



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 4/16/13
Agenda Item #: B.2
Est. Start Time: 10:30 am
Date Submitted: 4/10/13

Agenda Title: **Informational Board Briefing on Community-Base Coordinator of Early Learning (HUB) System**

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: April 9, 2013 **Time Needed:** 1 hour
Department: Non-D/Government Relations **Division:** _____
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Joanne Fuller, Chief Operating Officer, and invited guest

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

No formal action is requested from the Board at this time.

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 intent of this briefing for the Board of County Commissioners is to provide an update on the Community Based Coordinators of Early Learning (HUB) system, proposed by Governor Kitzhaber. The HUB will be charged with guiding early education, health, social services and other community assets – to improve kindergarten readiness outcomes for at-risk children. Essentially, the HUB will be an organization that integrates and purchases kindergarten readiness outcomes across an entire community, bringing together a variety of early learning stakeholders: funders, service providers and community members toward a unified goal.

Under the leadership of Governor Kitzhaber, Oregon has adopted the “40-40-20” goal, which states that by 2025, 40% of adult Oregonians will have earned a bachelor’s degree or higher, 40% percent will have earned an associate’s degree or post-secondary credential, and that the remaining 20% or less will have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent. Meeting this goal will require that Oregon children meet an early benchmark: kindergarten readiness.

The Early Learning Council, under the direction of the Oregon Education Investment Board, commissioned a workgroup focused on the developing the parameters for the HUB's role and function in this arena. The Community Based Coordinator (HUB) draft report was completed and approved by the Early Learning Council with some revisions and has been sent to the Legislature under HB2222. However HB2222 has since been replaced with HB 2013. This bill currently makes changes to screening, Healthy Start, instructs the ELC to work with CCO's and creates five "demonstration projects" among other items. At the time of this APR submission, it is uncertain what the final legislation will include.

We continue to meet across departments within the County to discuss the proposed direction of the Early Learning Council as well as attend and participate in statewide efforts to define the emerging Early Learning System. Ongoing conversations with community partners have focused community leader's perception about the role of the HUB

The current transformation plan has the potential to impact several areas within Multnomah County – Health and County Human Services. The propose plan as well as the overarch goals of the HUB calls for services to be realigned and integrated into one early learning system.

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

There is no impact to the current fiscal year. Moving into FY14 and beyond it is certain that a fiscal impact will emerge given the County's current role as a funder, service provider and key partner in early childhood services in this community.

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

County Department leaders along with other partners are recommending that Multnomah County apply to become the HUB for our geographic region. Funding and services delivered by and contracted through Multnomah County will be impacted by this new Early Learning System. This may require policy direction from the board of County Commissioners.

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

The State has conducted community focus groups and surveys in order to define this new Early Learning System. This input has been reflected in the evolving versions of documents released by the Early Learning Council. Most recently the Office of Citizen Involvement hosted a forum to gather input from community members about the proposed Early Learning System. Finally, the staff and members of the Early childhood Council of the Commission on Children, Families and Community, has been engaged in discussion about this evolving process.

Required Signature

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

Judy Shiprack /s/

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