



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 8/18/11)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 5-9-13  
Agenda Item #: R.11  
Est. Start Time: 10:50 am  
Date Submitted: 5/2/13

**Agenda Title:** The Future Generations Collaborative Briefing on Highlights of Collective Success

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** May 9, 2013  
**Time Needed:** 20 min  
**Department:** MCHD  
**Division:** Early Childhood Services  
**Contact(s):** Heather Heater  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Heather Heater (Multnomah County Health Department), Mary Renville (FGC and community Elder), Roberta Eaglehorse (Planned Parenthood of Columbia Willamette and FGC natural helper), Joy Lynn Edwards (FGC natural helper), Kim Barber (National Indian Child Welfare Association and FGC natural helper).

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

None.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Formed in 2011, the FGC is a cooperative circle committed to improving healthy pregnancy planning and strengthening Native families living in Multnomah County. The collaborative is made up of local and state government, Native-serving and community-based organizations and Native community members. In order to do this work we developed a trauma-informed process that has helped the FGC write a new story about how government and Native peoples work together to improve health and wellness among urban Natives in Multnomah County.

### 3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

\$30k of general fund in FY12 was used to support the FGC's community engagement and capacity building efforts.

### 4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

N/A

### 5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Since 2011, FGC has actively recruited and sustained partnership with Native community members and governmental stakeholders including the Oregon Health Authority and Multnomah County's Mental Health and Addictions. Most recently, we have developed a partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. A key component of our capacity-building efforts includes recruiting and training 18 local Native community members and elders to form our Elders and Natural Helper cohort. The Elders and Natural Helpers are leading the process and leading the change for community healing and health promotion planning. Moving forward, we will continue to utilize community engagement and capacity building as foundational tenets of our work. In Summer of 2013 we plan to hold a culturally specific summit called the Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) which will bring together stakeholders from throughout Multnomah County, including Native community members and regional Tribal nations to address the root causes of health inequities in birth and early childhood among urban Natives. By the end of the GONA we will identify culturally-relevant strategies and shared resources to ensure every Native woman has the opportunity to make choices that will give her and her children a healthy life.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected Official  
or Department/  
Agency Director:**

Commissioner Diane McKeel /s/

5/2/13

**Date:**