**OR-506CoC Hillsboro/Beaverton/Washington County** 

Continuum of Care (CoC) Board

## **Applicant Summary**

**Rose Money** 

Organization: CoC Board Position:

Applicant:

Executive Director, Family Promise of Tualatin Valley Families with Children

## Professional or lived experience in:

- Food Assistance
- Employment Services
- Mental Health Supports
- Affordable Housing
- Rent/Energy Assistance
- Training/Education

- Homelessness Services
- Asset Building
- Youth Services
- Case Management
- Housing Navigation

As a non-profit founding ED providing wraparound services for families experiencing homelessness, my professional experience in Washington County aligns with many of this board's areas of focus. As our only employee in 2018, I provided case management to houseless families. FPTV has since expanded to include an initial response team and offer prevention services. Prior to founding FPTV, I worked for the Tigard-Tualatin School District, running their clothing pantry program. The program quadrupled in size under my watch with the needs of the McKinney-Vento (homeless) families growing to such a level that they outpaced the services available in the county. This frontline work, along with my own lived experience as a homeless child, drove me to find a solution for sustainable housing for vulnerable children and their families. The FPTV program is currently serving 37 households with shelter, case management, and housing navigation services.

## Experience and willingness to serve on behalf of and advocate for people experiencing homelessness:

My lived experience with poverty and homelessness has rooted my inclination toward advocacy for marginalized groups. In addition to experiencing childhood homelessness, I watched my older brother perish on the streets due to mental health and substance abuse issues. He lived unhoused for the last five years of his life. These personal experiences, alongside my frontline work with communities of color, low- and no-income individuals, and vulnerable children drove me to develop the FPTV program. I listen well and am not afraid to ask the tough questions around systemic inequities. As the ED of the largest shelter and rehousing provider in Washington County, I hear directly from our program guests about their needs and the gaps they experience in accessing county services. I strive for collaboration with community providers to improve the supports we offer those in need and I take very seriously my role as a voice for those I am in service to. I also serve on Tigard's CHART committee. In addition to my empathy and advocacy abilities, I will utilize my strengths of strategic planning, systems evaluation, and development in this role.