



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 4/21/11  
 Agenda Item #: C.1  
 Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
 Date Submitted: 4/5/11

**Agenda Title:** Notice of Intent to submit a grant request to Kaiser Oral Health initiative in the amount of \$50,000 to support the establishment of a dental health professional training program with schools of dentistry and dental hygiene.

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** April 21, 2011 **Amount of Time:** Consent item  
**Department:** Health **Division:** Integrated Clinical Services  
**Contact(s):** Erin Connelly & Tom Waltz  
**Phone:** 503-988-3663 **Ext.:** 26430 or 22670 **I/O Address:** 160/9  
**Presenter(s):** NA (this grant request is below \$150,000).

## General Information

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

Authorize the Director of the Health Department to submit a grant application to the Kaiser Oral Health Initiative in the amount of \$50,000 to support the establishment of a dental health professional training program with local schools of dentistry and dental hygiene.

### 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.

The Multnomah County Health Department is the largest safety-net health provider in Oregon. In 2010, the Department's Dental Program provided services to nearly 24,000 clients at its five clinics. Seventy percent of these clients reported incomes below 100% of the federal poverty level. In addition, the Department's School and Community Oral Health Program provided screening and sealant services to over 6,500 children and delivered oral health education to over 23,000 children and adults in 2010. Despite the broad reach of these programs, the need for dental services in Multnomah County overwhelms the Health Department's capacity to provide care. At the same time, there is a shortage of dental health professionals serving low income residents in Multnomah County who depend on the safety-net for oral health services.<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Oregon Department of Human Services, *Primary Care Dental Capacity in Oregon: Results of the 2007 Primary Care Dental Survey*. <http://www.orohc.org/pdfs/2007-Dental-Report.pdf>

<sup>2</sup>Multnomah County is a Federally-designated Dental Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA #6419994165).

Funding through the Kaiser Permanente Oral Health Initiative will increase the capacity to provide oral health education and treatment in Multnomah County to low income families by creating a workforce development infrastructure designed to increase the number of dental public health professionals available to provide care.<sup>3</sup> The Health Department will partner with local dental schools in the Portland area to create the Dental Public Health Rotation Program (Pacific University has agreed to join the project and other schools are being contacted). This program will offer dental students a range of hands-on mentored experiences that enable them to work along side licensed dental staff in both clinic and community settings. As the only federally funded health center in Multnomah County that provides dental care, the Health Department's Dental Program is able to provide comprehensive and valuable experiences for dental students as they plan and evaluate career options. The Dental Public Health Rotation Program addresses all four priority areas of Kaiser's Oral Health Initiative. For example:

- It will increase access to oral health care and prevention messages by augmenting the Dental Program's ability to provide educational outreach and treatment in the clinics.
- The project will address the need for a policy approach to Multnomah County's long-standing oral health professional shortage designation by identifying and piloting models of collaboration between academic and public health entities.
- The project will enhance oral health education messages by introducing dental professional students to public health field experiences, and by strengthening the Dental Program's educational community outreach.
- Finally, this project will support the implementation of best practices for recruitment and retention of public health dental practitioners.<sup>4</sup>

This project will support the Health Department's efforts to meet the oral health needs of low income persons as reflected in FY 2011 Program Offer #40017.

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

No County funding is requested.

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

None identified; providing oral health care and collaborating with local educational institutions is consistent with County policy to address the health care needs of Multnomah County's medically underserved residents.

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

The project has been recommended by the Community Health Council, and the Health Department is coordinating with local schools of dentistry and dental hygiene regarding this project.

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## ATTACHMENT A

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### Grant Application/Notice of Intent

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**If the request is a Grant Application or Notice of Intent, please answer all of the following in detail:**

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<sup>3</sup> Dental public health is the science and art of preventing and controlling dental diseases and promoting dental health through organized community efforts (American Dental Association, <http://www.ada.org/2555.aspx#dph>).

<sup>4</sup> HRSA Bureau of Health Professions. *Public Health Workforce Survey*. January 2005.  
<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/healthworkforce/reports/publichealth/default.htm#recommendations>

- **Who is the granting agency?**  
Kaiser Oral Health Initiative
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**  
No match is required for this grant. Grantees are expected to monitor expenses, report activities on regular intervals as established in the grant agreement.
- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**  
The Health Department will request \$50,000 to support this project. The project may be renewed for an additional two years.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**  
The filing deadline to submit this application is May 6, 2011, and awards are to be announced before July 1, 2011.
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**  
This grant will cover one year (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014), and it can be renewed an additional two years.
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**  
A sustainability plan will be developed as a part of the proposed project.
- **Will the county indirect, central finance and human resources and departmental overhead costs be covered?**  
Yes, administrative costs will be covered in the grant request.

# ATTACHMENT B

## Required Signatures

Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:

*Lillian Shirley*

Date: 04/05/2010



Date: 04/05/2011

Budget Analyst:

Date: