

## Speaker Bios

### **RICHARD BJELLAND**

State Housing Analyst

Richard joined Oregon Housing & Community Services (OHCS) in 1998 to address Oregon's need for a central point of contact for data and information on affordable housing issues in the state. As the state housing analyst, he has focused primarily on housing needs, market studies, and demographics for OHCS. He conducts research and analysis studies in order to provide qualitative and quantitative information on current and anticipated housing market dynamics in Oregon. While at OHCS, he developed the Housing Needs Analysis Model, which was featured in American Planning Association's September/October 2005 PAS Memo – *The Oregon Housing Needs Model*. Richard is a contributor to the new reference book published in 2006 by John Wiley & Sons and the American Planning Association (APA) – *Planning and Urban Design Standards*. He was one of the three featured speakers at the APA's and the American Institute of Certified Planners' 2006 conference on The Housing Plan.



He has served the public as an elected official – presently as a Woodburn city councilor – and as a planning commissioner. He currently is chair of the Mid-Willamette Area Commission on Transportation and the vice chair of the Oregon Modeling Steering Committee (OMSC). OMSC oversees the transportation, land use, and economic modeling programs in Oregon. He also is on the Board of Directors for the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Development Partnership, the Executive Committee for the Oregon Population Survey, the Oregon Household Activity Survey steering committee, the Economic Development Planning Advisory Committee, and the Urban Growth Boundary Advisory Committee.

Richard has an extensive background in research methodology and housing. He received a Masters degree in Management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan School of Management where he concentrated on Research Management and Management Information Systems. He served on the research staff at MIT where he studied the research process and how to make it more effective. After five years in the aerospace industry, he started a real estate oriented company in Oregon that grew into a regionally diversified development and investment business with operations in twelve states. The company was a producer of market and affordable single family and multi-family housing projects as well as commercial projects.

### **STEPHANIE SOARES PUMP**

Training and Community Education Director

Stephanie has worked in the field of substance abuse for over 30 years; first as a manager of treatment programs for Washington County Mental Health and then as a prevention professional. She has 14 years as a small business owner working with employers, school and community groups consulting and training all over the United States and Pacific Trust Territories. Stephanie was the executive director of Southern Oregon Drug Awareness, a community coalition focused on substance abuse prevention, for seven years. She is currently the Director of Training and Community Education for Oregon Partnership. She holds a Masters Degree from Lewis & Clark and a Bachelors Degree from Pacific University. Stephanie serves on the Governor's Council for Alcohol and Drug Programs and is the current Chair.

