

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-013

Supporting the One Key Question Initiative.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. All pregnancies should be wanted, planned and as healthy as possible.
- b. Rates of unintended pregnancies in Oregon are near 48 percent.
- c. Unintended pregnancies disproportionately impact women of color, women in poverty and women under the age of 20.
- d. Women with unintended pregnancies are unlikely to have taken folic acid before conceiving and are less likely to receive prenatal care both in the early months of fetal development and throughout their pregnancy.
- e. Children of unintended pregnancies have increased risk of adverse birth outcomes.
- f. Women need reliable information, services and referrals in order to have optimal health, planned pregnancies and the best possible birth outcomes.
- g. As both a provider of health services and services to families in poverty, Multnomah County has an interest in assuring that more pregnancies are planned, receive appropriate care and result in healthy babies.
- h. ONE KEY QUESTION[®] is an Initiative advocating that health care providers ask female patients "Would you like to become pregnant in the next year?" Asking this question gives women the opportunity to engage in conversations about their reproductive health care that can result in planned pregnancies and healthier babies.
- i. The Multnomah County Health Department is planning to pilot the ONE KEY QUESTION Initiative in a health center beginning in the spring of 2012 as part of an evaluation of our care for women and families.
- j. Multnomah County WIC program, which is a hub for screening and referral to other services for women with infants and young children, will begin asking the ONE KEY QUESTION as part of their screening process in February, 2012.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners supports the intended outcomes of the ONE KEY QUESTION Initiative and asks that the Health Department report back to the Board of County Commissioners on the implementation and initial evaluation of the pilot project at a county health center and in the WIC program by the end of January, 2013.

ADOPTED this 26th day of January, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Jeff Cogen, Chair

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SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Deborah Kafoury, District 1.