



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised 08/02/10)

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Meeting Date: 2/3/11
Agenda Item #: R-2
Est. Start Time: 10:10 am approx

Agenda Title: **Approval of Multnomah County Child Welfare Workgroup Report**

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: February 3, 2011 **Amount of Time Needed:** 40 minutes

Department: Nondepartment **Division:** Commission on Children, Families & Community

Contact(s): Joshua Todd, Director

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Jerry Burns, DHS District Manager; Joshua Todd, CCFC Director; Melissa Butterfield, CCFC Board Member; Damon Isiah Turner, CCFC Board Member

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval of report

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.

On April 29, 2010 the Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution that called for the creation of an interdepartmental workgroup represented by the departments and divisions of the County which provide services to children in foster care or the families of children in foster care. Representatives of the Department of Human Services served as partners in this workgroup. Convened by the CCFC Foster Care Reduction Initiative the workgroup was co-chaired by Commissioner Kafoury and Commissioner Willer. The Workgroup met monthly from June 2010 through November 2011.

The goals of the work group were: 1) to establish a baseline of where County investments interact with DHS, 2) to identify where opportunities for better coordination, efficiency, and collaboration exist between the County and DHS, and 3) to identify a few key areas for further exploration in 2011.

The recommendations that came from the workgroup make up the Multnomah County

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Child Welfare Workgroup Report.

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

There is no direct fiscal impact of approval of the County Child Welfare Workgroup Report. However, actions taken in response to the report will have a positive fiscal impact by increasing the coordination and decreasing the duplication of services between the State of Oregon Department of Human Services: Child Welfare and Multnomah County.

The report looks at over 90 County funded programs, with a total cost of over \$270 million, with over \$80 million dollars coming from the County General Fund.

The estimated cost of keeping a child in foster care for a year is over \$20,000 per child. Possible cost savings will come from not having kids in care as well as less duplication.

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

There are no direct legal and or policy issues involved in the approval of this document. However, actions taken in response to the report may have policy implications.

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

Feedback was elicited from approximately 400 citizens of the County in the form of community forums, prior to the outset of the workgroup. This citizen feedback was incorporated in the development of this report. The Work Group was convened by Commissioner Kafoury and Commissioner Willer, and attended by DHS staff, County staff, CCFC Board members and programs that serve kids and families through contracts with the County.

Required Signature

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



Date: 1/26/2011
