



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 3/24/16
Agenda Item #: R.1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 3/16/16

Agenda Title: **PROCLAMATION Proclaiming March 28 – April 1, 2016 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health Awareness Week in Multnomah County, Oregon**

Requested 3/24/16 **Time Needed:** 20 minutes
Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** Shiprack
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General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adoption of a proclamation, proclaiming March 28 – April 1, 2016 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health Awareness Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.

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.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LBGTQ) people in Oregon face barriers to accessing comprehensive health care services. Provider bias regarding LGBTQ people or patients has been clearly documented and many providers report they feel uncomfortable or inadequately trained in discussing patients' sexual histories. These barriers translate into health disparities for LGBTQ people.

Cultural competency training is a proven means to mitigate health disparities in many populations. Because of the health disparities LGBTQ people experience, it is imperative to ensure health care workers receive cultural competency trainings to improve outcomes for many populations, including LGBTQ communities.

This proclamation is also intended to kick-off the *2016 Meaningful Care Conference* being held on Friday, March 25, 2016. The conference is an effort of a group of LGBTQ-focused community programs, including Multnomah County, who have joined together to promote cultural competency for healthcare and social service providers working with members of the LGBTQ community.

The day-long conference seeks to:

Promote LGBTQ cultural competency in health care and social services, share updated best practices and develop and diversify networks of health care and social service providers.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

The Meaningful Care Conference
Friday, March 25, 2016
8 am – 4:30 pm
Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel
8235 NE Airport Way
Portland, OR 97220

The Meaningful Care Conference is coordinated by the LGBTQ Health Coalition of the Columbia-Willamette, a community-based partnership of agencies and individuals serving the LGBTQ community. For more information visit: www.oregonLGBTQhealth.org.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Judy Shiprack /s/

Date:

3/16/16
