



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 1/16/14
Agenda Item #: R.5
Est. Start Time: 10:10 am
Date Submitted: 1/9/14

Agenda Title: **Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Veterans Court**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: January 16, 2014 Time Needed: 20 minutes

Department: Non-departmental Division: District 3

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**Presenter
Name(s) &
Title(s):**

Multnomah County Judge Julie Franz, Rod Underhill – Multnomah County District Attorney, Ginger Martin – Assistant Director DCJ, Lane Borg – Metropolitan Public Defender Services Inc, David W. Greaves - Ph.D. Portland VA Medical Center

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approve Multnomah County Veterans Outreach Project and Probation Violation Docket Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

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.

In 2012, Commissioner Shiprack convened a stakeholders group to discuss the possibility of creating a veterans court in Multnomah County. Over the course of this time, the stakeholders created a model to achieve a coordinated effort to reduce the rate of incarceration of military veterans and prevent recidivism by directing veterans to services and addressing the criminal risk factors and sources of instability.

The culmination of this effort by the group listed in (5.) in the MOU creates a Multnomah County Veterans Outreach Project and Probation Violation Docket which is a coordinated approach within the local criminal justice system.

Each respective entity will be responsible for carrying out the mission, goals and objectives of the Multnomah County Veterans Outreach Project and Probation Violation Docket through identified actions.

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

County departments have agreed to perform the work entailed in the MOU through their current respective budgets and will not require additional funding sources.

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

Eligible military Veterans are those on felony probation for other than Measure 11 and Domestic Violence offenses.

Please see attached MOU for the responsibilities of each entity.

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

The Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, the Multnomah County Circuit Court, the Veterans Administration, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, the Criminal Defense Bar and the Multnomah County Trial Court Administrators convened the Veterans Project with the support of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and the Local Public Safety Coordination Council participated to produce the attached MOU.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Judy Shiprack /s/

Date:

1/9/14

Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved.