

**Minutes for the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, February 9, 2012**

REGULAR MEETING

Vice-Chair Loretta Smith called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Commissioners Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present and Chair Jeff Cogen and Commissioner Deborah Kafoury excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

C.1 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCJ-04 Reclasses 4.00 FTE Program Specialists to Operations Process Specialists in the Business Application & Technology Unit, as Determined by the Class/Comp Unit of Central Human Resources.

Upon motion made by Commissioner McKeel and seconded by Commissioner Shiprack the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person unless otherwise designated by the presiding officer.

Time for Public Comment was announced, however, no one chose to provide testimony.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 Informational Board Briefing on the Multnomah County Juvenile Justice, System Reform Initiative, a Twenty Year Progress Report. Presenter: Bart Lubow, Dir., Juvenile Justice Strategy Group, Annie E. Casey Foundation and Scott Marcy.

Introductions and opening remarks were made by Ms. Joanne Fuller. She explained that Multnomah County and the Foundation have been engaged in a continuous contract for twenty years to reform the juvenile justice system. They have provided funds for project management, pilot programs and data driven decision making. Working with its partners, the County has introduced reforms including: reduced reliance on secure confinement; increased community capacity to serve the needs of children and families; holding youth accountable; making victims whole; reducing racial and gender disparities; and improved public safety by utilizing evidence-based practices. This model attracts other jurisdictions nationwide, which come to learn the measurable outcomes achieved through this collaborative and consensus-driven juvenile justice system.

Mr. Lubow reviewed the challenges the County was facing in 1992 when it became one of five sites nationally to implement the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) model. He reviewed the eight strategies developed to enable jurisdictions to safely reduce reliance on secure detention. He discussed the research that shows that most juveniles that engage in criminal behavior don't continue into adulthood and how analysis shows detention and

incarceration lead to worse outcomes. He discussed the key developmental milestones that were implemented and resulted in significant, sustainable improvements in detention practices. Juvenile incarceration has been greatly reduced and racial disparities have improved as a result, plus public safety is vastly improved. He emphasized the cost savings and redirection of funds that resulted from this program. Now, as a model JDAI site, the County is a learning lab for other jurisdictions. 100 delegations and 2,500 policy makers and practitioners have visited over the past decade. JDAI has expanded into 39 states and over 150 local jurisdictions. He responded to questions and comments from the Board.

The Board thanked Mr. Lubow for attending and presenting this Briefing.

R.2 BUDGET MODIFICATION #DA 2012-02 Intellectual Property Crime Enforcement. Presenters: Scott Marcy, Business Services Manager, DA's Office, and Chief Deputy Rod Underhill.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner McKeel seconded approval of R-2.

Mr. Marcy provided the introductions and explained the purpose of the grant. He said the grant is for \$89,913 and funds a half-time Deputy District Attorney position for Felony Trial Unit A-Intellectual Property Crime.

Chief Deputy Underhill described the types of crimes covered under this grant. They responded to questions and comments from the Board.

BudMod DA-2012-02 was unanimously approved.

R.3 BUDGET MODIFICATION #DA 2012-03 Appropriation of State Grant Funding for the District Attorney's Office Restitution Project. Presenter: Chief Deputy Rod Underhill.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner McKeel seconded approval of R-3.

Chief Deputy Underhill provided the explanation. He said the \$107,094 grant funding is from the State Department of Justice for a District Attorney's Office Restitution Project and funds a half-time attorney position. He responded to questions and comments from the Board.

BudMod DA-2012-03 was unanimously approved.

R.4 NOTICE OF INTENT to Submit Grant Application to the Oregon WIC Program for up to \$150,000 in Response to the US Surgeon General's *Call to Action to Promote Breastfeeding*. Presenter: David Brown, WIC Program Mgr.

Commissioner McKeel moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded approval of R-4.

Mr. Brown provided the explanation. He said the grant application is for up to \$150,000 and will fund projects related to breastfeeding education, support and promotion. He responded to questions and comments from the Board.

The NOI for the WIC Program was unanimously approved.

R.5 The Native American Community in Multnomah County: an Unsettling Profile. Presenters: Daryl Dixon, ODE; Sherry Addis, Office Supervisor, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians; Frank Alby, President, Alaskan Brotherhood; Dr. Ann Curry-Stevens, Assistant Professor, Portland State University; Nichole Maher, Executive Director, NAYA & Ian Manheimer, Academy Teacher, NAYA Family Center

The Board Clerk announced to Vice-Chair Smith and the audience that Chair Cogen wanted to call in for this presentation, but due to technical difficulties with the phone, he wasn't able to join the meeting today.

Mr. Dixon made introductions and opening remarks. Mr. Manheimer sang a Lakota song accompanied by a hand drum. Ms. Addis and Mr. Alby made remarks about their love for the community, the services they provide to tribal members, the social injustices being suffered by the Native American populace and the increased number in their community that are impoverished and being forced to seek services for their families.

Dr. Curry-Stevens gave the presentation. She discussed the scope of their research and those involved in funding and participating in the research. She said their evaluation shows disparities in all system services and it is worse here than King County and worse than USA averages. She reviewed the demographics, including age, poverty, income, occupation, unemployment, housing costs, housing support, and homelessness in Multnomah County. She discussed hunger, utilities, education, dropout rates, health and health insurance. She reviewed the, juvenile justice rates in detention, diversion, incarceration, probation, and committed. She discussed the child welfare statistics and how Native American families are disproportionately reported and overrepresented in foster care for longer periods of time.

Dr. Curry-Stevens pointed out the bright spots, such as culturally-specific funding in SUN Services; improved outreach during Census 2010; and, DHS' Visibility Initiative which is generating information on the status of disparities, assessing progress and shortcomings, and involving the Native American community in advising on priorities for improvements. She said they recommended designing services to match the needs of the community and providing culturally specific programs for their Elders and early childhood and using community-verified data; improvements in health care delivery; working with the coalition to focus existing resources to address these disparities amidst budget cuts; and a statement from the Board advancing racial equity and reducing racial disparities.

The Board thanked the presenters for attending and for participating in this Briefing.

R.6 Authorizing Settlement in Laura Scallion v. Multnomah County, Multnomah County Circuit Court Case No. 0810-13972. Presenter: Jenny M. Morf, Acting County Attorney.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner McKeel seconded approval of R-6.

Ms. Morf provided the explanation. She responded to questions and comments from the Board.

The authorization for settlement was unanimously approved.

BOARD COMMENT

BC.1 Opportunity as time allows, for the Commissioners to provide comment on non-agenda items.

Comments pertaining to non-agenda items were made by the Board and noted in the record.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or video at: http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3

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