



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA # R-5 DATE 4/10/14  
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 4/10/14  
Agenda Item #: R.5  
Est. Start Time: 10:30 am  
Date Submitted: 3/21/14

**Agenda Title:** Approval of Governance Charter for Homeless Programs between Multnomah County, Home Forward, City of Portland and City of Gresham

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

**Requested Meeting Date:** April 10, 2014 **Time Needed:** 20 mins.

**Department:** Chair Madrigal and Commissioner Wendt **Division:** Non-D

**Contact(s):** Mary Carroll or Casey Filice

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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Representatives from Multnomah County, City of Portland, Home Forward and City of Gresham

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approve a charter between Multnomah County, the City of Portland, the City of Gresham and Home Forward to establish a shared governance for homeless programs for the Portland/Multnomah County Continuum of Care.

### 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 community plan to end homelessness, *A Home for Everyone: A United Community Plan to End Homelessness in Multnomah County* was adopted by the three jurisdictions in 2013. A major recommendation in the community plan was to establish a shared governance of homeless systems. A shared governance structure will strengthen system capacity to engage other systems of care including health care, mental health, domestic violence, schools, and community justice. It will utilize data efficiently to evaluate progress and outcomes of our shared investments in ending homelessness.

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

In order to comply with HUD regulations under the Health Act of 2009, local jurisdictions which receive federal Continuum of Care (CoC) program funding must adopt a governance charter and establish community-wide systems coordination by July 1, 2014. The Portland/Multnomah CoC receives over \$13 million per year from

HUD, which will be in jeopardy if a governance structure is not in place by that time.

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

By July 1, 2014, Portland, Gresham and Multnomah County must charter and seat a board to oversee use of (at a minimum) HUD Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Continuum of Care (CoC) funds in order to meet federal regulatory requirements under the CoC and ESG interim Rules.

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

The recommendation to form shared governance stems from lengthy community engagement process through the "Reset Committee" and its associated public outreach. Elected officials and key leaders from both jurisdictions, as well as Home Forward board and key officials within the City of Gresham have been briefed regarding the charter document and the proposed governance structure. All are supportive.

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**Required Signature**

**Elected Official**

**or Department/**

**Agency Director:**

Chair Madrigal /s/

3/21/14

**Date:**

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