



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 12/12/17  
Agenda Item #: B.1  
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am  
Date Submitted: 12/5/17

**Agenda Title:** **Board Briefing on the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement (HOPE) Team**

**Requested Meeting:** December 12, 2017 **Time Needed:** 30 minutes

**Department:** 60 - Sheriff **Division:** Sheriff's Office

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**Presenters:** Sheriff Michael Reese, and Chief Deputy of Law Enforcement Jason Gates

## General Information

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

- The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) respectfully requests time to update the Board of Commissioners on the work of the Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement (HOPE) Team.

### 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.

- Neighborhood livability is a top priority for Multnomah County residents. In working with subsets of livability, at the intersection of public spaces and complex social issues such as homelessness, mental health, and addiction, public safety agencies like MCSO have learned we must focus on more than just responding to crime. Instead, we must dedicate our profession to the principle that, generally, the most effective approach to low level crime and disorder problems is to address them from a human services and public health perspective. The HOPE Team is thus a public safety collaboration which addresses livability. For the past six months, MCSO has been operating a pilot program with one time only funding.
- At the same time, we ask human services and public health providers to recognize public safety agencies bring essential capabilities to a coordinated effort – engagement, peacekeeping and when necessary, enforcement. Together we have newfound capacity to address livability matters and by treating everyone with dignity and respect, we collectively further community trust. This briefing will provide the Board of Commissioners with an overview of HOPE's inter/intragovernmental partnerships and how we are matching vulnerable persons in the field with appropriate and available services.

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

- For the past six months, MCSO has been operating a pilot program, consisting of two MCSO members, with one-time-only funding. This funding will expire on June 30, 2018, thus continuation of the HOPE Team will be a future budget consideration, as Multnomah County considers its role in providing services in support of this complex and systematic matter.

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

- The HOPE Team functions as a safety net to services, thus compliments Multnomah County's human services and public health missions, eases community tension around livability issues and provides vulnerable individuals a reason to hope for better personal outcomes.

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

- MCSO will discuss how the HOPE Team communicates and collaborates with social service providers weekly to gain situational awareness and vet opportunities for assistance.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Michael Reese /s/

**Date:**

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