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From: TODD Joshua L
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 1:03 PM
To: GROW Lynda
Subject: RE: WOULD YOU KINDLY PROVIDE ME WITH THE NAMES OF THE FOLKS YOU BROUGHT 1/19/2010
RE: FOSTER CARE REDUCTION?

Primary Speakers
Michael Ware, Child Welfare Reduction Initiative Co-Convenor

Angela Cause, DHS Child Welfare District 2

Nick Gallo, DHS Child Welfare District 2

Others who spoke:

Nan Waller, Chief Judge, Family Court

Carolyn Graf, Assistant District Manager DHS Child Welfare District 2

Others we called out:

Catherine Stelzer, Casey Project Coordinator

Jerry Burns, District Manager DHS Child Welfare District 2

Linda Ridings, CCFC Board member

Marilyn Miller, Oregon Commission on Children & Families

From: GROW Lynda
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 5:08 PM
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Since I'm fairly new, Joshua, I don't know the folks in the room that well. Also, for some reason, we could barely hear the speakers. So if you would, please, then I can complete the minutes! Thanks!! Lyn

Particularly the primary speakers.

This is what I think I heard as to names but I'm unsure of spellings, etc. if they

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Tuesday, January 19, 2010 - 9:00 AM
Multnomah Building, Sixth Floor Commissioners Conference Room 635
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chair Diane McKeel convened the meeting at 9:08 a.m., with Commissioners Jeff Cogen, Deborah Kafoury and Judy Shiprack attending. Chair Wheeler was excused.

E-1 The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners meet in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2) (d)(e) and/or (h). Only representatives of the news media and designated staff may attend. News media and all other attendees are specifically directed not to disclose information that is the subject of the Executive Session. Final decisions are decided in public Board meetings. Presented by County Attorney Agnes Sowle. 15-55 MINUTES REQUESTED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD.

There being no further business, the Executive Session was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Tuesday, January 19, 2010 - 10:00 AM
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

BOARD BRIEFING

Vice-Chair Diane McKeel convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m., with Commissioners Jeff Cogen, Deborah Kafoury and Judy Shiprack attending. Chair Wheeler was excused.

B-1 Safe and Equitable Foster Care Reduction Initiative. Requested by Commissioner Deborah Kafoury and Joshua Todd, CCFC Director. One Hour Requested.

**COMMISSIONER KAFOURY AND JOSHUA TODD
GAVE A PRESENTATION ON THE SAFE AND
EQUITABLE FOSTER CARE REDUCTION
INITIATIVE.**

INITIATIVE IS TO SAFELY AND EQUITABLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF KIDS IN FOSTER CARE BY 20% IN TWO YEARS. GOALS: INCREASE NUMBER OF KIDS EXITING FOSTER CARE THROUGH PERMANENT PLACEMENTS INCLUDING MORE PLACEMENTS WITH RELATIVES; REDUCE LENGTH OF STAY; REDUCE DISPROPORTIONATE DISPARITIES; AND, HOLD THE CHILD RE-ABUSE AND NEGLECT RATES STABLE.

ISSUES: OREGON'S RATES ARE HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBERS OF AFRICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN ARE REPRESENTED IN FOSTER CARE. MORE ARE FROM POOR, SINGLE-PARENT HOMES AND DEPENDENT ON SOCIAL SERVICES. MORE ARE REPORTED AND LESS RE-UNIFIED DUE TO BIASED DECISION-MAKING. CHALLENGES: INCREASED RISK FACTORS RELATED TO POVERTY, ACCESS TO QUALITY SERVICES, INSTITUTIONAL RACISM AND BIASES, WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS, AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. MOVING TOWARDS EQUITY REQUIRES PRACTICE CHANGE, COMMUNICATION, PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY, LEGISLATIVE POLICY CHANGES, RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS.

STRATEGIES: PARTNER WITH DHS, COURTS, AND COMMUNITIY PROGRAMS TO RAISE AWARENESS, TRAINING, PARTNERING, AND EDUCATION. CHANGE THE CULTURE OF REMOVAL TO A CULTURE OF SAFETY SERVICES. CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE WORK COOPERATIVELY TOGETHER, WHICH IS UNIQUE. THE SAME NEEDS TO OCCUR WITH OTHER SERVICES. TODAY'S HANDOUT SHOWS 79 PROGRAMS IN 5 DEPARTMENTS TOUCH THE LIVES OF THE CHILDREN WITHIN THE COUNTY.

