



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 10/16/14  
Agenda Item #: R.1  
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
Date Submitted: 10/2/14

**Agenda Title:** **Board Briefing on Optimizing the Role of a Local Board of Health**

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

**Requested Meeting Date:** October 16, 2014 **Time Needed:** 30 minutes  
**Department:** Health **Division:** Community Health Svcs.  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Joanne Fuller, Director, Health Dept. and Bernadette Nunley, Assistant County Attorney

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Understand their authority and responsibility as a local Board of Health

### 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.

By Oregon statute the Board of County Commissioners is the local Board of Health. Also, the Board of Health is considered the "governing entity" of the Multnomah County Health Department for accreditation purposes. The Public Health Accreditation Board states that the governing entity is accountable for the health department achieving its mission, goals, and objectives to protect and preserve the health of the population within its jurisdiction. The health department is responsible for keeping the governing entity knowledgeable of the department's overall legal authority, obligations, and responsibilities, and on the governing entity's supporting role.

The Health Department will advise the Board of its specific authorities and responsibilities, particularly in light of upcoming accreditation and seek guidance for ways the Health Department may best support the Board of Health.

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

Not applicable

### 4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

The presentation will outline the legal responsibilities and policy opportunities of a Board of Health.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

Not applicable

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected Official**

**or Department/**

**Agency Director:** Joanne Fuller /s/ **Date:** 10/2/14

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