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Summary of Testimony from 5/16/12 Public Budget Hearing

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[Dear Commissioners, Department Heads and Staff-](#)

Below is a summary from the testimony taken at the 5/16/12 public hearing in the Multnomah Building Boardroom. Budget Staff has "filled out" the comments identifying program offers and budgets where possible.

This is a FYI. Let me know if you have any questions

Thanks
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May 16, 2012 Public Budget Hearing

Multnomah County Building, Portland

Summary of comments by topic with related programs and their proposed budget:

- Support for Central City Concern Hooper Detoxification and Recovery Mentor Programs – 10 speakers. DCHS' Mental Health and Addiction Services Division has a \$100M proposed budget that includes \$18.6M in addiction specific programs.
- Support for the mental health "clubhouse" program - 7 speakers. This is part of program offer 25059 - Peer-run Supported Employment Center with \$80K proposed.
- Request to help offset Portland Children's Levy funding cuts (\$309K planned) to Janus Youth Programs' Project Metamorphosis youth drug rehabilitation program – 6 speakers.
- Concern about continued cuts to community health nurse positions in early childhood home programs – 6 speakers;

40013A-Early Childhood Home Based Services with \$6.5M proposed and 40013B-Early Childhood Home and Community Based Services with \$5.3M proposed.

- Support of services that assist Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth - 3 speakers (from Janus Youth). 25135-Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children – Victims’ System of Care with \$420K proposed; 50008A – DCJ Response to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children with \$50K proposed; 50008B – DCJ Response to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children - Collaboration Specialist with \$93K proposed.
- Support for the Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) program – 3 speakers. This specific therapeutic method was a component of a 2012 Program Offer 50040C - Employment Transition Services for Gang members with a \$50K budget not proposed in 2013.
- General support of the County’s homeless services support network with emphasis on case management – 3 speakers. DCCHS’ Community Services Division has a proposed budget of \$27.9M that includes \$10.8M in housing and homelessness specific programs.
- One speaker on each of the following:
 - Concern about City of Portland eliminating funding for two Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC) positions. (In November 2010, the City of Portland allocated contingency funds for two SARC victim advocate positions for one year.)
 - Objection to the Federal Secure Communities program and concern about its implementation in Multnomah County.
 - Appreciation for continued support for County Library funding. The total proposed Library budget is \$58.1M.

- Concern about Animal Services not meeting live release goals. The total proposed budget for DCS' Animal Services Division is \$8.6M.