



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 6/9/2014)

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Meeting Date: 06/23/16
Agenda Item #: R.8
Est. Start Time: 11:05 a.m.
Date Submitted: 06/15/16

Agenda Title: **Proclaiming June 23, 2016 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Multnomah County**

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: June 23, 2016 **Time Needed:** 15 Minutes

Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** District 3

Contact(s): Adam Renon (District 3)

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Presenter

Name(s) &

Title(s): Wendy Hillman (Director, Adult Protective Services) and invited guests

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approve a proclamation recognizing June 23, 2016 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Multnomah County.

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.

Elder abuse is a serious public health issue that affects millions of older Americans and their families each year. Elder abuse is defined as intentional actions that cause harm or create a serious risk of harm to an older person (whether or not harm is intended). Elder abuse encompasses physical abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, sexual abuse, as well as emotional and psychological abuse.

Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched in 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization. It provides an opportunity for communities to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older person, and raises awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect. The day is also a chance to reinforce the work of the United Nations International Plan of Action, which acknowledges the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue. The day serves as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and communities to raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

A number of Multnomah County programs and initiatives are designed to investigate and prevent elder abuse, including the Adult Protective Services Division, the Gatekeeper Program, and the Public Guardian and Conservatorship Office. The Interagency Committee on Abuse Prevention, or ICAP, is a collaborative effort of state, county, and local jurisdictions, along with partners in the health care community and senior advocacy community, dedicated to finding solutions to elder abuse in our community. They have developed several goals to work towards in the coming years that will enhance existing collaboration and improve services in Multnomah County.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

Representatives from several jurisdictions and agencies, along with community partners, support the County's work through ICAP. They include officials from the State's Attorney General's Office, the Portland Police Bureau, Elders in Action, and the Oregon Health Sciences University.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department**

Director: /s/ Judy Shiprack **Date:** 06/15/16

Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved.