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Here is just a snap shot of the issues we are addressing with Meas 110 funding. RCPC is working with some of our most marginalized population, unhoused, SUD and criminal justice involved and individuals suffering from mental illnesses. A significant proportion of Lane County residents lack access to affordable housing, living wage jobs, healthy food, and quality childcare, all of which are key social determinants of health. RCPC higher, trains and certifies Certified Recovery Mentors who use their positions as Traditional Health Care workers to coordinate the resources and the RCPC and with community partners to meet some of our most disparaged community members. RCPC has five identified services delivery systems all of which address socials determinants of health. All our services are low barrier which allows us to work with individuals who are still suffering. We use the center and a space to invite community members in and engage them in evidence based interventions such as Motivational Interviewing. In the few months we have been open we have secured and transported 5 community members to detox and handed out 40 issues of Narcan to individuals who felt comfortable in the space to share active use. Peer mentors services is our primary services delivery regardless if someone is ready to address their substance use our peer mentors are trained to pick up on cues that indicated motivation to change. Our peer mentors' services are person centered so as long as an individual is active and reaching their identified goals the peer mentor with support them in their journey. Supported employment is a service that works in partnership with peer services. RCPC helps with resume, cover letters, employment documentation and navigating uncomfortable interview questions that can arise. RCPC works in partnership with other employment agencies to assist in their own services gaps. The largest inequity our unemployed community is facing is lack of transportation. RCPC meets this need by both providing transportation to and from interviews and supplying newly hired individuals with a month bus pass. Housing is a huge barrier in Lane County and RCPC is working diligently to support our individuals through the already established housing resources.