

BEFORE THE BOARDS OF HEALTH AND COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY,
OREGON

ORDER NO: 17-04-11-01

IN THE MATTER OF ANNOUNCING AND ISSUING
THE ANNUAL EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH
AWARDS

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners constitutes and is the Lane County Board of Health under ORS 431.410 and ORS 431.415; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners, Sitting jointly as both that Body and the Board of Health, recognizes the critical importance of supporting a Safe and Healthy County; and

WHEREAS, Lane County seeks to recognize the singular achievements of Jack Tripp, the Executive Director of the Eugene Mission since 2011. Since assuming his position at the helm of the Eugene Mission, Jack Tripp has transformed the Mission from a traditional shelter into a wellness-focused program for homeless men, women, and families. Despite a devastating fire last year, Tripp and the Mission staff continued to provide the usual 800 meals per day in makeshift spaces while remaking and improving the original kitchen space. The Mission also provides 350-400 beds each night. In recognition that poor health is a major cause of homelessness, the services provided by the Mission include not only hot meals and warm beds but support in transitioning to more permanent housing and employment with assertive social services case management and counseling. Approximately 3,000 unique individuals were served at the Jack Tripp-led Mission last year alone.

WHEREAS, Lane County seeks to recognize the comprehensive community outreach and care provided by the HIV Alliance. HIV Alliance was formed in Eugene in 1994 to support individuals living with HIV/AIDS and prevent new HIV infections. Over the years, State public health funding for HIV prevention has suffered severe cuts. To ensure the important work of HIV support and prevention continues, HIV Alliance widened their scope of services to include care coordination, nurse management, and pharmaceutical support to people living with HIV/AIDS in 11 counties in Oregon. In the past year, during two new HIV outbreaks in Lane County, HIV Alliance worked closely with state and local Public Health to quickly mobilize testing, launch targeted media campaigns, conduct outreach to limit further exposure in the community, and to set up needle exchanges. Currently HIV Alliance is the only organization in Lane County providing needle exchange - a vital HIV prevention service.

WHEREAS, the BCC and BoH take this opportunity to recognize the importance of the public's health, the National Public Health Week and the efforts of all County staff to promote a Safe and

Healthy County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1) That an individual Excellence in Public Health Award be conferred upon Jack Tripp, Executive Director, Eugene Mission.
- 2) Than an organization Excellence in Public Health Award be conferred upon the HIV Alliance.

ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2017



Pat Farr, Chair

Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date: <u>4/21/17</u>
LANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL