



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (revised 09/22/08)

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Meeting Date: 02/11/2010
Agenda Item #: C-2
Est. Start Time: 9:30 AM
Date Submitted: 01/28/2010

Agenda Title: **ORDER Authorizing Designees of the Mental Health Program Director to Direct a Peace Officer to Take an Allegedly Mentally Ill Person into Custody**

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:	<u>February 11, 2010</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>N/A</u>
Department:	<u>DCHS</u>	Division:	<u>MHASD</u>
Contact(s):	<u>Jean Dentinger/Karen Zarosinski (x 26468)</u>		
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		I/O Address:	<u>167/1/520</u>
Presenter(s):	<u>Consent Calendar</u>		

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Requesting adoption of order and approval of designees. The Mental Health and Addiction Services Division is recommending approval of the designees in the accordance with ORS 426.215.

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.

Outpatient mental health agencies depend upon certain staff having the ability to assess clients for "Director Designee Custody". This certification allows the designee to direct a police officer or secure transportation provider to take into custody any individual with mental health issues who is found to be dangerous to self or to others. Police then transport the individual to a hospital or other approved treatment facility for further evaluation. As agencies experience staffing turnover or increases, new staff needs to be trained and certified as designees.

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

None.

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


In accordance with ORS 426.215

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

None.

Required Signature

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



Date: 01/28/2010

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. 2010-017

Authorizing a Designee of the Mental Health Program Director to Direct a Peace Officer to Take an Allegedly Mentally Ill Person into Custody

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a) If authorized by a county governing body, a designee of a mental health program director may direct a peace officer to take into custody a person whom the designee has probable cause to believe is dangerous to self or others and whom the designee has probable cause to believe is in need of immediate care, custody, and treatment of mental illness.
- b) There is a current need for specified designees of the Multnomah County Mental Health Program Director to have the authority to direct a peace officer to take an allegedly mentally ill person into custody.
- c) The designee listed below has been specifically recommended by the Mental Health Program Director and meets the standards established by the Mental Health Division.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Orders:

- 1. The individual listed below is authorized as a designee of the Mental Health Program Director for Multnomah County to direct any peace officer to take into custody a person whom the designee has probable cause to believe is dangerous to self or others and whom the designee has probable cause to believe is in need of immediate care, custody or treatment for mental illness.
- 2. Added to the list of designees are:

Jennifer Shumaker
Gabrielle Baker

Sara Migliazzo
Melissa Tee

Colette Romero
Kathryn Hainley

ADOPTED this 11th day of February 2010.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON


Ted Wheeler, Chair

REVIEWED:

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FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

BY: 
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SUBMITTED BY:
Joanne Fuller, Director, Dept. of County Human Services