



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 6/25/15
Agenda Item #: R.6
Est. Start Time: Approx. 10:15 am
Date Submitted: 6/17/15

Agenda Title: **RESOLUTION Acknowledging Multnomah County's Participation in the National Association of Counties *Stepping Up Initiative***

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: June 25, 2015 **Time Needed:** 15 Minutes

Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** District 3

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Presenter

Name(s) & Title(s): Nancy Griffith, Corrections Health; Abbey Stamp, LPSCC; David Hidalgo, Mental Health and Addictions Services

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approve a resolution acknowledging Multnomah County's participation in the National Association of Counties (NACo) Stepping Up Initiative, an effort to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jail.

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.

Jails across the nation serve an estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses each year - almost three-quarters of whom also have substance use disorders. The prevalence of people with serious mental illnesses in jails is three to six times higher than for the general population. Once incarcerated, they tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of returning than individuals without these disorders.

The National Association of Counties (NACo), the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, and the American Psychiatric Foundation (APF) have come together to lead a national initiative to help advance counties' efforts to reduce the number of adults with mental and co-occurring substance use disorders in jails. (See the *Stepping Up Overview* for more information).

Multnomah County has launched several initiatives to safely divert as many individuals as possible out of jail and into treatment. In recent years, there have been multiple

examinations of the system, plans for improving treatment, and resources allocated for those effort. This work aligns with the goals of the Stepping Up Initiative. By signing on, we further affirm our commitment to this work and join in a national collaborative designed to solve this pressing issue.

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.

The initiative calls on participants to share information on their efforts with other jurisdictions. The second phase of Stepping Up also involves a national summit in Washington, DC, supported by the American Psychiatric Foundation, and will involve counties that have signed on to the Call to Action, as well as state officials and community stakeholders. After the summit, participants will be notified of potential opportunities for sites to be selected for more intensive assistance through federal and private grant programs.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Matthew Lashua /s/

Date:

6/17/15

Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved.