

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING #C
Wednesday, May 23, 2012 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm
IRCO
10301 NE Glisan St., Portland, Oregon**

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present and CCC panelists: Gerald Deloney, Dir., Program Advancement - Self-Enhancement; Lee Po Cha, Dir., Asian Family Ctr.; Carmen Rubio, Exec. Dir., Latino Network; Julia Meier, Dir., Coalition of Communities of Color; Dijmet Dogo, Dir., Africa House; Lai-Lani Ovalles, Indigenous Communities Organizer: NAYA Family Ctr.

Chair Cogen opened the public hearing by welcoming everyone. His opening remarks were that this is the twelfth year in a row Multnomah County has faced budget cuts. In preparing the budget they focused on the Board's priority of preserving core services for the most vulnerable in the community. He said they had to make some difficult choices but believed they preserved the most core programs. He said that tonight is not a time for the Board to deliberate, but rather, for the Board to hear from the public on the programs within the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget. He said that tonight is the third of three public budget hearings.

Chair Cogen advised that the Board Clerk would call up four individuals at a time to give testimony, and when their name is called, to come up to the Presenter's table and when it is their turn, to state their name for the record. He reminded the attendees that translation services are available in the back of the room in Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Swahili, Karen and Somali.

Testimony was taken and received for the file. 55 testified on various programs through agencies that partner with Multnomah County to provide services, including: SUN Service System programs; NAYA services; Janus Youth Project Metamorphosis; community health worker cuts; Latino Adjudicated Youth programs; IRCO services; Speak Up and Empower program; cultural equity in health care; Health Department cuts; Volunteers of America programs; Project Network cuts; and, cuts to social services; cuts to the Sheriff's Office, and appreciation of support for 211 program.

Written testimony from the testifiers was also received for the file.

Chair Cogen invited others who had not signed up to testify to do so. No one else did.

Chair Cogen closed the hearing, thanked everyone for coming, and adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lynda J. Grow, Board Clerk and
Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
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