



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 1/22/14  
Agenda Item #: R.6  
Est. Start Time: 11:05 am  
Date Submitted: 1/8/14

**Agenda Title:** Briefing on the LGBT Designation for Adult Care Homes

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.*

## Requested

**Meeting Date:** January 22, 2015 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes

**Department:** DCHS **Division:** ADVS

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## Presenter

### Name(s) &

**Title(s):** Carolyn McGrath, Adult Care Home Program –Placement Specialist

## General Information

**1. What action are you requesting from the Board?** No action requested, this is an informational briefing.

**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.** The Adult Care Home Program (ACHP) within Aging, Disability and Veteran's Services (ADVS) developed an LGBT designation program for Adult Care Homes in Multnomah County. The purpose of this briefing is to inform the board on the designation process and to announce the nine Adult Care Homes (ACH) serving older adults and adults with disabilities who have been designated as LGBT Welcoming. One of these homes serves people with developmental disabilities. The designation is a collaborative project between ADVSD staff, community partners, consumers, and other stakeholders. Presenters include Carolyn McGrath, ACHP Placement Specialist; an ACHP provider and a consumer.

**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.**

LGBT consumers had expressed concern to ADVSD and to our community partner SAGE Metro Portland about a lack of LGBT friendly housing and housing with care. Many LGBT adults fear the need to go back into the closet to feel safe in a care setting. In 2013, the ADVSD formed the LGBT Alliance and began working with the ACHP to develop an LGBT

Welcoming Designation for Adult Care Homes. Carolyn McGrath served as the project lead to assemble a work group and to guide the development of the designation. The work group designed the components of the designation and reported to the ADVSD LGBT Alliance steering committee. The LGBT Alliance, staff from across the division, and community partners all contributed to crafting the designation. SAGE Metro Portland partnered with the ACHP in designing the trainings, and offered other valuable supports.

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