



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 4/12/16
Agenda Item #: B.1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 4/6/16

Agenda Title: **Informational Board Briefing on the Proposed Joint Office of Homeless Services**

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

Requested Meeting Date: April 12, 2016 **Time Needed:** 1 hour
Department: Non- Departmental **Division:** _____
Contact(s): Marissa Madrigal, COO
Phone: 503 988 3308 **Ext.** _____ **I/O Address:** _____
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Marissa Madrigal, COO, Shannon Callahan, Policy Director - Commissioner Saltzman's Office, Liesl Wendt, Director – County Human Services, Kurt Creager, Director – Portland Housing Bureau, Marc Jolin, Executive Director, A Home for Everyone, Sally Erickson, Housing Access and Stabilization Manager Portland Housing Bureau

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

There is no action requested from the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners or the City of Portland Board of Commissioners. This is an informational briefing on the proposal for the development of the Joint Office of Homeless Services.

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.

Homelessness is an ongoing crisis in the City of Portland and Multnomah County. Addressing homelessness requires the right confluence of people, plans, policy, funding and systems. Cross-jurisdictional collaboration, significant funding, policy direction, planning processes, and human talent have been committed to homelessness. But, the systems that deliver homeless services remain divided between the City of Portland and Multnomah County.

The City of Portland and Multnomah County each provide similar homeless services targeted toward different populations. The city has traditionally focused on single adults, while the county has traditionally focused on families, youth and survivors of domestic violence. The Joint Office of Homeless Services will bring together city and county homeless services under one roof, guided by the shared values and common agenda of the *A Home for Everyone* consortium.

The partners in the year long reset planning process recommended the creation of a joint office to act as a lead agency in accordance with HUD guidelines.

Creation of the Joint Office of Homeless Services will affect 9 full-time positions; four of the

positions are currently housed at the City of Portland and would become county employees. The affected staff administer contracts for services, homeless street counts and one-night shelter counts, manage systems of care, oversee system reporting and evaluation, and write proposals to and monitor funds issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care program.

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

Funding for the Joint Office of Homeless Services and new investments into the system from the City of Portland and Multnomah County will be coordinated and approved through the annual budget process.

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

The governance of the Joint Office of Homeless Services will be regulated through an IGA between the City of Portland and Multnomah County

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

The proposed joint office is the result recommendations from City, County and Home Forward staff. Direct engagement and community brown bags with system providers have been conducted throughout the development of the proposal. A joint steering committee of City and County staff have been convened to develop detailed transition plans to ensure a seamless transition if approved.

Required Signature

Elected Official

or Department/

Agency Director:

Marissa Madrigal /s/

Date: 04/06/16

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