

FY 2012 State Rebalance Budget Notes

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Federal Reductions (Kafoury)	<p>The Community Services Block Grant provides core funding for our anti-poverty services in the Department of County Human Services. The County has been notified that we may receive up to 50% less of those funds, approximately \$400,000, in this year. This would leave a gap in the delivery of anti-poverty services. In addition, large cuts to the Low Income Energy Assistance Program and the Weatherization program are proposed. As these three programs are fundamental to our safety net, the Board requests that the department return with a briefing as soon as federal funding decisions are finalized to discuss the extent of these cuts, the impact they will have on the people served and mitigation strategies.</p> <p>The Board will earmark \$500,000 of the remaining “state ramp down” contingency funds to mitigate these cuts.</p>
Mental Health Crisis Services (Kafoury)	<p>The mental health crisis line and crisis services are fundamental to our community and can not be eliminated. The current budget proposal mitigates cuts to the mental health crisis line and crisis services. This mitigation is provided with one-time-only resources. The Board requests that the Department of County Human Services study and present options to the Board to address future sustainability of these services.</p>
Commission on Children, Families and Community (Shiprack)	<p>Multnomah County has an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Portland to collaborate and share costs with the City in supporting the work of the Multnomah Youth Commission. The Board directs the Commission on Children, Families and Community (CCFC) to reduce administration costs to fund a 0.75 FTE Youth Development position to support the Multnomah Youth Commission. To reduce administration costs, the CCFC will work with the County Operations Officer to develop potential savings.</p> <p>Further, the Board requests the CCFC to work closely with County Human Services to retain appropriate staff in the event the CCFC should receive an anticipated grant from the Wallace Foundation.</p> <p>The CCFC will report back to the Board by the end of calendar year 2011.</p>