



**MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST  
NOTICE OF INTENT  
(Revised: 9/23/13)**

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA # C-7 DATE 1/7/16  
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

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Meeting Date: 1/7/16  
Agenda Item C.7  
Est. Start 9:30 am  
Date 12/18/15

**Agenda Title:** NOTICE OF INTENT for Multnomah County Health Department to submit a grant for up to \$20,000 from the State of Oregon MIECHV Program.

*Note: This APR is for NOI's only. APRs are available for other types of submittals. Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** Jan. 7, 2016 **Time Needed:** NA – Consent Item  
**Department:** Health **Division:** CHS – Early Childhood Services  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** NA – Consent Item

**General Information**

**1. What action are you requesting from the Board?**

Approval for the Director of the Health Department to submit an application for up to \$20,000 to the State of Oregon Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)

**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.**

MCHD Early Childhood Services (ECS) is requesting additional funds from the State MIECHV Program for the purpose of funding a pilot project to understand and improve parental engagement in home-based parent support programs designed for families with preschool or school-age children. MCHD ECS currently receives MIECHV funding to support Healthy Families and Nurse Family Partnership home visiting programming.

Home visiting programs are among the most successful evidence-based practices that support the well-being of mothers and their children. Parental engagement is a critical component to the success of home visiting programs at MCHD such as Healthy Families and Nurse Family Partnership. Studies have shown that cultural and linguistic appropriateness of home visiting services, nurse/visitor characteristics, organizational factors, and parent risk factors contribute significantly to the level of parental engagement. Parental engagement has been shown to reflect two dimensions: behavioral engagement and attitudinal engagement. Both of these dimensions contribute to the degree of “buy-in” or combination of investment and positive expectation needed for parents to have sustained, meaningful engagement with the visiting providers and continued enrollment in home visiting programs. Studies demonstrate that families of color as well as families of immigrants or refugees often struggle with establishing and maintaining the necessary levels of “buy-in” to sustain home visiting program enrollment. Program data from the MCHD’s Early Childhood Services home visiting programs show a racial and ethnic disparity in enrollment and termination of participation in home visiting programs. Provider observation has reflected that parental engagement may be a contributing factor to this disparity.

MCHD proposes to request funding to conduct a pilot project to determine if low levels of parental engagement adversely impact the enrollment and sustained participation of families in ECS home visiting programs and explore the factors that contribute to high levels of parental engagement particularly among racial and ethnic minority and immigrant and refugee families. The project will explore factors that limit parental engagement that are currently reflected in the literature as well explore emerging factors that have been known to greatly impact health and participation in health services, such as socially constructed conceptions of “home” and space and place.

Project Questions include:

- What dimensions and factors of parental engagement contribute to enrollment and sustained participation of racial and ethnic minority, immigrant, and refugee families in ECS home visiting programs?
- To what degree do parental conceptions of home, space, and place impact parental engagement and what are the mechanisms?

Methods to be used include qualitative methods including focus groups and photovoice. The project aims to provide new knowledge concerning the relationship between parental engagement and conceptions of home, space, and place in order to improve ECS home visiting program, specifically in the areas of enrollment and sustained participation. Funds will support staff time for lead researcher, Aileen Duldulao, research supplies, participant incentives, and transportation costs for the 9 month project period.

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

This is a one-time funding request.

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

None

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

Participants will be recruited from MCHD home visiting programs.

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**Grant Application/Notice of Intent**

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If the request is a Grant Application or Notice of Intent, please answer all of the following in detail:

• **Who is the granting agency?**

MIECHV supports pregnant women and families and helps at-risk parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), funds States, territories and tribal entities to develop and implement voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs using models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. These programs improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, encourage positive parenting, and promote child development and school readiness.

The State of Oregon receives these funds and passes them through to local organizations, including MCHD to provide direct home visiting services.

• **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**

This is a one time funding opportunity. A final report of study qualitative and quantitative findings will be compiled upon project completion.

This research project goal is to fill the current gap in knowledge on the impact of home, space and place on parental engagement and home visiting services.

Aim #1: To explore and understand why immigrant and refugee families are less likely to accept and engage in home visiting programs.

Aim #2: To explore how immigrant and refugee women and mothers enrolled in home visiting services conceptualize and understand home, space, and place

• **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**

This is a one time opportunity.

• **What are the estimated filing timelines?**

The request will be submitted by January 8, 2016.

• **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**

The grant covers a project period from January 2016 – September 2016.

• **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**

When grant funds expire the project will be complete.

• **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**

All central and indirect costs are recovered in this project.

**Required Signatures**

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

Wendy Lear on behalf of Joanne Fuller/s/      **Date:** 12/17/2015

**Budget Analyst:** Jeff Renfro /s/

**Date:** 12/18/2015

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