

MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP

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MEETING DATE: _____

SUBJECT: Multnomah County Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): Central City Concern

Txt, A&D supportive housing, ~~see Employment~~
~~Access Center~~

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: ~~Kathrine Helberg~~ Kathrine Helberg

ADDRESS: 8048 SE Taggart St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, Oregon 97206

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503.995.5787 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 5-25-2011

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): B2H

Central City Concern

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Heather Speir

ADDRESS: 18088 SE Marler #207

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97235

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: N/A

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): BZH

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FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Kathryn Goodloe

ADDRESS: 18088 SE Market St #210

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, Ore 97033

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): Central City Concern
Continuum Care Services ie Affordable Housing, txt etc

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Kimberly Hernandez

ADDRESS: 8028 SE Taggart St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97206

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503.995.6073 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): County funded treatment service + supportive housing
Central City Concern

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Heidi Hill

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): Central City Concern

Bridges To Housing, continued services, affordable
Employment FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC housing

NAME: Salina Perez

ADDRESS: 8030 SE Taggart St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97206

PHONE: DAYS: 503.839.9998 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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Bridges To Housing, txt., Affordable housing

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Enid Young

ADDRESS: 8026 SE Taggart St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, Oregon 97206

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503.954.8086 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

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Marc Jolin

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): "JOIN" SERVICES
Homeless Services EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FOR: AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Funding for short term rent
assistance + East County Outreach

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Bridges To Housing

FOR: x AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Lucas Fair

ADDRESS: 8024 SE Taggart St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, Oregon 97206

PHONE: DAYS: 503.995.8165 EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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Written Testimonials



At the age of 32, Salina Perez lives with her 3 year old son and 17 year old daughter in her own apartment in an alcohol and drug free community. She is off parole for the first time in 14 years. When she shares her story you can tell she's on fire about all that she has accomplished, in spite of multiple drug related felonies and her 4.5 years in prison. She began sipping her parent's beers as 6 year old.

Salina entered into residential alcohol and drug treatment at Central City Concern's Letty Owings Center where she gave birth to her now 3 year old son, the only child of six to be born while she was clean and sober. Since moving into her supported alcohol and drug free housing 18 months ago, she became a full-time student at Portland Community College and a full time employee for a locally owned restaurant. "I walked into that restaurant and told the manager if he hired me, I'd be his best worker. Today, he tells me I **am**." She has received 3 promotions over the year that she has been working. Having proved to the Department of Human Services that she was back on her feet and a good parent, Salina's 16 year old daughter was returned to her from Alaska. While Salina only received TANF for 12 months, she depends upon Employment Related Day Care for her son's daycare. She currently pays \$370 a month towards daycare while ERDC pays \$160. "My family had given up on me, but today they're so proud of how far I've come." Without the financial support for daycare, she wouldn't be able to attend to work or to attend school. Salina served her time for the crimes she committed and has paid off more than \$6,000 of the \$10,000 in criminal fines she owes. She is now a tax payer, a healthy and engaged parent and a role model to her children.



Kimberly Hernandez was raised in foster care for 8 years until she was 15 years old. Shortly after returning home to her mother, she was kicked out. Kimberly had 6 children while she was in the throes of her addiction, 5 of which were taken from her and placed with her mother through the foster care system. She estimates she has been on and off TANF for 9 years. By the age of 18 she had a felony for vandalizing a park while she was under the influence and 6 housing evictions. Her most recent time on TANF began in the summer of 2007 when she delivered her now 3.5 year old daughter Angelica. Kimberly was engaged in residential treatment at Central City Concern's Letty Owings Center when she gave birth to her sixth child who was born drug-free. By early 2008, Kimberly was living in an alcohol and drug free supported housing program with Angelica and working with the Department of Human Services Self-Sufficiency Job Plus program. She secured a 6 month internship at Human Solutions, a homeless families' service provider that August. Kimberly speaks proudly of how she was hired on for a full time job as a Bilingual Energy Eligibility Intake Specialist upon completing that internship. She received Employment Related Day Care and Post TANF benefits for a year after being hired. She has since been promoted to the lead of this program at Human Solutions and now receives full health insurance for herself and earns \$14.10 per hour. She also was granted a scholarship to take a course in criminal justice studies, completing with an A grade and hopes to secure a degree in this field through Portland Community College. When asked what would have happened if Kimberly had received TANF for only 18 months, she quickly replied with no hesitation, "I would be dead and I wouldn't be a tax payer."



By the age of 13, Lucas Fair was selling weed and was expelled from school. Though he was re-enrolled, he dropped out during his senior year. By 19 he had graduated to street homelessness and heroin. He overdosed and was hospitalized on the day his daughter Hannah was born. Lucas went on with his addiction racking up 3 drug related felonies. In July of 2009, one year after her birth, Hannah was placed into foster care. Lucas has been clean since September 2, 2009 when he entered back into treatment, driven by his desperation to get his daughter back. After completing inpatient treatment he moved back to his Oxford house and attended his criminal hearings. He was put on probation for 3 years and has paid off all his fines. Hannah was returned to him in December of 2010, 16 months after being placed in foster care. That's when his TANF benefits began. Two weeks later, Lucas moved into Central City Concern's alcohol and drug free permanent supported housing for families. He received special designation as a Bridges to Housing Family which made his family eligible for the intensive case management they will need to become self-sufficient. Since then, Lucas worked closely with his Recovery Mentor Case Manager and Employment Specialist to help him get his license back and to look for employment. His DHS Self-Sufficiency Worker helped him enroll into the Parents as Scholars (PAS) program so that he could attend college full time while continuing to receive TANF, financial assistance for his daughter's day care and transportation until he completes his degree in 2 years; moving him closer to a living wage job. In the Governor's proposed budget, the PAS program would be eliminated and Lucas and Hannah will most likely have to settle for a life of poverty. Given his criminal history, finding an employer to hire him could take some time and even then, he can only hope to earn minimum wage. If the proposed cuts to TANF are enacted, Lucas will still have one year left on TANF before his family is on their own.



Allison Smith has been clean and sober for five years. Today she is off TANF and has been working as a female treatment assistant at Central City Concern's inpatient treatment program, Letty Owings Center (LOC) since December of 2010. Allison is very proud of the work she does and feels particularly effective with the women she serves because she was one of them and graduated from LOC in October of 2007. She began using drugs and alcohol at the age of 14. In her active addiction to methamphetamines she received 2 drug related felonies. In September of 2006, she gave birth to her son who was then removed from her care 5 days later. Allison's judge offered her prison or treatment with the opportunity to be reunited with her son. She chose recovery and her son. He was returned to her on December 26th, 2006, just 4 days after Allison entered into treatment at LOC. That's when she began receiving TANF. Upon graduating treatment, Allison and her son moved into their own apartment located in an alcohol and drug-free community. She worked closely with her on-site recovery peer case manager and her Department of Human Services Self-Sufficiency worker and enrolled into Steps to Success. Allison worked full-time in an unpaid internship at a nationally operated rental car business for 2 years where she advanced through 4 promotions to become Assistant Manager. The position remained unpaid due to the nature of her felony. She knew that she had to find paid work to be able to rebuild her life fully. Once she was working full-time at LOC, her TANF subsidy stopped. She can continue to work full time because she is able to use the Employment Related Child Care subsidy to help with day care expenses for her four and a half year old son. Allison has clearly taken full advantages of the opportunities given to her through treatment and supported housing. In addition to working full time, she is taking full responsibility for her health and quit smoking cigarettes. She never imagined so much success and pride for herself and her son.



Francine Marshall, the mother to 3 children announces "I am a walking miracle". She was first introduced to crack cocaine by her now ex-husband in 2003, when their daughter was just 5 years old. They had both been working in established careers for a local water delivery company. In 2004, they lost their jobs to their addictions. Francine took her daughter and left her husband to move into her mother's home. But after several efforts to get her into treatment and one failed attempt, Francine's mother tried tough love and kicked her out of the house. Her young daughter remained with her grandmother. As she quickly approached street homelessness, she concluded she'd recommit to recover, graduating from treatment in May of 2005 and began receiving TANF. Her treatment counselor referred Francine to Central City Concern's alcohol and drug-free family housing. While she waited seven months for her name to come up on the waitlist, she lived with her mother and secured a job at a national clothing chain. Francine and her daughter moved into CCC's Taggart Manor in January of 2006. Life was going well with promotions at her job and stable home until May 27th, 09 when Francine was struck by a car crossing the street. With a broken hip and ribs, a crushed pelvis and her head split open, she was rushed to the hospital where she stayed for nearly 3 months. She was told she would never walk again but she was too determined to listen to her doctors. Six months after the accident, she moved back into her apartment with her daughter, a wheelchair and a walker. Today she is proud to be walking and attends a fitness class to improve her mobility. Francine received TANF while CCC's BEST team worked with her to secure her SSI and then SSDI. She explains that she has had a very strong work ethic and now aspires to be a drug and alcohol counselor. "I was put here on this earth to inspire and motivate others" she says with a big beaming smile. She hopes to be able to enroll in Portland Community College's Addiction Studies program next year. She speaks with pride about her children's academic successes. Her daughter now 13, is a straight A student. Her oldest son is graduating from University of Oregon with a history major this month and her second son is a student at Oregon State studying engineering.