



MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST
(revised 08/02/10)

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Meeting Date: 4/28/11
Agenda Item #: R.5
Est. Start Time: 9:55 am
Date Submitted: 4/1/11

Agenda Title: **Board Briefing – Homeless Benefits Recovery Project**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: April 28, 2011 **Amount of Time Needed:** 20 minutes
Department: DCHS **Division:** Community Services
Contact(s): Seth Lyon 26013
Phone: _____ **Ext.** 26787 **I/O Address:** 167/2/200
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Mary Li, Community Services Division Manager

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Report to the board about the outcomes of the Homeless Benefits Recovery Project and make recommended next steps based on the success of the program.

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.

The Homeless Benefits and Recovery Program (HBR) provides intensive and coordinated assistance to expediently secure federal benefits for disabled and often homeless individuals living in Multnomah County. HBR works with individuals to obtain the medical records and additional medical and psychological examinations necessary to submit successful applications for Social Security Disability and Medicaid benefits. HBR has established a relationship with the State and Federal agencies responsible for reviewing disability claims that provides expedited review of claims submitted by HBR.

Key Assumptions

1. Providing HBR would achieve far better outcomes than relying on service providers to coordinating applications for federal disability benefits.

2. HBR would obtain benefits for individuals more quickly than the national average for disability applications.
3. Individuals served would dramatically increase their incomes which would allow them to pay for their own housing and food expenses.
4. Individuals served would obtain health insurance, Medicaid and/or Medicare, which would cover the cost for services otherwise paid for by General Funds.

Funding for HBR was authorized by the Board of County Commissioners starting in FY 09-10 (PO# 25115A Homeless Benefit Recovery Project). An RFP was issued and the contract was awarded to Central City Concern. Services began in February 2010. This briefing will report on the outcomes of the program from February 2010, through January 2011 2010, the first twelve months of operation.

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.

n/a

Required Signature

**Elected Official
or Department/
Agency
Director:**

Dana C. Lloyd for Kathy Jinkle

Date: 4/1/11