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**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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MEETING DATE: 5-22-13

SUBJECT: Multnomah County Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM):

Healthy Start ~ Healthy Families SUPERVISOR 39 years
Education

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Shawn Pischel (Pih-shell) → sounds like, "Michelle"

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Dear Commissioners:

As the Director of Early Childhood and Family Services at Impact NW, I oversee a variety of programs that serve families with children Birth-5, and I get to see some incredible Home Visitors changing the lives of our County's youngest and most vulnerable people each and every day.

As you may know, Healthy Start~Healthy Families is an evidence-based, child abuse prevention program that provides intensive, weekly home visits to first-time parents here in Multnomah County. Our Home Visitors start working with families before the baby is 3 months old when children and their new parents are most vulnerable. Home Visitors provide services which supporting the health and well-being of the children, the parents, and the parent-child relationship. As a result of these services, children get immunized, get signed up for healthcare, and get screened for developmental delays early and often. When there are concerns, children and families are referred for specialized services in order to ensure the best possible outcomes. As a result of these services, parents' stress is reduced, their confidence and competence is increased, and they learn creative ways to support their child's healthy development—physically, cognitively, and emotionally. As a result of these services, families are connected with concrete resources in their community that lead to healthy family functioning and increase the chances that their children will grow up in a supportive, stable environment.

As I stated before, our services are very intensive. They're also voluntary. We serve high-risk, high needs families, many of whom have experienced, or are currently experiencing trauma. Last year, the families we served were with us an average of 23 ½ months. The strength and effectiveness of this program lies in the respectful, trusting relationship built through long-term intensive partnership between the parents and the Home Visitors. The Home Visitor is crucial to the success of the Healthy Start~Healthy Families program.

Though I am unsure of the exact shortfall we're facing this year, and I don't necessarily have a complete grasp of the complex funding system in the County, I am very clear in my understanding about the impact of funding cuts to Healthy Start~Healthy Families. As this program has been cut over the years, and budgets are already lean, significant cuts will directly reduce the number of Home Visitors in our programs. Conservatively, every \$45,000 cut eliminates one home visitor, eliminates service to approximately 30 families, eliminates approximately 400 home visits. Home visits that lead to children and families growing towards health, stability, and success.

I know you're faced with incredibly difficult decisions in order to ensure that Multnomah County achieves the best outcomes for families with the funding we have. And I know that you have consistently supported Healthy Start~Healthy Families in ways that have minimized cuts to direct service staff. Thank you for this commitment over the past several years; I ask that you continue this commitment and provide as much funding as possible for direct service in our program.

Respectfully,


Julie Houston

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START - HEALTHY FAMILIES

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: JULIE HOUSTON

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FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

JANUS
YOUTH

NAME: Kevin Donegan

ADDRESS: 707 NE Couch St

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-880-5866

EVES: SAME

EMAIL: kdonegan@janusyouth.org

FAX: 503-233-8174

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Initiative for pre schoolers @ Ed Boyks School

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Tony Palermiri (Pah-ler-mini) ^{Tony}

ADDRESS: 333 SE 46th Dr Retired

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Gresham OR 97080 School

PHONE: DAYS: 503-750-8294 EVES: Hyperintender

EMAIL: tonypalermiri@carcast.net FAX: Volunteers Reading

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Earl Boyles Elem

*Elementary
Principal
Gov State
of Oregon*

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME:

Ericka Guynes (Geh-nay)

ADDRESS:

7505 SE Arnold Way

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

Portland OR 97234

PHONE:

DAYS: 503 741-5303

EVES: _____

EMAIL:

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FAX: _____

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FECHA DE REUNION: 05-22-13

ASUNTO: Presupuesto del Año Fiscal 2014 del Condado de Multnomah

TEMA PRESUPUSTARIA (Departamento o Programa):

Earl Boyles

EN FAVOR: ☒ EN CONTRA: ☐ DEL TEMA PRESUPUESTARIO

NOMBRE: ADRIANA Larruga

DIRECCIÓN: 11200 SE Holgate #10

CIUDAD / ESTADO / CODIGO POSTAL: Portland OR 97266

TELÉFONO: DÍAS: 503 933-2782 VISPERAS: _____

CORREO ELECTRONICO: _____ FAX: _____

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): Healthy
Start - Health Dept. - Cut of \$270K+

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC (Stole-ten-berg)

NAME: Susan Stolenberg / Impact NW

ADDRESS: 70055 E Burnside

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97216

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-988-6000 EVES: Programs run thru

EMAIL: sstolenberg@impactnw.org FAX: IRCO & Impact

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TEMA PRESUPUESTARIA (Departamento o Programa):

Ed Bayles Ranchesol Program

EN FAVOR: _____ EN CONTRA: _____ DEL TEMA PRESUPUESTARIO

NOMBRE: Maria Angeles Rojas Mendoza (Mendoza)

DIRECCIÓN: 12026 SE Hobbs St

CIUDAD / ESTADO / CODIGO POSTAL: Portland, OR

TELÉFONO: DÍAS: 503-385-0000 VISPERAS: _____

CORREO ELECTRONICO: maria.angels.mendoza@yahoo.com FAX: _____

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TEMA PRESUPUESTARIA (Departamento o Programa):

Ed Baylos Preschool Program

EN FAVOR: EN CONTRA: DEL TEMA PRESUPUESTARIO

NOMBRE: Maria Elena Cazarz (ca-zar-es)

DIRECCIÓN: 1115 SE BUSCH ST

CIUDAD / ESTADO / CODIGO POSTAL: PORTLAND OR 97266

TELÉFONO: DÍAS: 971 207 2847 VISPERAS:

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TEMA PRESUPUSTARIA (Departamento o Programa):

Escuela Earl Boyles

EN FAVOR: _____ EN CONTRA: _____ DEL TEMA PRESUPUESTARIO

NOMBRE: Dora Duarte (Dora Dwerte)

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FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME:

Amber Kern Johnson, Hollywood Sr. Ctr.

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CITY/STATE/ZIP:

PDX, 97212

PHONE:

DAYS: 233-3303

EVES:

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EMAIL:

Amber@hollywoodseniorcenter.org

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*Executive
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Hollywood
Senior
Center*

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AGENDA ITEM: SUN school support for Madison High School Turf

FOR: X **AGAINST:**

NAME: Joey Razzano

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

PHONE: **EMAIL:**

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Madison High School needs a turf field. Not only is there a critical shortage of artificial turf fields in the city but Madison's field is among the worst conditions of the entire school district.

As a parent of a high school football player, I will admit that I have field envy. I go to the other schools and sigh wistfully as I dream about having an artificial turf field at my son's school. I can only imagine the pang of inequity that the students feel when they visit other schools with nicer fields.

As a parent of a middle school soccer player, I see there is only one option to keep her competitive with her colleagues who practice on turf fields - upgrade Madison's field to turf so she can play soccer on her home field and not be at a disadvantage. She currently practices at Buckman field, where I routinely see multiple sports practicing at once, among members of the community using the track and walking their dogs. Madison currently can only service football and soccer until the rain comes. Upgrading to artificial turf would allow us to expand field use to several different groups such as soccer leagues, lacrosse, PAL football and even fundraisers such as Relay for Life.

As a mother of an elementary student in a wheelchair, I am painfully aware of how poorly Madison's current field accommodates anyone with special needs. Mud and wheels don't mix well.

As a resident I feel like my zip code has limited my childrens' opportunities to compete on a level playing field, both literally and figuratively. I want to give them everything they deserve to be successful in school and life. Athletics teaches kids so many valuable lessons and gives them a chance to shine. By not upgrading the field to turf, we are hamstringing them before they even get to the game.

As a member of the Madison High School Athletic Committee looking to raise almost a million dollars to replace the field with artificial turf, I'm thinking that's a heck of a lot of bake sales to get us there and feeling overwhelmed before we even start to raise funds because our community cannot support it financially. As a fundraiser, I also feel hope that the School Uniting Neighborhoods funding could get us to the level we need to actually get a field by 2014.

As a constituent of the county, I am excited about the possibility of leveraging private and public funds for the benefit of the community at large, partnering with businesses like Nike.

As a neighbor who lives in Northeast, I see so much potential for transforming Madison and 82nd avenue, making it a destination for the entire community to take ownership in. Upgrading the field at Madison would allow our community to have a new appreciation for the neighborhood, where they could take pride and make an emotional investment in the neighborhood and the surrounding area.

What better way to turn a community around than to provide a safe destination for families in the community to participate in healthy activities? It's my understanding that the SUN program helps schools unite the neighborhoods around schools and Madison is prime for the transformation that this field can bring to the Northeast and the 82nd corridor. Having attended the 82 Ave community forum, it is clear that there are numerous businesses and organizations that have a great desire to partner with Madison to clean up the neighborhood. SUN school funding would be a terrific addition to the list of partners!

Thank you for your consideration and support.

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Written Les Finney

May 21st, 2013

Re: Madison High School Field

To: Chair Cogen
Commissioner Kafoury
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Shiprack
Commissioner McKeel

On behalf of Northeast United Soccer and the 1300 youth players (and growing) we represent, I would like to submit this letter of support for the Madison High School field project.

Northeast United Soccer Club (NEU), several years ago, adopted as one of our primary goals a focus on securing safe playing fields for our players and the players from visiting teams. The field situation in Portland Metro has deteriorated to a point where it is unsafe for our children to play, so much so, that organizations like ours have begun to move resources away from such things as scholarships and financial aid to invest in publically owned fields.

We believe we should be in the scholarship and financial aid business, but do not believe we should be in the field business, especially with fields we will never own or control. However, with thousands of kids being forced to play at facilities that are unsafe, we have decided that we can no longer sit back and wait for these improvements.

The trade-off of limiting access to underserved youth to protect the youth who already play (and who can pay) is unfair and a difficult balance, but a choice that has been forced upon us by the lack of attention to our playing fields. Our club funds 10% of our club members with financial support, that number easily could be 20% or more, the need is that great.

