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions of the panelists.

“Last fall we had the chance to learn about how Utah reduced homelessness by 91 percent through the Housing First model,” said Mayor Ray Stephanson. “I’m looking forward to seeing how this model has been implemented in Washington state.”

Panelists include Kelli Larsen, director of strategic initiatives for the Plymouth Housing Group; Daniel Malone, executive director of the Downtown Emergency Service Center; Dr. Robert McCann, executive director of Catholic Charities Spokane; and Mary Jane Brell Vujovic, director of Snohomish County Human Services.

“We are making progress on our commitment to house 20 of Everett’s chronically homeless by June, and we are in the early stages of a capital project to build a facility that will house 60 more,” said Stephanson. “I encourage our community to come out and continue this conversation with us.”

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