



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

(revised 08/02/10)

## Board Clerk Use Only

**Meeting Date:** 1/13/11  
**Agenda Item #:** R-3  
**Est. Start Time:** 9:45 am

**Agenda Title:** **NOTICE OF INTENT** to Submit an Application for up to \$500,000 to the US Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health Professionals Division of Nursing's *Affordable Care Act – Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention* Grant Competition.

*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:** January, 13, 2011 **Amount of Time Needed:** 5 minutes  
**Department:** Health **Division:** Nursing  
**Contact(s):** Nicole Hermanns, Frances Conedera  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Nicole Hermanns and Frances Conedera

## General Information

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

Authorize the Director of the Health Department to submit an application for up to \$500,000 to the US Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health Professionals Division of Nursing's *Affordable Care Act – Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention* Grant Competition.

### 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 Health Department plans to apply for funding under the grant's third practice priority area whose goal is to develop or enhance the knowledge, skills, and abilities of nurses and nursing students in the management of complex existing and emerging health care systems in order to adequately practice in new and changing interdisciplinary environments. The project's overall goal is to improve the quality of care and the retention of the nursing workforce within public health settings through the enhancement of nursing education and support.

MCHD has developed a three year program to address key issues/needs within the Department, support retention, and improve job satisfaction and quality of care within MCHD services. The program consists of two key components:

**Component 1** – MCHD currently provides nursing care in a wide variety of settings, including primary care clinics, corrections health, home visiting programs, school based health centers, and other community-based programs. To ensure a standard of care across all of these settings, MCHD has begun to standardize policy and practice for nursing care/treatment of specific conditions, such as diabetes and depression, throughout all of these various care settings. This grant will provide the resources to provide on-site continuing education and training to nurses to support the implementation of standardized policies and practices throughout the organization.

**Component 2** – As a result of lower pay, fewer opportunities for continuing education, and increased stress levels, it is often hard to attract and retain nurses within the public health field. The extreme needs of our patient population and the high volume of patients we serve result in significantly higher rates of mental stress and burnout for public health nurses when compared to other medical settings, and with the beginnings of health care reform, the role of public health nursing is changing, creating additional stress and turmoil. This grant will provide MCHD with the resources to offer its nursing staff ongoing training and support services in areas such as self-care, stress management, change management, empowering health promotion, and cultural competency.

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

This grant would provide the Health Department with up to \$500,000 a year, for three years, to provide its nursing workforce with continuing education, professional development, and support services to increase quality of care and nurse retention within the Health Department's medical services.

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

None.

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

None.

## ATTACHMENT A

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### Grant Application/Notice of Intent

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If the request is a Grant Application or Notice of Intent, please answer all of the following in detail:

- **Who is the granting agency?**  
The Division of Nursing within the Bureau of Health Professionals of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is the granting agency.
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**  
The purpose of this federal grant program is to provide grant support for academic, service, and continuing education projects designed to enhance nursing education, improve the quality of patient care, increase nurse retention, and strengthen the nursing workforce. Funding preference is given to state and local health departments to meet public health nursing needs. There are no cost-sharing or matching requirements; regular financial and progress reporting is required.
- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**  
The grant will provide the Health Department with up to \$500,000 a year for three years.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**  
The grant application is due on January 21, 2011.
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**  
The grant will cover a three year period, beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2014.
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**  
When the grant expires, the project will be completed. No additional funding will be required.
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**  
100% of the central and departmental indirect costs will be covered by the grant.

## ATTACHMENT B

### Required Signatures

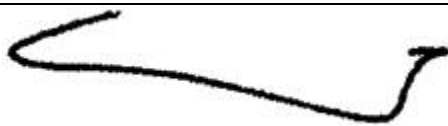
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Department/  
Agency Director:

Gary Oxman for

Date: 12/30/10

*Lillian Shirley*

01/03/2011



Budget Analyst:

Date: