



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 10/28/2010

Agenda Item #: R-6

Est. Start Time: 10:00 am

Agenda Title: **Informational Board Briefing on LGBTQ Health Equity Initiatives**

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:	<u>October 14th, 2010</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>20 Minutes</u>
Department:	<u>Health Department, Non-Departmental</u>	Division:	<u>Community Health Services, Commissioners Kafoury, Shiprack and Willer</u>
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):	<u>Kim Toevs, STD/HIV/HCV Program Manager; Dayna Morrison, Director of HIV Services for Quest Center for Integrative Health</u>		

General Information

- 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?**
Informational Board briefing.
- 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.**

Provide information about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Health Coalition activities (currently funded by NW Health Foundation) including follow-up on Speak Out Survey and possible future of a Meaningful Care Conference in Multnomah County.

Sponsored by Commissioner Rojo de Steffey in 2006 and 2007, and by Commissioner Shiprack and Chair Wheeler in 2008, Multnomah County convened a committee to organize LGBTQ Meaningful Care Conferences to identify best practices and cultural competencies

in service delivery to the LGBTQ community. The conference committee included representatives from the Health Department along with a coalition of community partners.

Since then the group has continued to work together to find additional resources to promote health and wellness within the LGBTQ community. The coalition currently includes representatives from Quest Center for Integrative Health, Cascade AIDS Project, Outside In, Q Center, Basic Rights Oregon, and two Multnomah County Health Department Programs—the STD, HIV, HCV Program and the Program Development and Evaluation Services (research and evaluation team).

Last year, the County launched the Speak Out community health survey. The purpose of the Speak Out 2009 survey was to learn more about factors related to health and well-being across sexual orientation and gender identity, use those data to promote health equity for LGBTQ people, and develop a comprehensive agenda for LGBTQ wellness.

The Northwest Health Foundation has provided a \$20,000 capacity building grant to the Quest Center for Integrative Health. With these funds, the coalition hopes to strengthen the collaboration between Multnomah County and community partners, clearly defining the goals, including a plan for advocacy and service improvement. The coalition is also exploring the possibility of hosting the National Meaningful Care Conference as soon as Fall of 2012.

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

N/A

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

An inclusive community engagement process to gather input from others not yet represented and to create policy agenda is the goal. The coalition applied for funding from the Northwest Health Foundation to address chronic health issues, especially those for which LGBTQ people suffer a disparate burden. The recent Speak Out Survey is an important foundational piece, but does not represent everyone in the community, nor directly move us to action steps.

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

Extensive outreach efforts were made for the 2009 Speak Out survey in order to ensure that data were gathered from as many people as possible within the self-identified LGBTQ communities in the Portland metropolitan area. Data were collected using a web-based survey tool, and participation was voluntary and confidential. A total of 843 adults who identified as LGBTQ participated in the survey.

Required Signature

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:



Date: 9/20/2010