



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 09/23/13)

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 10/16/14
Agenda Item #: R.2
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am
Date Submitted: 10/9/14

Agenda Title: Board Briefing on the Health Department's preparation for the possibility of a Local Ebola case

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

Requested Meeting Date: October 16, 2014
Time Needed: 30 min
Department: Health
Division: Health Officer
Contact(s): Wendy Lear, Deputy Director – Health Department
Phone: 503-988-7511 **Ext.** 87511 **I/O Address:** 167/2/210
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Dr. Paul Lewis, Health Officer

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

No action requested; this is an informational briefing. The purpose of the presentation is to brief the Board on the Health Department's preparation for a possible Ebola incident locally.

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.

Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Liberia are suffering through the largest Ebola Virus Disease outbreak ever recorded. More than half of victims die from this illness which spread through blood and body fluids; healthcare workers and family members of the victims are at particularly high risk of becoming ill. Although the risk to the public in the US is very low, one case has been reported in a traveler returning from the involved area to Texas and several ill healthcare workers have been evacuated to the US.

The Multnomah County Health Department is helping to coordinate the many efforts locally in healthcare systems and public agencies around planning for the possibility of an Ebola case. In addition, the Health Department would be fully responsible for the effort of tracing any contacts to a suspected or proven Ebola case to limit the chance of further spread.

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

No fiscal impact from this presentation.

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

The presentation is being given as requested by the Board of County Commissioners.

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

None

Required Signature

Elected Official**or Department/** Wendy Lear on behalf of Joanne Fuller/s/

10/8/2014

Agency Director: _____**Date:** _____

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