



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 4/1/14  
Agenda Item #: B.1  
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am  
Date Submitted: 3/20/14

**Agenda Title:** **Informational Board Briefing on Healthy Columbia Willamette, Community Health Improvement Plan**

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** April 1, 2014 **Time Needed:** 45 minutes  
**Department:** Health Department **Division:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact(s):** Nancy Jackson  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Dr. Paul Lewis, Interim Tri-County Health Officer, Multnomah County Health Department; Dr. Jennifer Vines, Deputy Tri-county Health Officer, Multnomah County Health Department; and Amy Zlot, Multnomah County Health Department

## 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.** Healthy Columbia Willamette was convened in 2010 with an eye to the need for community health assessments and health improvement plans as required by the Affordable Care Act and for Public Health Accreditation. It includes 14 hospitals, four health departments and two Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs). The Collaborative completed a comprehensive needs assessment that included the following phases:

- Community themes developed from 62 projects
- Epidemiologists analyzed more than 120 health indicators (mortality, morbidity and health behaviors)
- Identification of community health system's capacity to address identified needs
- Community listening sessions with over 200 individuals to hear about community members' health needs

These assessments, led to the identification of top health needs in our region:

- Access to affordable health care
- Behavioral health – focusing on preventing suicide and prescription opiate misuse
- Chronic disease – focusing on promoting breast milk/ feeding and preventing/reducing tobacco use

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

None.

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

The most advanced strategy proposed by Healthy Columbia Willamette focuses on safe use of prescription opioids with the intention of preventing accidental overdose among patients, preventing diversion of these drugs for illicit use, and decreasing all deaths related to opioid drugs. The specific strategy is for all Healthy Columbia Willamette members, including Multnomah County, to adopt safe prescribing guidelines, monitor prescribing by providers, and to educate patients and providers. Multnomah County clinics are already a leader in this area and will work to both enhance current policy and to provide technical assistance to other institutions in the 4 county region.

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

Multnomah County is a founding member of Healthy Columbia Willamette and participates in three ways. First, the Health Department contributes the services in-kind of an epidemiologist to help create and guide the assessment. Second, the Health Department participates with a Deputy Health Officer and a member of the HCW Leadership group. Finally, Multnomah County was selected to serve as the 'neutral convener' after an open request for proposals to community organizations.

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#### **Required Signature**

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**Elected Official**

**or Department/**

Joanne Fuller /s/

3/20/14

**Agency Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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