MR. TODD ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO BE MINDFUL THAT AS THE INITIATIVE SUCCESSFULLY REDUCES CASELOADS, NOT TO CUT FUNDING, AS THOSE FUNDS ARE NEEDED TO INCREASE OUTCOMES FOR REMAINING FAMILIES.

VICE-CHAIR DIANE McKEEL THANKED COMMISSIONER KAFOURY AND JOSHUA TODD FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE COMISSION. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND COGEN EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE FOR THEIR WORK.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 21, 2010 - 9:30 AM
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

REGULAR MEETING

CONSENT CALENDAR - 9:30 AM

- C-1 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCS-04 Reclassifying a Position in the Animal Services Program as Determined by the Class/Comp Unit of Central Human Resources
- C-2 Intergovernmental Revenue Agreement 0910093 with the Oregon Department of Transportation for the Multnomah County Overlays Project Utilizing Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
- C-3 Intergovernmental Revenue Agreement 0910092 with the City of Gresham for the Design and Construction of Asphalt Overlays upon City Roads in Conjunction with a Multnomah County Overlay Project Utilizing Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT - 9:30 AM

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

officer. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not the time for Board deliberation. Fill out a yellow speaker form available at the back of the Boardroom and turn it in to the Board Clerk. Persons will be called in the order the forms are submitted, unless otherwise recognized by the presiding officer.

DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY MANAGEMENT – 9:30 AM

R-1 RESOLUTION Adopting Revised Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board Rules Effective January 21, 2010

PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD – 9:35 A.M.

(Recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the governing body for PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD)

R-2 RESOLUTION Approving an Exemption to Increase the Contract Amount with Gibson Builders LLC for Inverness Jail Dorm Shower Water Proofing Project

(Adjourn as the governing body for Public Contract Review Board and reconvene as BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES – 9:40 AM

R-3 First Reading of a Proposed ORDINANCE Amending the Sauvie Island/Multnomah Channel Rural Area Plan Map to Note Exceptions to State Land Use Goals

DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES – 10:00 AM

R-4 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCHS-23 Increasing Mental Health and Addiction Services Division Federal/State Appropriation by \$4,525,523 in the State Mental Health Grant, \$17,978 Beer and Wine Tax Revenue and \$58,871 in Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant Funding

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – 10:05 AM

R-5 BUDGET MODIFICATION MCSO-02 Amending the TriMet Contract, an Intergovernmental Agreement, and Appropriating an Additional \$282,046 and 2.00 FTE in the Justice Services Special Operations Fund

BOARD COMMENT – 10:10 AM

Opportunity (as time allows) for Commissioners to provide informational comments to Board and public on non-agenda items of interest or to discuss legislative issues.

Dhs has id'd tooo many children in foster care
We hope to create healthy families in mult cty
Training, tech assist, \$30 mil infusion over next 3 years
Hold re-abuse stable

Kafoury couldn't find notepad in her cabinet, so Jeff gave her the one in his cab.

9 major decision points
Child welfare hotline
Amer Indians & Afr Amer kids more likely reported

More intensive services to families we did a pilot
\$400/family
Compared to foster care for a year \$20K yr
Working with comm. Children families...
Assess home serv
Working to change culture of removal to safety services

Child welfare interfaces with county funded services

Enhance cooperations between agencies

1.3% of child pop is Amer In yet 21.7% of foster care is A.I.
10.7% black and 21.1% of af. Amer. Are in foster care

43% of the population in foster care are amer Indian and AN (African)

Children of color not abused at higher rate than white children
More likely poor, single family homes
Fewer access to services, more likely in contact with social services, less likely to be reunified due to racially biased dec making

What this means is it weakens our children
The Institution of Family most valuable inst. We have

We need to approach in more wholistic fashion and engage these systems
Casey is addressing these issues suggest reframe perspective how we work with children and families. Take more integrated approach.
Move away from
To our whole response system (all those systems mentioned this morning)
If AI/AN in foster care at same rate huge reduction in foster kids result
Fiscal impact enormous and rerouted to improve rate of well being of comm. As a whole

12 to 25% US prison population has spent time in foster care
30% homeless youth across country spend time in foster care
We want to advance improvements that have been made

Board Briefing
Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Safe and Equitable Foster Care Reduction Initiative
Requestd by Comm Deborah Kafoury and Joshuua Todd

Attendees:Comm McKeel, Kafoury, Shiprack and Cogen

McKeel opened
I read the title
Kafoury welcomed everyone

Joshua Todd opened
Casey nationwide foster care focus
Local research in partnership w/PSU
Looks @ decision points in our child welfare system
How we can impact those levers & safely & equitably reduce the # of kids in care

Nan Waller Chief Justice Family Courts Chief Judge
(chief justice on surpreme!)

Katherine PSU
Katherine Selzer Case Proj Corod
Jerry Burns D 2
Karen Graf

Linda Ridings
Marilyn Miller, Ore Comm on Children

Overall goal reduce by 20%
Collaboration bet ccfc, local courts and tri welfare council and dhs
How to get them safely back at home

Board member and co chairs of gov task force on child welfare
Michael weir dir program co chair mult cty comm. On safe red of foster care

State wide level 7 ctys incl Multnomah County
Most advocacy comes from state agency and comm. Members
Partners include courts child welfare comm. Members church comm. Etc.
Viceangela cause relations mgr mult cty for dept of hum serv in d2 ofc
Work w/comm. Engagement increase awareness in African and native American

Gadel dept of human serv Gabriel?
In 2008 ore had 1 of highest rate in country
10.2 per 1K population
#s are alarming

Need collaborative holistic approach

Frederick douglas

Easier to build strong children than to repair broken men

Discussion?

Cogen: why disparities

Gabriel: societal historical and Socio economic status

Second: access to culture responsive resources

Third is biasess

Cogen: is this found in other states?

Who else has addressed this already?

What done to address it

Almost state wrestling with the same issue

Looking at systemic barriers and strengthening relationships with communities of colors

Huge amt of distrust coming from those communities

Each state we've found those out there to do greatest good by no intention of our own we are laiving with our own biases

States beginning to look at systemic biases

Looking to improve that

Looking to strengthen the community alone

We are unique in Oregon child welfare and juvenile justice works cooperatively together
We need to do same with health, mental health and education and other entities that service children in the community

Josh: 1 thing we've learned focus on this disproportionately here in Ore

Judge Waller

Decision make everyone who comes into contact with every family and child

Set decision makers

Casey family has initiative on reducing disproportionate in our system

Omaha and los angeles and Portland participate on casey funded research impact implicit biase of judges

IRB approval, research,

Judges given list of checkpoints they have to go tru with every faily in front of them

Engaging families helps

Bench card in part make sure judge making decisions is looking at the people in front of them

For judges big deal done it agreed to it want to make sure we are equitable system
Judges willing to participate in this research to improve decision making

Cogen: city made sig progress reducing juv justice system
Lessons from that

Yes

Absolutely

Abby stem does court planning is bridging juvenile justice and child welfare

Katherine kahn portlandn state using lessons learned from that process

Juv justice 16 years ago is template methodology looking at decision oint

We hope to looka tours and dhs decision oint

What we're saying shouldn't be siloed

Invited to apply for project model thru shay belcheck how do we prevent kids in
dependency system from crossing over into delinquency system?

And then how to prevent from moving up to adult justice system

Josh: city advocate to state is important

As we see it and caseloads reduced that we don't see reduction in funding

We need to take those savings and increase outcome to families

Lessons learned 8 years budget cuts to our community based programs

Disproport. Something we've been working on a long time

This won't work if we can't come to terms with community based services that support
these families

Shiprack: Todd, pretty common gov't to punish good behaviori

Context approach you advocate fits with info we've been mining from our System for a
long time

If we can remember to break down the silos and address issues like teen parenting
and pregnancy and the high risk that comes there and identify this interrelationship
between disproportionatlity and the adult criminal system

Then our own bias who deserves services in atmosphere where serv constantly
diminished

We remember what to do is support children is provide serv to their parents

Glad to see work force demographics

Jobs important

Pushing indicators that show how children get into the foster system

How to do culturally responsive services

How do we provide in home serv that provide stability for the family

We need to identify what we can provide that help them stay safely in their home

Child welfare intended to protect the child

If goal to keep in home place for health justice sheriff etc. to determine what services we can provide

What serv provided that touch on the lives of children

We came up with 79 programs

How can we invest some of our resoucooes in a diff way to prevent children coming into care

How do we work with other agencies and use research we currently have

Shiprack: we want to know too thru budget process

Prevention can be invisible and hard to mesure

Josh: would you like a list of all those progras

McKeel: yes

Judge Mary here too

79 programs in 5 depts handed out

(attach to their presentation)

Josh: over next 2 years courts internal plan how reduce kids coming into care

Increasing relative placements w/family members

Talked w/400 folks re: current system

Our mes'g is everyone has a role in this

We've looked at this as dhs, problem of state

Try to look at it differently, negative impact cost of services

Not providing best level of care

Maintain integrity of family first instead of fixing after broken is our focus

Continue community forums

w/support casey, racism training in community

bldg add support

launch business campaign to do what ever they like to support kids and families

2 local business have signed on

Slappy cakes restaurant, jd salon in downtown offered to do 1 haircut a day for Fathers trying to reunify with their childrenr, shave, allow them to be more effective in their job search

McKeel: great

Training started

Josh: no

This year's work plan the community receptive even without curriculum the conversation goes there

How did we create these systems and what does that mean

Then look at diff time periods to see historically

April 2nd one day conference on bias in child welfare system

Join us

Ntl speakers

Judge thorn Colorado

Training planned for this year

Only one component of course

Work on systems issue and on system level put systems in place to have those resources available to those families

Evaluate our policies and procedures

Make it easier to do the right things by these families

Partnering

We are looking for opportunities to continue beyond the 3 year program too

Unless you have a sense of the history hard to walk into these groups of working professionals and know how to be heard

That's why we need to train these people

Applaud dhs and courts work they've done with us to get this out

Most of the work around this initiated by state or gov't agencies

Cogen: Portland human rights working towards same mission doing same thing 6 months be good partner

Josh: thanks

Dhs mult city mgr

What is her name? lady that came up?

Placing children with relatives engaging relatives for them

Ntl research shows children more likely safe with relatives

More success academically

More culturally aligned placement

We have been doing better job past few years

In 2008 foster care cert

42 of our cert were new reg foster homes

324 of our cert. were relatives for our children

People who are already in the children's community

Shiprack: grateful I am you do the work you do with the kids in our community who need our support

The community deserves for all of us to give our support

Hard work

Totally invested in it, thanks

Part of our partnership bringing in stronger collaborations increasing understanding between the agencies

Mandatory reporters law health and educators

75% of the calls that come in are coming from those mandatory reporters

As part of that collaboration

This piece is also very important

More you do in your decision making that impacts these systems keep in mind how it will affect the day to day lives of our families and the life of the child

Josh: closing

Not 1 time pres.

We hope to engage in active conversations with each district and chairs office on how we can collaborate together

Comm. On children and families community board we presented

Next is pdx city council

Then Gresham and others who may be interested

Business and faith community have their engagement too

11:00 a.m. adjourned

Tape ended on 39.18

County Services that Support Children and Families in the Child Welfare System

A total of 79 programs in 5 departments directly serve families involved in the child welfare system.

Multnomah County has an important role to play in safely and equitably reducing the number of children in the foster care system.

Department of County Human Services

1. Developmental Disability Services for Children	PO 25013
2. Domestic Violence Victims Services & Coordination	PO 25040
3. Mental Health Crisis Services	PO 25055A,B,D
4. Inpatient & Residential MH Services for Children	PO 25057
5. MH Commitment Services	PO 25058A,D
6. MH Residential Services	PO 25060A,C
7. Mental Health Services for Adults	PO 25062
8. MH Treatment & Medication for Uninsured/Indigent	PO 25063A,B
9. Mental Health Organization Provider Tax (Verity)	PO 25066
10. Community Based MH Services for Children & Families	PO 25067
11. School Based Mental Health	PO 25075
12. Culturally Specific Mental Health Services	PO 25067
13. Adult Addictions Treatment	PO 25080A,C
14. Addiction Services Alcohol & Drug Prevention	PO 25086
15. Addictions Detoxification and Post-Detoxification Housing	PO 25090
16. Family & Youth Addictions Treatment	PO 25094A,C
17. Sexual Offense & Abuse Prevention	PO 25096
18. Enhanced Family Involvement Team	PO 25098A
19. Bridges to Housing	PO 25114A
20. Homeless Benefits Recovery Pilot Project	PO 25115A
21. Energy Services	PO 25119
22. Youth Gang Prevention	PO 25123
23. Court Care	PO 25127
24. Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations	PO 25133
25. Homeless Youth System	PO 25136
26. Native American Child Development	PO 25137
27. Runaway Youth Services	PO 25138
28. Anti-Poverty Services	PO 25139
29. Housing	PO 25140
30. SUN Community Schools	PO 25145A,B
31. Social & Support Services for Educational	PO 25149
32. Parent Child Development Services	PO 25151
33. Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug Services	PO 25154
34. Services for Sexual Minority Youth	PO 25155
35. Bienestar Social Services	PO 25156A,B

Sheriff's Office

36. MCSO Court Services	PO 60034A,B,C
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37. MCSO Facility Security	PO 60035A,D
38. MCSO Civil Process	PO 60064
39. MCSO Detectives & CAT Offer A	PO 60066A
40. MCSO Special Investigations Unit	PO 60067A
41. MCSO Human Trafficking Task Force	PO 60073

Health Department

42. Early Childhood Services	PO 40013A,B,C
43. Lead Poisoning Prevention	PO 40015
44. Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)	PO 40018
45. North Portland Health Clinic	PO 40019
46. Northeast Health Clinic	PO 40020
47. Westside Health Clinic	PO 40021A
48. Mid County Health Center	PO 40022
49. East County Health Center	PO 40023
50. School-Based Health Centers	PO 40024
51. Early Childhood Prevention Restoration	PO 40027
52. Early Childhood Expanded Prevention Capacity	PO 40028

Department of Community Justice

53. DCJ Family Court Services	PO 50009
54. DCJ Juvenile Delinquency Intervention and Prevention	PO 50010A,B
55. DCJ Juvenile Formal Probation and Supervision	PO 50011
56. DCJ Juvenile Gang Resource Intervention Team	PO 50013
57. DCJ Juvenile Culturally Specific Intervention	PO 50014A
58. DCJ Juvenile Sex Offender Probation Supervision	PO 50015
59. DCJ Juvenile Accountability and Educational Support	PO 50016A,B
60. DCJ Juveniles Assessment & Treatment for Youth & Families (ATYF)	PO 50019A
61. DCJ Juvenile Secure Residential A&D Treatment	PO 50020
62. DCJ Juvenile Detention Services	PO 50021A,B
63. DCJ Adult Domestic Violence Supervision	PO 50032A,B
64. DCJ Family Supervision Unit	PO 50033
65. DCJ Adult Sex Offender Treatment & Management Unit	PO 50034
66. DCJ Adult Day Reporting Center	PO 50037
67. DCJ Adult Londer Learning Center	PO 50038
68. DCJ Adult Community Service- Formal Supervision	PO 50039
69. DCJ Adult Community Service- Community Court & Bench Probation	PO 50040
70. DCJ Addiction Services-Adult Drug Court	PO 50042A
71. DCJ Addiction Services-Adult Offender Outpatient Treatment	PO 50043A,B
72. DCJ Addiction Services-Adult Offender Residential Treatment	PO 50044A,B,C
73. DCJ Addiction Services-Women's Residential Treatment	PO 50045A,B
74. Juvenile Services Detention Alternatives Program	PO 50050

District Attorney

75. Juvenile Court Trial Unit	PO 15014A
76. Domestic Violence Trial Unit	PO 15015A

77. Child Abuse Team-MDT
78. Victims Assistance
79. Child Support Enforcement

PO 15016A
PO 15019A
PO 15020