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REVISED 06/26/09

JUNE 30 & JULY 2, 2009

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Tuesday, June 30, 2009 - 9:00 AM
Multnomah Building, Sixth Floor Commissioners Conference Room 635
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

IF NEEDED EXECUTIVE SESSION

- E-1 The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will meet in Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d),(e) and/or (h). Only Representatives of the News Media and Designated Staff are allowed to attend. News Media and All Other Attendees are Specifically Directed Not to Disclose Information that is the Subject of the Session. No Final Decision will be made in the Session. Presented by County Attorney Agnes Sowle. 15-55 MINUTES REQUESTED.
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Thursday, July 2, 2009 - 9:30 AM
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

REGULAR MEETING

CONSENT CALENDAR - 9:30 AM **DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY MANAGEMENT**

- C-1 Second Amendment to Lease R-04B Between Multnomah County, as Lessor, and the State of Oregon Department of Human Services, as Lessee, for Space in the Gateway Children's Center Services Building

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COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – 10:05 AM

- R-4 Authorizing the Settlement of a Claim for Damages Against the County and Individual Employees
- R-5 RESOLUTION Confirming the Interim Designation for Multnomah County Commissioner District 3 in the Event of a Vacancy

BOARD COMMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Deborah Kafoury
Commissioner Judy Shiprack
Commissioner Diane McKeel
Clerk of the Board Deb Bogstad

FROM: Warren Fish

DATE: 6/24/09

RE: Board of County Commissioners Meeting July 2, 2009

Commissioner Cogen will not be able to attend the July 2, 2009 Board Meeting.

Thank you,

Warren



MULTNOMAH COUNTY

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (revised 09/22/08)

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Meeting Date: 06/30/09
Agenda Item #: E-1
Est. Start Time: 9:00 AM
Date Submitted: 06/24/09

Agenda Title: Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d),(e)and/or(h)

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

Requested Meeting Date: June 30, 2009 Amount of Time Needed: 5-55 mins
Department: Non-Departmental Division: County Attorney
Contact(s): Agnes Sowle
Phone: 503 988-3138 Ext. 83138 I/O Address: 503/500
Presenter(s): Agnes Sowle and Invited Others

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?
No final decision will be made in the Executive Session.
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.
Only representatives of the news media and designated staff are allowed to attend. Representatives of the news media and all other attendees are specifically directed not to disclose information that is the subject of the Executive Session.
3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).
4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.
ORS 192.660(2)(d),(e)and/or(h)
5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Required Signature

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:

Date: 06/24/09



MULTNOMAH COUNTY

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 07/02/2009
Agenda Item #: C-1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 AM
Date Submitted: 06/23/09

Agenda Title: **Second Amendment to Lease R-04B Between Multnomah County, as Lessor, and the State of Oregon Department of Human Services, as Lessee, for Space in the Gateway Children's Center Services Building**

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

Requested Meeting Date: July 2, 2009 **Amount of Time Needed:** N/A
Department: County Management **Division:** Facilities and Property Management
Contact(s): Carla Bangert, Facilities & Property Management
Phone: (503) 988-4128 **Ext** 84128 **I/O Address:** FPM / 274
Presenter(s): Consent Calendar

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Amendment of Lease R-04B between Multnomah County, as Lessor, and State of Oregon, acting through the Department of Human Services, as Lessee for space at the Gateway Children's Center.

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 County purchased the Gateway Children's Center property and renovated the building now known as the Services Building, primarily for child assessment and related services integrated with the receiving center program. A lease was negotiated with the State of Oregon in November 2002 and has been amended to expire June 30, 2009. The State of Oregon wishes to extend this lease and Multnomah County has offered an amendment that would extend the lease term through June 30, 2014. This date will align with the expiration date with another lease held by the State of Oregon in the MDT Building at the same location which has been extended.

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

During the extension period the rent will be held at the current \$4,056.65 per month for FY10 and will adjust by CPI each July 1st of the extension period effective July 1, 2010.

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

None

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

None

Required Signature

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:

Carol M. Ford

Date: 06/23/09

BANGERT Carla J

From: RYAN Matthew O
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2009 9:15 AM
To: BANGERT Carla J
Subject: FW: Gateway Childrens Center State of OR Lease Amendments for #R-04B and #R-04F

Carla,

I did a little tweaking, the changes aren't highlighted though, I bolded the agreement statement and in R-04B added a "Second"; and the language we insert in all later amendments about the agreement as "amended to date". The attached have been reviewed and are approved for submission to the BCC or routing for signatures as the case may be. Thanks.

Matthew O. Ryan
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From: BANGERT Carla J
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2009 6:03 AM
To: RYAN Matthew O
Subject: Gateway Childrens Center State of OR Lease Amendments for #R-04B and #R-04F

Matt - Amendments were forwarded to State of OR for the above referenced leases at GCC. They have requested a few changes; one being a recital inserted into each document. The changes are in red in the attached documents. I really don't have any issues with their requests. Would you please review for content and advise and I'll move forward accordingly.

Thanks,
Carla

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Senior Property Management Specialist
Multnomah County
Facilities & Property Management
(503) 988-4128
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6/23/2009



SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE 22380

BETWEEN: Multnomah County, Oregon
Facilities and Property Management
401 N. Dixon Street
Portland, OR 97227

LANDLORD

AND: STATE OF OREGON
Acting by and through the Department of Human Services
Office of Facilities, E-90
500 Summer Street NE
Salem, OR 97301-1115

TENANT

By a Lease commencing December 1, 2002, as amended by Lease Amendment dated January 17, 2008, Tenant leased from Landlord certain space, containing approximately 2,389 rentable square feet, in the facility known as Gateway Children's Center, also known as the Children's Receiving Center, located at 10317 East Burnside, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.

With this Second Lease Amendment the parties agreed to amend the Lease as follows:

A. Amended Terms and Conditions:

1. Paragraph 2 titled "Term" is amended by deletion of the existing provision and the substitution of the following:

Term. The original term of this Lease commenced on December 1, 2002. The Lease is extended, and the extension term commences July 1, 2009 and continues through June 30, 2014.

2. Paragraph 3 titled "Rent" is amended by deletion of the existing last sentence and substitution of the following:

The monthly Base Rent for this Full Service Lease shall be \$4,056.65 per month. Beginning July 1, 2010 and each July thereafter during the term of the Lease, the Base Rent shall be adjusted by a percentage equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. Comparisons shall be made using the index entitled Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers - Portland-Salem, OR-WA (1982-84=100) or the nearest comparable data on changes in the cost of living if such index is no longer published. The change shall be determined by comparison of the most recent figures available on July 1, 2009 and that available on July 1 of each succeeding year. In no event, however, shall Base Rent be reduced below that payable during the first year of the extension period".

3. Paragraph 4 titled "Option to Extend" as amended to date is now deleted in its entirety.

B. Remainder of Agreement

Except as expressly provided herein, all other terms and conditions of the Lease, as amended to date, shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Lease Amendment on the respective dates set opposite their signature below, but this Lease Amendment on behalf of such party is deemed to have been dated as of the date first above written.

For Landlord:
Multnomah County, Oregon

Date: _____

By: _____
Ted Wheeler, Chair

Reviewed

Date: _____

By: _____
Matthew O. Ryan, Asst. County Attorney

Date: _____

For Tenant:
State of Oregon, acting by and through the
Department of Human Services

Date: 6-18-07

By: _____
Title: DHS FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR

Date: 18 JUN 09

Approval:
State of Oregon, acting by and through the
Department of Administrative Services

By: Scott D. Young
Facilities Division

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP**

Please complete this form and return to the Board Clerk

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MEETING DATE: 7-2-09

SUBJECT: Naming of structures; coordination with other jurisdictions.

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Public Comment

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Jason Barbour

ADDRESS: 4721 SE 65th Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97206

PHONE: DAYS: 503-253-3721

EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____

FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

1. Please complete this form and return to the Board Clerk.
2. Address the County Commissioners from the presenter table microphones. Please limit your comments to **3 minutes**.
3. State your name for the official record.
4. If written documentation is presented, please furnish one copy to the Board Clerk.

IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE BOARD:

1. Please complete this form and return to the Board Clerk.
2. Written testimony will be entered into the official record.



MULTNOMAH COUNTY

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (revised 09/22/08)

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 07/02/09
Agenda Item #: R-1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 AM
Date Submitted: 06/24/09

Agenda Title: RESOLUTION Acknowledging the Use of Flash Money by the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and its Associated Risk for Loss

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: July 2, 2009 Amount of Time Needed: 5 minutes
Department: Sheriff's Office Division: Business Services
Contact(s): Larry Aab
Phone: 503.988.4489 Ext. 84489 I/O Address: 503/350//Aab
Presenter(s): Larry Aab

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Passage of a resolution certifying that \$100,000 is an acceptable risk for loss during an undercover investigation.

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.

When conducting an undercover investigation through our Enforcement Division Special Investigations Unit it is sometimes necessary to display large sums of cash known as "flash money". The purpose of flash money is to provide convincing evidence during contact with a perpetrator of the undercover officer's ability to complete a purchase of illegal narcotics, dangerous drugs, stolen property, etc. The visual display of large sums of money is a necessary and common practice when establishing covert connections.

The use of flash money does not come without some of risk for loss. On occasion, although infrequently, a perpetrator will attempt to take the flash money by force in a robbery attempt. If successful, the lost flash money becomes lost revenue to the County. In the early 1990's the County's external auditors issued a finding that flash money must be acknowledged by the Board of County Commissioners as an acceptable loss risk in the event a robbery attempt is made. In prior

years this acknowledgement was made through a budget note. However the late addition of the Special Investigations Unit into the FY 2010 budget precluded the budget note from being included in the adopted budget. This resolution, if adopted by the Board will serves as the acknowledgement of the potential risk.

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

The Board has historically acknowledged the loss of \$100,000 as an acceptable risk.

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

Good accounting procedures acknowledge potential risks or liabilities as a part of financial planning. Passage of this resolution will fulfill the audit requirement relating to a potential loss.

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

NA

Required Signature

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:

/s/ *Bob Skipper / L.A.*

Date: June 17, 2009

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Acknowledging the Use of Flash Money by the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and its Associated Risk for Loss

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. On occasion, the use of large sums of money known as "flash money" is a necessary element to the successful investigation of drug, property, and other types of crimes by the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.
- b. In order to further the investigation of drug, property and other types of crimes, the use of flash money is an important tool to the infiltration of the criminal enterprise and in gaining the acceptance and confidence of an alleged criminal or criminal enterprise.
- c. There is a risk of loss when flash money is used during these types of investigations.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The loss of \$100,000 is an acceptable risk when using flash money in a criminal investigation.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of July, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Ted Wheeler, Chair

REVIEWED:

AGNES SOWLE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By _____
Jacqueline A. Weber, Assistant County Attorney

SUBMITTED BY:
Bob Skipper, Multnomah County Sheriff

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 09-091

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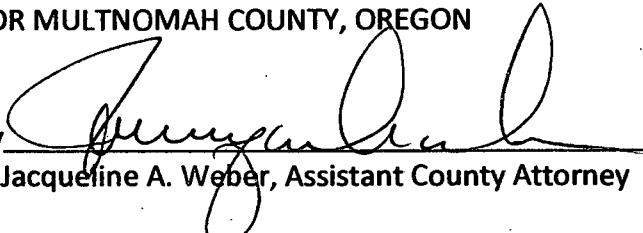


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REVIEWED:

AGNES SOWLE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By 
Jacqueline A. Weber, Assistant County Attorney

SUBMITTED BY:

Bob Skipper, Multnomah County Sheriff



MULTNOMAH COUNTY

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)

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Meeting Date: 07/09/09
Agenda Item #: R-2
Est. Start Time: 9:35 AM
Date Submitted: 06/22/09

Agenda Title: Reappointment of Jack Pessia and Thomas Landye to the Multnomah County INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

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

Requested Meeting Date: July 9, 2009 Amount of Time Needed: 5 mins
Department: Non-Departmental Division: Chair's Office
Contact(s): Ted Wheeler, Tara Bowen-Biggs
Phone: (503) 988-3308 Ext. 83953 I/O Address: 503/600
Presenter(s): Harry S. Morton

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Request board approval of appointment of reappointment of Jack Pessia and Thomas Landye to the Multnomah County Investment Advisory Board.

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 Investment Advisory board (IAB) reviews and advises on the County's investment performance and existing investment plan. There are 5 members on the committee appointed to 3-year terms by the County Chair with approval of the board of County Commissioners. Members are eligible for reappointment. The IAB meets quarterly. Harry Morton is the liaison to the IAB.

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

No fiscal impact

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

No legal and/or policy issues involved.

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

N/A

Required Signature

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:

Date: 06/22/09



MULTNOMAH COUNTY

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (revised 09/22/08)

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Meeting Date: 07/02/09
Agenda Item #: R-3
Est. Start Time: 9:40 AM
Date Submitted: 06/24/09

RESOLUTION Supporting the Development of and Funding for a 16 Bed Crisis Assessment and Treatment Center for Mentally Ill Individuals in Multnomah County who are in Need of Crisis Treatment and who do Not Need Hospitalization for their Serious Mental Health Issues

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Requested Meeting Date: July 2, 2009 Amount of Time Needed: 30 mins
Department: Non-Departmental Division: Chair's Office
Contact(s): Tom Rinehart
Phone: (503) 988-3308 Ext. 85882 I/O Address: 503/600
Presenter(s): Joanne Fuller, Director Department of County Human Services and Karl Brimmer, Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Agreeing to support the development of and funding for a 16 bed crisis assessment and treatment center for mentally ill individuals in Multnomah County who are in need of crisis treatment and who do not need hospitalization for their serious mental health issue.

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.

Over two years ago Mayor Tom Potter and Chair Wheeler launched a task force to examine public safety and mental health services in the wake of the tragic death of Jim Chasse, a person who was experiencing severe mental illness. One of the most important recommendations was for the creation of a facility that would provide brief residential treatment and substantive psychiatric and medical services.

Currently the only option for people who are experiencing bouts of severe mental illness is a hospital bed. There are not enough psychiatric beds in our region or in our state and they are very expensive. While hospitalization is an important resource for people with mental illness, adding a "sub-acute" (less than hospitalization) option would better meet the needs of many people and would increase the availability of hospital beds for those with higher levels of need.

Tragically, hundreds of people with mental illness are housed in our jails. In some cases, there has been serious criminal behavior and the individual must be jailed to protect public safety. In other cases, people are in jail because there is inadequate mental health treatment in the community. Jail is very expensive and it is not a good treatment option.

The real answer for many people experiencing mental illness is a continuum of supports that bolster recovery and help maintain housing, social networks and employment. Hospitalization interrupts recovery. Untreated episodes of severe mental illness disrupt housing, employment and social supports.

Multiple partners and funding streams have been identified in order to build and maintain the Mental Health Assessment and Treatment Center. This resolution outlines the roles of the working partners and lays out a timeline for implementation.

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

No fiscal impact to FY2010 Budget. It is likely that a program offer will be submitted for the FY2011 budget to pay for some of the operating costs of the facility.

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

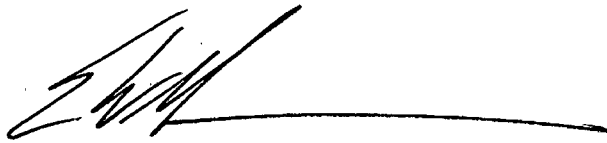
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5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The Department of County Human Services and the Chair's office have been working with the City of Portland, the Portland Development Commission, Central City Concern and Mental Health Advocates around the community and the state to create this plan to build and sustain a Mental Health Assessment and Treatment Center.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**



Date: 6/24/2009

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FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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DATED this 2nd day of July, 2009.

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FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Ted Wheeler, Chair

REVIEWED:

AGNES SOWLE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By _____
Patrick W. Henry, Assistant County Attorney

SUBMITTED BY:

Ted Wheeler, Multnomah County Chair

From the board of directors of the
Mental Health Association of Portland
www.mentalhealthportland.org

July 2, 2009

For Ted Wheeler and all Multnomah County Commissioners,

In 2001, during a generational redesign of Multnomah County's mental health system, a variety of providers, former patients, referring agencies, community members, and independent clinicians found the services at Providence Crisis Triage Center (CTC) to be in need of replacement.