Much of this is no surprise to you. But, I believe that there are additional reasons to support a project like this.

- Madison is a SUN school. SUN schools have higher graduation rates. Northeast United Soccer is also in discussions to provide funding to a couple of SUN schools to provide overall wellness programs through the vehicle of soccer.
 - The SUN program brings additional community needs to this area, but they should have the same equitable resources as non-SUN schools.
 - Strong core instructional programs
 - Educational support and skill development for youth and adults
 - Enrichment and recreational activities
 - Family involvement and support
 - Social, health and mental health resources

To teach rules and strategies of play of the game of soccer; to promote health, fitness and sportsmanship among its youth players; to provide governance of the organization; to promote all aspects of the game of soccer among youth in Northeast Portland.



Public Budget Hearing

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

Testimony of Deborah Steinkopf

Regarding funding for the domestic violence service continuum

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony about the importance of maintaining strong support for the domestic violence service continuum within the Multnomah County Department of Human Services budget.

Domestic violence is a pervasive and enduring social problem. Here in Multnomah County, an estimated 28,000 women – one in seven adult female residents – are physically abused by an intimate partner. Tragically, approximately 21,000 children in Multnomah County witness abuse in their homes each year. Most of these children are under the age of five.

Despite the prevalence and pervasiveness of domestic violence, as a field and as a service delivery system, domestic violence is chronically under-resourced. Demand for services consistently exceeds service capacity, particularly for emergency shelter bed space. According to an Oregon Department of Human Services report, in 2010...

- Oregon domestic and sexual violence programs answered 169,202 calls related to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and related concerns.
- In response to these calls, programs shelter 2763 adults, 300 teens, and 2031 children.
- Unfortunately, 22,787 requests for shelter could not be met in 2010.
- 55 people died in incidents related to intimate partner violence; four of these were children.

Domestic violence is a complex issue that seriously impacts individuals, families, and whole communities. Survivors of domestic violence face many major barriers – both psychological and practical – to leaving their abusers. Many are financially and socially dependent on their abusers, with little access to their own financial resources and isolated from friends and family who can help them. Many fear for their safety and the safety of their children; indeed, many fear for their lives. The most vulnerable victims of abuse have little in the way of social capital. They lack job skills or a strong employment history, have poor credit records, and struggle to become self-sufficient.

This is where Multnomah County's domestic violence service continuum comes in. We offer safety and support to help survivors and their children cope with trauma and recover from the devastating effects of domestic violence. We provide intensive case management and advocacy to help survivors navigate the complex systems they must interface with to ensure their safety, protect their children, and locate permanent and affordable housing. We help them navigate the criminal justice system, medical care, child welfare, schools, housing, and so much more.

Without access to safe shelter and supportive services, domestic violence survivors are at significant risk of homelessness, losing custody of their children, and continued abuse, and in some cases, risk of

death. Organizations such as Bradley Angle play a key role in protecting survivors of domestic violence and offering alternatives. It is no exaggeration to say this is lifesaving work. We advocate for the best possible outcomes for the individuals and families we work with, and for a better community response to the pervasive problem of violence in our homes and in our communities.

Our Top Challenges

The new economic reality – flatlined government funding while serving a client population increasingly impacted by economic disparities and a weakened social safety net – mean we must think smartly about our sustainability.

We know that safety isn't enough. We work with people who are also dealing with a host of mitigating and interacting barriers to self-sufficiency, including: intergenerational poverty, low education attainment, lack of job skills, poor rent histories, bad credit, welfare involvement, addiction, mental health and PTSD, etc.

The domestic violence delivery system, particularly emergency shelter facilities, is chronically underfunded. Shelters are utilizing all current available resources and capacities simply to keep their doors open. This leaves few resources for innovation. A 2006 equity study conducted by the Oregon Departments of Justice and Human Services determined that, at that time, available government funding covered only half of the costs to meet basic needs of survivors in this state. The financial outlook for domestic violence services hasn't improved since then and is still grappling with the ripple effects of our post-recessionary economy.

Other Drivers of Change

There is a lagging recessionary impact on philanthropic giving, making it impossible for domestic violence agencies to make up for cuts in government support through charitable giving. This is compounded by philanthropic trends that show private philanthropy increasingly concentrated in larger institutions (e.g. hospitals and universities), which mirrors the growing wealth disparities in other parts of our economy.

The severe and growing lack of affordable housing and low-barrier housing in Portland poses huge challenges to transitioning shelter participants to stable housing. In fact, housing is one of the top determinants of good outcomes for the people we work with; indeed, stable housing has been established through both research and practice as a major social determinant of individual and community health.

The domestic violence service delivery system in Multnomah County has already lost one emergency shelter with the closing of the YWCA operated Yolanda House in March 2013. This means fewer emergency shelter beds and more pressure on existing domestic violence shelters to house more survivors and transition more survivors into stable housing. We are stretched thin.

Concluding Remarks

We appreciate the strong support of Multnomah County to build a comprehensive response to domestic violence and look forward to a continuing partnership in responding to new and emerging challenges.