



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 8/23/18
Agenda Item #: R.3
Est. Start Time: 9:55 a.m.
Date Submitted: 8/17/18

Agenda Title: Informational Board Briefing on Reproductive Health and Justice issues in Multnomah County

Requested Date:
Thursday August 23, 2018

Time Needed:
45 minutes

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Presenters:

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Charlene Maxwell, Deputy Nurse Practitioner Director, Multnomah County Health Department
Zeenia Junkeer, ND, Director, Oregon Health Equity Alliance
Cherie Martin, Advocacy Director, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon
William Miller, Future Generations Collaborative Policy Advisor, Native American Youth and Family Center
Kelly Gonzales, Assistant Professor, OHSU-PSU School of Public Health
Jillene Joseph, Executive Director, Native Wellness Institute

General Information:

1. What are you requesting from the Board?

Informational board briefing from Multnomah County Health Department staff and community partners on reproductive health and justice issues.

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

In April 2017, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a proclamation in support of Access to Safe, Affordable, and Comprehensive Reproductive Health Care Services ([2017-025](#)). The proclamation affirmed Multnomah County's value that

access to a range of safe, affordable, and comprehensive reproductive health care options, regardless of income, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, age, immigration status, criminal history, geographic circumstances, type of insurance, and insurance coverage status, is crucial to the health of all residents in Multnomah County, and identified insurance coverage as a critical component of accessing health care. The proclamation urged federal and state government to support policies that reaffirm the right of all people to make decisions about their health care without governmental interference, and support comprehensive health coverage and funding for all reproductive health care services for women, transgender and gender nonconforming people who can become pregnant.

In July 2017, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 3391, the Reproductive Health Equity Act (RHEA) which expanded coverage for reproductive health services, provided protections for the continuation of reproductive health services with no cost sharing, and prohibits discrimination in the provision of reproductive health services.

In the year since the passage of RHEA, several important implementation milestones have occurred. Additionally, the broader local, state, and federal landscape of reproductive health policy continues to evolve, and new issues related to reproductive health and justice have emerged.

With passage of the April 2017 proclamation in support of Access to Safe, Affordable, and Comprehensive Reproductive Health Care Services, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners signaled a clear commitment to and ongoing interest in this policy area. The purpose of this briefing is to: provide an update the implementation of RHEA statewide; provide an overview of new and continuing Multnomah County Health Department work related to reproductive health; provide an opportunity to hear and learn from partners in community based organizations about their work and the experiences and barriers faced by women of different cultural communities; and review a select set of topics and policies in the current landscape of reproductive health and justice.

This briefing does not affect any program offers.

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

None at this time, this is an informational briefing.

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

None at this time, this is an informational briefing.

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

This briefing includes direct participation from community based organizations.

Required Signature:

**Elected Official/
Department Director:**

/s/ Sharon Meieran

Date:

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