MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST
(Revised: 1/11/2016)

Agenda Title: Board Briefing on Update on the Home for the Holidays Campaign

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	Thursday, January 18, 2018	**Time Needed:**	20 minutes
Department:	Nondepartmental	**Division:**	Joint Office of Homeless Services
Contact(s):	Marc Jolin		
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): **Marc Jolin, Joint Office of Homeless Services**
Andy Miller, Human Solutions, Inc. Executive Director

General Information

1. What are you requesting from the Board?

No action – this briefing will provide the Board with an update on the Home for the Holidays campaign. No decisions will be made; this is an informational briefing only.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Three years ago, our community took a stand against a housing crisis that is still pushing thousands of neighbors onto our streets. The City of Portland, Multnomah County, Home Forward and the City of Gresham joined with others to invest in A Home for Everyone, our region's first truly comprehensive strategy for addressing homelessness.

In Multnomah County, more families are relying on shelter to keep them off the streets than ever before. The region's housing crisis is hitting families particularly hard, with record numbers of families seeking shelter in recent months. After averaging 220 adults and children in its main shelter and overflow spaces last spring, the family shelter saw its count top 300 for the first time in August 2017 and then top 500 people one day in November 2017.

Longer stays are increasingly common, with high housing prices and low vacancy rates making it more difficult for families to find affordable, family-size units. Three years ago, the average stay in the family shelter was 23 days. Now it is nearly three times as long, at 65 days. Many families are waiting even though they have incomes or access to subsidies that would help them thrive in housing. Families have the tools to be successful in a home of their own. If these families had an apartment ready for them, they could leave shelter.

In response, the Home for the Holidays campaign was launched November 13, 2017 to help 40 families leave shelter by January 15, 2018. The campaign invited property

managers and owners across the region to step up by offering available units to families. In return, the county's three family shelter providers, Human Solutions, Community of Hope and Portland Homeless Family Solutions will work with families and landlords to find a fit and offer support services to help families be successful.

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.**

   A Home for Everyone unites elected officials and people who have experienced homelessness with leaders from the faith, philanthropy, business and nonprofit communities around a shared vision and carefully chosen strategies in housing, employment, health, and emergency services.

   Our vision is ambitious. Alongside our successful pledge to double shelter capacity, our partners promised to put more people back into housing while keeping more neighbors from losing their homes in the first place.

   Together, we're making progress -- and helping more people than ever.

Required Signature

Elected Official or Department/ Agency Director:	Marc Jolin, Executive Director Joint Office of Homeless Services /s/	1/12/2018
		Date:

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