



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 3/20/14
Agenda Item #: R.4
Est. Start Time: 10:20 AM
Date Submitted: 3/12/14

Agenda Title: **Proclaiming March 14-18, 2014 to be Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender Health Awareness Week in Multnomah County, Oregon**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: March 20, 2014 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes
Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** D-3
Contact(s): Michelle Plambeck
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Dayna Morrison, Coordinator of the LGTBQ Health Coalition of the Columbia-Willamette

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adopt proclamation proclaiming the week of March 14-18, 2014 to be LGBT Health Awareness Week.

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.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) people in Oregon face many barriers to accessing health care services. Provider bias regarding LGBTQ people or patients has been clearly documented and many providers report they feel uncomfortable or inadequately trained in discussing patients' sexual histories. These barriers translate into health disparities for LGBTQ people.

Cultural competency training is a proven means to mitigate health disparities in many populations. Because of the health disparities LGBTQ people experience, it is imperative to ensure health care workers receive cultural competency trainings to improve health outcomes for many populations, including LGBTQ communities.

This proclamation is not related to a Program Offer.

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

There is no fiscal impact.

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

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

The Meaningful Care Conference is Friday, March 28th and is designed to address LGBTQ cultural competency training for health care and social service providers in the Pacific Northwest.

The Meaningful Care Conference is held in conjunction with National LGBT Health Awareness Week.

Required Signature

Elected Official

or Department/ Judy Shiprack /s/

3/12/14

Agency Director: _____

Date: _____

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