



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 10/4/11
Agenda Item #: R.1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 9/9/11

Agenda Title: **Informational Board Briefing on the DCJ Reentry Enhancement Coordination Program and Research Highlights from the Preliminary Evaluation**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: October 6, 2011 **Time Needed:** 30 minutes
Department: Community Justice **Division:** Adult Services

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General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

None. Information/Update

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.

DCJ would like to take this opportunity to update the Board on the initial success of the Multnomah County Reentry Enhancement Coordination (REC) Grant Program. This program was able to demonstrate a high level of effectiveness with a very difficult and high risk population. As part of the grant requirements a third party preliminary evaluation was completed by the Criminal Justice Commission in July 2011. As part of this presentation, an analyst from the CJC will be sharing the evaluation results.

DCJ was one of four counties awarded grant monies for the Offender Reentry program. The programs were funded with the intent to continue substance abuse treatment services once the offenders are released to the community. The period immediately following release from prison is particularly high risk for offenders. Offenders often need substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, housing and other services. This program (#50038) enhances the community-based response to barriers to successful reentry of adult offenders. The REC team builds on the success of prison-based programming by providing a continuum of care and services for successful offender reentry. The main goals for the Offender Reentry Program are to increase public safety and reduce recidivism.

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

The Offender Reentry Programs in Oregon are funded through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to increase community-based services and resources to offenders transitioning from Oregon Department of Corrections substance abuse and co-occurring residential treatment programs. DCJ was awarded \$951,883 in grant monies in FY10-11. DCJ is anticipating the grant will be renewed and funding continued through FY13 at the same level.

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

DCJ will continue to meet all requirements of the grant and comply with all other federal, state and local laws governing services purchased through this grant.

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

DCJ will utilize contracts with non-profits, faith-based, business, health care, education, and employment assistance in meeting the goals of this grant. Additional comprehensive planning has been done with partners and contractors.

Required Signature

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



Date: 9/22/11

Scott Taylor