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### MEMORANDUM

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TO: Multnomah County Chair and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Captain Drew Brosh, MCSO Corrections Division Administrative Captain

DATE: October 15, 2010

SUBJECT: Update Regarding Budget Impacts for Use of Temporary Jail Housing Area

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Chair Cogen and Board of Commissioners, I am providing this memorandum as a means to provide general information to you prior to the Sheriff's Office Board Briefing planned for October 19. I have also attached data regarding jail count trends and inmate hold types for your convenience. Actual dollar figures will be provided during the presentation (up to date for Oct 19).

On July 1, 2010, the Board of Commissioners approved a revised Capacity Management Plan for our jail system by Board Resolution. This plan sets the jail system capacity at 1310 inmates and contains population management strategies to employ in the event of a population emergency that now include the option of temporarily opening a closed housing area in the jail as long as there are funds available to do so within the Sheriff's Office adopted budget. The Sheriff Office has committed to providing the Board with periodic updates regarding costs associated with staffing a temporary housing area in the event one was utilized to avoid emergency population releases.

When this concept was developed, it was anticipated that over the course of a few months MCSO would utilize the temporary housing area option 10 to 15 times but quickly close the housing area after mitigating a population emergency event. What has developed in the last month, however, is a fairly consistent population spike that has caused the temporarily opened housing area to remain open for several days with each event. In fact, at the writing of this information, since September 25 (the first use of the temporary housing option), the housing area has been open a total 16 days with an estimated cost to MCSO of \$XX,XXX. Unfortunately, this briefing comes at a point where MCSO may be at its limit to fund this population management option within the current FY2011 budget. As stated above, the operation of this housing area is not a funded program offer.

We are analyzing the potential factors associated with the current population spike and I have provided some analysis as an attachment to this memorandum for you review and understanding. In short, however, only the following options will be available in the event of a continued population issue, apart from the continued use of the temporary housing area which we simply cannot continue to operate unfunded:

- Utilize forced releases to manage jail system population emergency events;
- Modify the FY2011 MCSO Corrections budget to allow for the continued operation of the housing area (estimated at \$XXX,XXX);

- Request system stakeholders employ sentencing and sanctioning strategies to reduce overall jail bed day use.

Jail system population is dynamic, with many factors contributing to population variances, and as such is difficult to predict. My purpose here, however, is to keep you informed on the current use of strategies at hand and to inform you of the inevitable loss of the temporary housing strategy due to the limits of our current budget.

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