



MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)

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Meeting Date: 11-8-12
Agenda Item #: R.5
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 10-26-12

Agenda Title: **Board Briefing on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children System.**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.

Requested Meeting Date: November 8, 2012 **Amount of Time Needed:** 45 minutes
Department: Non-departmental **Division:** District 4
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Presenter(s): Joslyn Baker, CSEC Collaboration Specialist; Erin Ellis, Executive Director of the Sexual Assault Resource Center; Mary Li, Manager Community Services Division of DCHS ; JR Ujifusa, Deputy District Attorney

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

None. This is an informational briefing for the Board.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue.

Obtaining a child for the purposes of a commercial sex act is a crime that involves coercion, forced labor, threats and violence against children. Child victims of sexual exploitation are sometimes referred to as trafficking victims or victims of sexual exploitation.

Commercial sexual exploitation of children happens very differently than other forms of child sexual abuse or rape; the trafficker/pimp grooms the child using a complex pattern of intense manipulation and feigned affection, brutal violence, and verbal, psychological, and/or emotional abuse. The pimp is motivated primarily by the pursuit of money. He keeps all the money from the commercial sex acts of the children he controls and prides himself on achieving higher and higher levels of blind obedience. This creates a challenge for social/health service providers, law enforcement, and the public to identify victims. The victim themselves rarely realize that they are in fact a victim.

In October 2009, Multnomah County was awarded a 3 year collaboration grant from the Office of

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to assist in better coordinating our efforts to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). A steering committee was formed in partnership with Local Public Safety Coordinating Council. There are regular committee meetings with community partners to create a coordinated community response to victim services, enforcement and prosecution of pimps and buyers, ending demand, and continuing to raise awareness.

The efforts by Multnomah County and its partners have led to increased victim services, stronger laws, better coordination and over one hundred community trainings.

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

None.

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.

There are regular committee meetings with community partners to create a coordinated community response to the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).

Required Signature

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

Diane McKeel

Date: 10/25/2012
