



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 6/3/2014)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 4/19/16  
Agenda Item #: B.2  
Est. Start Time: 10:30 am  
Date Submitted: 4/7/16

**Agenda Title:** **Board Briefing on Full Plates: Digging into Food Strategies Across Multnomah County**

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

**Requested Meeting Date:** 4/19/16 **Time Needed:** 30 minutes  
**Department:** DCHS **Division:** Director's Office  
**Contact(s):** Keith Falkenberg  
**Phone:** 503-988-4472 **Ext** 8-4472 **I/O Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Liesl Wendt, Director, Department of County Human Services; Robyn Johnson, Food Policy Coordinator, Multnomah County

## General Information

**1. What action are you requesting from the Board?** No action is being requested. This is an informational briefing on food security in Multnomah County, current efforts, and opportunities for future action.

**2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.** One in five Multnomah County residents struggles with hunger and food insecurity. This problem is often experienced concurrently with underemployment, housing instability, disability lack of transportation, and a wide variety of illness. However, each day across Multnomah County thousands of actions are taking place to help alleviate hunger and food insecurity, and address poverty, it's root cause. Multnomah County is a leader in strategy, innovation and partnership in food systems related policy. This presentation will focus on how Multnomah County residents fare in relation to food security, hunger and utilization of federally funded nutrition programs. Recommendations will be

provided on upstream strategies to leverage existing resource to improve access to food, promote prosperity and well being and serve our residents at all stages of life.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).** Not applicable with regard to County budgets, but the fiscal impact of federally funded nutrition programs will be discussed.

**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.**  
This presentation is informed by work with state and community partners on food policy issues related to SNAP for specific populations and interviews with Multnomah County staff and community partners. There will be participation from two community partners on this panel.

**Required Signature**

**Elected Official**

**or Department/**

**Agency Director:**

Liesl Wendt /s/

04/06/16

**Date**

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