The CTC opened in 1996, replacing the Metro Crisis Service, a well-managed telephone hotline. It was a 24 hour psychiatric clinic attached to Providence Hospital which would provide immediate treatment for anyone, and specialized in being a third choice for police, the first two being doing nothing and making an arrest. The CTC started unpredictably and badly, with the tragic death of Emily Comeaux, a person with needs beyond the comprehension of the CTC staff.

Prospective patients, sick and in crisis, who were coached to seek services at the CTC, regularly waited hours before seeing a clinician. Sick children were kept in the same waiting room as adult patients.

Cost of care was high and rising. Some patients and some clinicians chronically overused the CTC, clogging the service for others. Patients reported being misunderstood, were put on psychiatric holds unnecessarily, given the wrong medicine, or complained their concerns were dismissed.

After some public debate, and critical events such as the death of Jose Meija Poot, Providence Hospital and Multnomah County, both pointing fingers at each other, quit the contract and closed the CTC.

The re-designers proposed and announced an alternative. The newly formed Cascadia would open five walk in clinics which would be open 24 hours, staffed with able bodied clinicians, and located in all five quadrants of the city. Anyone could walk in and see someone in a few minutes. The costs would be lower because the clinics were uncoupled from a hospital.

The clinics opened with media fanfare. Within a few weeks, County administrators began saying too few people were using the clinics. If hours could be shortened, costs could be shaved and no one was coming at midnight anyhow. Within a year Cascadia, with it's first round of financial contractions closed one after another, leaving eventually just one, and not open twenty-four hours, and only available to people with certain sorts of insurance.

The closure of the CTC added a hard-to-measure burden on a variety of services and individuals which had no coordinated way of comparing experience and recognizing an additional set of responsibilities. These included alcohol and drug treatment centers, respite houses, the jail and their public health staff, police officers, tenant / landlord court, secure residential facilities, the psychiatric security review board, civil commitment court, both outpatient and inpatient mental health service providers, public housing agencies, hospital emergency rooms, psychiatric day treatment or socializing programs, inner city businesses, the circuit courts, hospital psychiatric wards, homeless shelters, private security patrols, public health clinics, Project Respond, parole and probation officers, family members, landlords, local churches and various do-gooder operations.

We'd estimate the cost of not having this service is in the tens of millions of dollars per year. The demoralization is immeasurable.

So we applaud that the county leadership recognizes this facility is an important component of the continuum of services.

NAMING THE FACILITY

The name and how this facility is referred to is extremely important. As we begin to recognize what we've called mental illness is mental diversity, we want to be welcoming to those members of our community who are having strong moods and feelings they're worried about, be welcoming to people who are strange, who hear voices, who are fearful of hospitals and forms of authority, who are angry and potentially violent, who are unhappy with their life and want it to be over, who have been injured by too much medication and now behave or move oddly, who have a head injury, or are alcoholic, or are using drugs and are talking gibberish.

We want to welcome them. We want them to feel welcome. We want these people to put down their issues for a moment, come in the door, sit down, have a cup of tea, listen to some music, and get some acupuncture.

The facility should not be called or generally referred to as the "mental health crisis center" or any parallel term focusing attention on "illness" or "crisis" or "assessment" or "mental" or "psychiatric." This is a continuing step away from using other stigmatizing and potent terms like "nutcase" or "wackjob" or "asshole" to refer to persons who are acutely ill. Professionals might object, but you're not asking them to come in for treatment.

Hooper Center is a good example of this renaming effect. David P Hooper was an alcoholic who utilized the county sobering services over and over. The message of David Hooper's experience is – don't give up, keep coming back.

We suggest the facility be named after someone in our community who is both deceased and would have made use of the facility had they had the opportunity. Emily Comeaux would be an excellent choice.

PEERS ARE IMPORTANT

Peer outreach workers should staff the front door of the facility 24 / 7. Agencies in Portland have been training persons with mental illness to provide direct services for years, and Central City Concern has excelled in recruiting, hiring, training, and managing persons in recovery for decades. The recent documentary film, FINDING NORMAL, is an explicit view of the dramatic affect peers can have individualizing the experience of recovery

Peers have an orientation to recovery which is impossible to generate in a professional – though some professionals are in recovery themselves and some are good at faking it. Their value is to act as a human segue, a intimate problem-solver, a minder, a role model, a constant conduit. And for persons contemplating the difficult changes required to gain sanity and sobriety there is value in having a relationship with someone who is NOT a professional. It's important to respect the peer skill set and acknowledge that peer employees may choose to continue to grow and change themselves and their capacity to act as a peer may end as their personal recovery advances.

OVERSIGHT

Almost everything in that generational redesign of the community mental health system failed or

floundered – largely because of infighting between county bureaucrats. But there was one important promise made, which you didn't keep, probably because no one told you about it. The promise was the county would no longer create programs and policies about mental health services without persons who used mental health services engaged and involved with the decision making.

Create an oversight committee for the new facility which reports to the county chair. This committee should be staffed, have a small budget for meetings, printing and postage, and be made up entirely of persons who would be likely users of the facility. Family members, professionals, and the general public should be allowed to attend meetings, but the voice of the committee should be the voice of those using the services.

This committee should meet at least monthly and for the minimum of one year and have the capacity to reform to respond to a critical incident at the facility.

UNDERSTANDING TRAUMA

Just about everything we presumed was true about mental illness in 1996, when Emily Comeaux suicided in the CTC waiting room, we now think is wrong. In 1996 we looked back at the prior decade with the same skepticism. What we do today, in the clutches, is often pre-scientific, and with our forced perspective we think it works. Odds say that assumption is probably wrong.

But the truth is there is probably something which works better and we should be on a quest for that something.

What's been true forever is compassion is a good guide. What we have learned in the past decade is there are a large number of people who may or may not have mental illness, but who act like it largely because they have been traumatized somehow and that trauma has been ignored or diminished by their community. This group includes not only people who are defined as mentally ill, but also a growing group of emergency workers, soldiers, police officers, and those who have been victims of crimes.

Emily Comeaux was one of those persons. This is from a note she left for her daughter,

"Now you listen real close to this. I DID NOT GIVE UP. I fought with every ounce of strength I had, you saw me fight, watched the battle many years. I'm not gone, you just can't talk to me for a while. Baby I know this is going to hurt real bad but I also know I raised a fighter with a loud voice to shout that the system is wrong. I am doing this to help others."

We suspect a large number of people who will be brought to this new facility are people who are primarily affected by trauma. We suggest the entire staff of the agency which manages the facility, and those who sit on an oversight committee, or are staff of the county who provide fiscal or political oversight, receive training about trauma.

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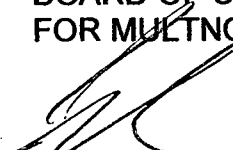
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REVIEWED:

AGNES SOWLE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By 

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SUBMITTED BY:

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 07/02/09
Agenda Item #: R-4
Est. Start Time: 10:05 AM
Date Submitted: 06/24/09

Agenda Title: **Authorizing the Settlement of a Claim for Damages Against the County and Individual Employees**

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

Requested Meeting Date: July 2, 2009 Amount of Time Needed: 5 minutes
Department: Non-Departmental Division: County Attorney
Contact(s): Agnes Sowle
Phone: 503-988-3138 Ext. 83138 I/O Address: 503/500
Presenter(s): Agnes Sowle, County Attorney

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approve the settlement of lawsuit James P. Chasse vs. Humphreys et al for the amount of \$925,000.

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.

Board approval would authorize the full and final settlement of claims against Multnomah County and its employees claims arising out of the lawsuit.

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

N/A

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

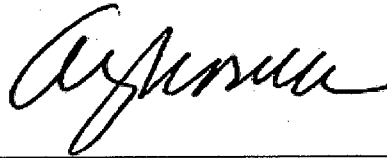
On December 18, 2003, the Board adopted Resolution 03-171 delegating authority to the County Attorney to settle claims and litigation against the County or its employees in amounts up to \$25,000 per case. The County Attorney must obtain Board approval for all settlements of over \$25,000.

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

N/A

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**



Date: 06/24/09



Ted Wheeler, Multnomah County Chair

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Statement of Multnomah County Chair Ted Wheeler June 25, 2009

The tragic death of Jim Chasse has forced everybody in the community to take a hard look at the ways we try and sometimes fail to help our neighbors who face the challenge of mental illness. From community discussions in the aftermath of Jim Chasse's death, important reforms have been identified and implemented and larger changes are in process. It is personally important to me that we demonstrate that Jim Chasse's death serves as a continuing reminder to us of the need to substantially improve the way the community responds to mental illness and build systems of support that can sustain recovery. Recovery must be our goal.

Multnomah County's settlement of the lawsuit arising from Jim Chasse's death will end our participation in legal proceedings but it in no way ends our efforts to follow through with reforms advanced in the wake of the tragedy. The big problems in the global economy and the financial collapse of our largest local mental health provider have slowed our progress toward a new mental health crisis center, but we are still moving forward.

In 2006, after I was elected County Chair but before I took office, I co-chaired the Task Force on Mental Health and Public Safety organized by Mayor Potter. Working closely with Senator Avel Gordley, we listened to the community, consulted diverse stakeholders and developed an action list of changes that were needed to get better outcomes for people with mental illness and the public safety professionals that protect our community.

Improved training of public safety staff regarding mental health issues was a top priority and that has been in place for more than two years now. Guidelines on the use of force by law enforcement have been revised. Booking procedures at the jail have changed. Mental health professionals have increased their collaboration with law enforcement officers.

We all agree that there are too many people with mental illness in jail. Since 2007, we have been working to open a new facility where trained staff can assess and treat people with mental illness who come into contact with police officers. The center would provide a continuum of support that would help bolster recovery, find and maintain housing and offer the kinds of services that would allow people with mental illness to move toward independence.

I still cannot predict the date that the mental health treatment and assessment center will open its doors, but I am confident we will get there. The financial collapse of Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare in 2008 was a temporary set-back. The severe budget cuts we faced this year meant that we could only put a million dollars towards moving the project forward, but we do have a plan.

Central City Concern is remodeling the old Ramada hotel and will move their detox facility to that new site. The current detox site will be remodeled to serve as the mental health crisis center. Much of the funding is in place and we will move aggressively to complete the project.

Next week the Board of County Commissioners will consider a resolution on the development of the mental health assessment and treatment center. This discussion will take place at the same meeting that we consider the settlement of the lawsuit arising from Jim Chasse's death. It is important that we reach closure on this tragedy, but we must also remember the lessons we have learned and redouble our efforts to prevent future tragedies.

Multnomah County would be smart to settle Chasse suit

Posted by aereline June 26, 2009 19:44PM

At long last, someone has made a smart decision in the case of poor James Chasse. Not surprisingly, it's Ted Wheeler.

Chasse, a schizophrenic man, was behaving oddly and possibly urinating on a tree when police spotted him on Sept. 17, 2006.

Two Portland officers and a Multnomah County deputy approached Chasse figuring they were dealing with a drunk or a drug addict. He ran. As Pearl District diners and shoppers looked on, police chased Chasse and knocked him to the sidewalk. He screamed and fought to break free. Officers used physical force -- their fists, feet and finally a Taser -- to subdue him.

Paramedics at the scene said Chasse's vital signs were normal, so officers tied his feet to his hands and took him to the Multnomah County Detention Center. A jail nurse evaluated Chasse's condition through a cell window. She watched him twitch for a few seconds, told officers he needed medical care and walked away. He died in the back seat of a patrol car on the way to Portland Adventist, less than two hours after his encounter with police.

Chasse's family filed a federal lawsuit against the city, the county, the ambulance company, the police chief, the mayor, the officers, paramedics and jail staff. The lawsuit, since split into separate cases against the officers involved and the government agencies, alleges that Chasse's civil rights were violated, and that pretty much everyone who could screw up did.

Activists for the poor and mentally ill have accused police of beating Chasse to death, then covering up their use of excessive force. Police, in turn, say they've been vilified for a tragic accident.

We may never really know precisely what happened, which particular version of events is closest to the truth or which particular bad decision caused his death.

Which is why Wheeler's decision this week to ask his Multnomah County Board of Commissioners to settle its part of the suit for close to \$1 million feels both wise and compassionate.

I know, I know. Chasse may not have been an entirely innocent victim. Officers approached because he appeared to be urinating in public. He ran from them and resisted arrest with surprising force, scratching and biting. A grand jury found no reason to charge anyone involved in chasing Chasse down with a crime. The state medical examiner ruled his death accidental, the natural result of a 245-pound man crashing down on top of a 145-pound one.

Settling the lawsuit is a good business decision. A trial of this magnitude -- involving expert witnesses, conflicting eyewitness testimony and outside lawyers -- could cost taxpayers more than the \$925,000 settlement even if the county were to win.

Settling is also the right thing to do because, on a broader level, we all share blame for Chasse's death.

The city and county systems for handling mentally ill people have improved since Chasse's death. The Portland Police Bureau now trains officers about how to deal with mentally ill people and tightened rules about when they can use force. County leaders changed booking procedures at the jail and are close to construction of a \$3 million mental health assessment and treatment center. Still, the county's mental health programs and the city's affordable housing efforts both remain woefully understaffed, underfunded and underappreciated.

Wheeler's decision to settle is a nod to the vast amount of work left to be done. And, even if he doesn't intend it that way, next week's county vote on the deal is a reminder to everyone else in this lawsuit that the money being devoted to legal wrangling would be better used fixing a system still undeniably broken.

-- Anna Griffin; annagriffin@news.oregonian.com

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Comments

hippiehtr says...

A said commentary on the state of our tort system. Even though it can be rightfully argued the officers were merely doing their jobs and the incident was a tragic accident, it may still be cheaper to settle for nearly a million dollars. There was shown to be no criminal wrong doing but that clearly has no importance when it comes to the skewed civil litigation system. People sue the police everyday knowing that it is often cheaper for the government to give them some undeserved money rather than spend much more on a trial.

Posted on 06/26/09 at 11:16PM

rockright says...

This wack job should have never been let run loose in the first place. I don't blame the cops for taking him down. The family who now is seeing "DOLLAR" signs and is sooooo concerned, couldn't have given a crap the night he was on the rampage. The lawyers are laughing all the way to the bank.

Posted on 06/27/09 at 12:01AM

lewisN says...

James Chasse was killed in a horrible way. His ribs were broken and his lung punctured. A very heavy officer tackled him and caused grave injuries. Do you think that is all right? We are going to have people on the streets who have mental health issues. Apparently our mental health system is not adequate, so officers hired to "protect and serve" are going to need to use their heads more and their weapons and brute force less. It might be easy for 'rockright' to justify what happened to James by calling him a "wack job", but I cannot tolerate killing a person for just being a little different. Chasse was not armed and was not violent. You are seeking to marginalize him by calling him a wack job. A society is measured by the way it cares for its weakest members, and the officers who killed James Chasse failed miserably..

Posted on 06/27/09 at 6:36AM

rockright says...

lewisN

It's still about the money. That was my main point. This so called Family didn't care enough to keep him off the street, but sure are going to try and collect big time. And he was violent.

Posted on 06/27/09 at 7:18AM

jhnbtntx says...

Of the many articles, opinion letters and comments regarding the Chasse saga, few have ever asked the question of where was his family and what responsibility of theirs was it to have kept him from degenerating the way he did? Where was the concern that he wasn't getting treatment? Where was their outrage when he was living in the streets? What was their responsibility and care when he wasn't taking his medications?

Posted on 06/27/09 at 8:05AM

sdep says...

to jhnbtntx

You do ask important questions. I do not know the Chasse family, but I know other families who struggle with the health system. The problems are endless and the solutions few. James Chasse was not actually homeless. He lived in a half-way house. He was a 42 year old man and even the mentally ill have a right to live on their own. We all need to be asking what is wrong with a system that cannot adequately treat those among us who have mental issues. We do need to be outraged when people are forced to live on the streets. We do need to find ways to help those who need medications to get them and to take them. What we do NOT need are bullying and lethal "peace officers" beating people to death because they do not behave in a rational manner.

Posted on 06/27/09 at 8:47AM

clabbergrrl says...

If we had actual community policing instead of fake lip-service to it, the police would have known who he was and that he was mentally ill.

The police seem to be good at roid rages and filling out false time cards, and not much else. My wife was the victim of a hit-and-run driver who changed lanes and crushed her car against an exit ramp wall and dragged her 100 feet. She HAD the license number. The police refused to investigate it, saying that since the perp took off it was an "unattended hit and run", like if someone scratches your car in a parking lot. Our *insurance company* tracked down the license and it was a stolen license plate from a boat in Montana. The police are scared of REAL criminals, they like to pick on the mentally ill instead.

Posted on 06/27/09 at 8:51AM

juansegin says...

Much has been said about the Chasse family, and how much money they are going to receive as the result of a bunch of thugs kicking their son to the curb and killing him, simply because he ALLEGEDLY was looking for a place to urinate.

Two thirds of the HUGE sum of money they will "receive" for their son's life (albeit, to read some of your words a worthless life) will go to pay the lawyer's fees, another huge chunk for all of the court costs incurred, and another for taxes. Ultimately, they may see a couple of hundred grand, which even in today's economy is negligible.

Having said this, let us consider a far more important point than Jim Chasse, or his family: Think for a moment how this atmosphere of violent response might effect YOU. Suppose that you, or someone you love should have a bad response to their insulin, or other drug (legal, of course), and start acting "weird," like a "whack job." Given the current climate of abuse, and grand juries that condone such abuse, your

chances of survival are pretty slim.

Fuoad Kaady was the victim of a very similar set of circumstances. He was acting very strange, indeed, unless you considered for one moment that he had just had the skin burned from most of his body. The police response (protect and serve)? Fill his young body with lead, but not before you tazer him until both of your star trek guns are out of juice.

The point here is that the cops are too damn quick to respond with violence.

Were it possible, under current guidelines, to place Mr. Chasse into some kind of inpatient care, one might think that then he would be safe from such overweening violence, but one would be wrong. Consider the case of Jose Mejia Poot: He was in such a secure, locked down facility, and because he could not speak english, he was trying to impress upon his "caretakers" that he needed to contact his family. In pursuit of this goal, he apparently "armed" himself with a fire extinguisher, and sealed his doom. Two of Portland's finest received medals of valor for snuffing out this ne'er do well.

What I intend to say here is that it is not about Jim Jim, not about Fouad, and Not about Jose, it is about US, dear people, and at this time, it is about US versus THEM (the police) They are killing us, and being rewarded for doing so. I am just sorry that the Chasse's were not able to force each of those cops, and their "supervisors" to pay out huge personal damages. We have really gone wrong, when we allow them to continue to work and violate human rights daily, and then reward them for killing someone.

Posted on 06/27/09 at 9:08AM

Lynne97030 says...

No amount of money can make up for the way our society has abandoned those citizens who are mentally ill.

Being mentally ill is not a crime yet, rather than provide mental health care as needed, we use our jails and prisons as mental health treatment facilities. We expect professionals trained to apprehend criminals to deal with mentally ill citizens acting out on the street.

I'm with sdep -- we need to take better care of our mentally ill. Something is wrong with a society that does not take care of people who cannot care for themselves. It takes a village, but the stigma of mental illness discourages both families and villagers from reaching out to each other.

Posted on 06/27/09 at 10:05AM

fansince1947 says...

Ms. Griffin, you write, "Settling is also the right thing to do because, on a broader level, we all share blame for Chasse's death."

You'll have to explain this statement, why "we all share blame for Chasse's death." What is it that you, Ms. Griffin, have done that puts you at blame for his death? What is it that any of us, who absolutely have had no association or knowlegde of Chasse, have done that cause us to share blame for Chasse's death? What is the "broader level" that implicates all of us? Your assertion deserves an explanation, please provide it.

Posted on 06/28/09 at 4:22PM

rockright says...

"We all share blame for Chasse's death"? What a bunch of touchy ,feely BS. I don't share blame for anything. If this guy was locked up and taken care of by his family, none of this crap would of happened.

But the family is sure going to profit, aren't they. By not taking care of Chasse they made a big payday for themselves and the biggest winners "the lawyers".

Now isn't that a heartwarming story.

Posted on 06/28/09 at 5:15PM

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (long form)

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 07/02/09
Agenda Item #: R-5
Est. Start Time: 10:10 AM
Date Submitted: 06/26/09

Agenda Title: RESOLUTION Confirming the Interim Designation for Multnomah County Commissioner District 3, in the Event of a Vacancy

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

Requested Meeting Date: July 2, 2009 Amount of Time Needed: 5 mins
Department: Non Departmental Division: County Attorney
Contact(s): Agnes Sowle
Phone: 503-988-3138 Ext. 83138 I/O Address: 503/500
Presenter(s): County Attorney Agnes Sowle

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adopt Resolution confirming Commissioner Shiprack's designation of Becky Wehrli as interim Commissioner District 3 in the event of a vacancy.

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.

Multnomah County Charter Section 4.50(3) and Multnomah County Code 5.005 require elected officials to designate a Charter qualified interim occupant to serve until a vacancy is filled by election or appointment. This resolution confirms the interim designation of District 3 Commissioner as submitted and stated in the attached letter.

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

Not applicable.

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

Complies with requirements of the Multnomah County Charter and Multnomah County Code.

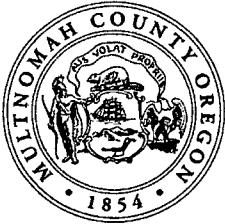
5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Not applicable.

Required Signature

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:

Date: 06/26/09



Commissioner Judy Shiprack

Multnomah County Oregon

Suite 600, Multnomah Building
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard
Portland, Oregon 97214

Phone: (503) 988-5217
FAX: (503) 988-5262
Email: district3@co.multnomah.or.us

To: Multnomah County Board of Commissioners
Re: District 3 Alternate
Date: 6/26/2009

Dear Members of the Board:

In accordance with County Charter Section 4.50(3) and Multnomah County Code Chapter 5.005, I have designated Becky Wehrli as Interim Multnomah County Commissioner for District 3 should I leave office for any reason.

Ms Wehrli resides in my district and has the skills and talent needed to be a Multnomah County Commissioner alternate. Besides her many accomplishments, Ms Wehrli has been Executive Director of Elders in Action from 1983 -2006. This experience has made her exceptionally knowledgeable about county operations and programs.

Ms Wehrli is an asset to our community and I'm pleased to name her as my alternate.

Sincerely,

Judy Shiprack

Becky Wehrli
7701 SE Taylor
Portland, OR 97215
503-758-5725
info@beckyltc.com

SKILLS

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| Public Relations | Group Facilitation | Agency Administration |
| Program Development | Strategic Planning | Fund Development |
| Staff Management | Public Speaking | Financial Management |

EXPERIENCE

BECKY WEHRLI, CLTC, Portland, OR Jan'06 - current

Own business as independent agent specializing in Long-term care. Develops marketing and outreach strategy for financial services. Provides education about long-term care and financing options. Shops market for most affordable plans to meet needs of client and their family.

ELDERS IN ACTION, Portland, OR Feb'83 – Jan'06

Elders in Action is a 36-year-old consumer advocacy organization which represents the views of older adults to public officials, develops new services and resources and provides public education to improve the quality of life for older adults in metropolitan Portland.

Executive Director

Provides leadership for the organizational development and overall management of private non-profit with an annual budget of \$700,000, 7 FTE staff, and more than 200 volunteers. Carries out the policies and implements programs under the direction of the Board of Directors. Facilitates board recruitment, training, and development. Coordinates the development and evaluation of long range strategic and annual goals and work plans for board committees and key staff. Directs fund development program for the agency including events management, individual and corporate contributions program and fee for service as well as private and government grants and contracts. Provides staff support for citizen's commission and advisory committees. Hires, supervises, develops performance objectives and conducts performance reviews of key staff. Serves as the chief financial officer of the organization, develops budget, authorizes expenditures, implements annual audits. Recruits, screens, and directs work of professional service contractors in the areas of accounting, bookkeeping, technology development, fund development, event planning, and public relations. Promotes visibility of agency in the community and serves as liaison with public, corporations, public and private agencies and media. (3/83-present)

Short List of Accomplishments:

- Successfully spearheaded transition of agency from government to private sector.
- Built cash reserves of non-profit to \$400,000 in 7 years.
- Introduced direct mail solicitation, membership, and corporate giving programs.
- Grew agency revenues from contributions and grants by more than 700% in three years.
- Increased self-sufficiency for two programs by introducing fees for service.
- Packaged EF Business Certification program for national replication under licensing agreement.
- Significantly increased agency visibility.

LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Portland Action Committee Together (Portland IMPACT) Portland, OR

Manager

Responsible for the management of federal program to provide low-income families with heating assistance. Supervised staff. Reviewed eligibility determination and authorized payments. Developed record keeping system. Handled complaints. Wrote final reports. (2/82-5/82)

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Multnomah/Washington Co. Employment & Training Agency, Portland, OR

Area Manager

Responsible for management of crew component of federal employment program to provide low-income youth, ages 14 to 21, with good work habits and job skills. Served as liaison host agencies. Developed contracts. Hired, trained, and supervised Crew Supervisors/Counselors. Enrolled participants. Conducted evaluations and wrote final reports. (4/81 to 10/81)

SOUTHWEST SENIOR SERVICES

Neighborhood house, Inc., Portland, OR

Senior Program Director

Responsible for the administration of social services program for frail elderly. Planned programs, developed contract for services, prepared budget. Supervised staff. (9/77-1/81)

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Multnomah/Washington CETA Consortium, Portland, OR

Crew Supervisor/Counselor

Responsible for on-site supervision and basic job skill training for crew of youth. Provided support for problems related to employment. Developed and implemented work assignments. Oversaw construction of hiking trails and park maintenance. (6/77-9/77)

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Portland, OR

Geriatric Assistant

Responsible for providing in-home and personal care to homebound elderly and disabled persons. Assisted with bathing, shopping, meal preparation, escort, etc. (2/74-6/78)

EDUCATION

B.S., Social Services, 1978, High Honors
Certificate of Gerontology, Institute on Aging
Portland State University, Portland, OR

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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| Housecall Providers, Inc | Board member |
| Oregon Gerontological Assn | Board member |
| East Portland Chamber of Commerce | Member, Govt Affairs Committee |

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

3. The Board confirms Becky Wehrli to serve as interim occupant for Multnomah County Commission District 3 in the event of a vacancy in that office.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of July, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Ted Wheeler, Chair

REVIEWED:

AGNES SOWLE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By _____
Agnes Sowle, County Attorney

SUBMITTED BY:
Agnes Sowle, County Attorney

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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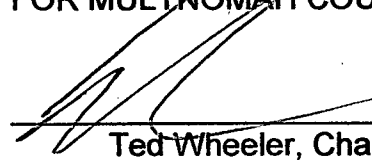
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