



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 8/27/15
Agenda Item #: R.4
Est. Start Time: Approx. 11:15 am
Date Submitted: 8/17/15

Agenda Title: **Briefing on Age-Friendly Multnomah County**

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: August 27, 2015 Time Needed: 20 minutes

Department: DCHS Division: ADVSD

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General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board? Provide an update on the Age-Friendly Multnomah County project and present a certificate of acceptance into World Health Organization and AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

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. Program Offer 25020 ADVSD Access & Early Intervention Service. In October, 2014, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution to adopt the action areas of the Action Plan for an Age-Friendly Portland for use in developing an Action Plan for an Age-Friendly Multnomah County. The Board of Commissioners also approved moving forward with the application for membership to the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP Networks for Age-Friendly Communities. This application for membership has been accepted. Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division contracted with Portland State University's Institute on Aging (PSU IOA) to coordinate the first stage of the Age-Friendly Multnomah County project. This report outlines the progress made to-date and provides the timeline for future action.

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

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

Three main themes have emerged from focus groups and listening sessions that will be useful in identifying priorities in the development of an Action Plan for an Age-Friendly Multnomah County. These three areas

provide the basis for the survey to be delivered to Multnomah County staff in late August, 2015 with the goal of uncovering opportunities within our organization to better serve the needs of the community.

- Aging and Equity:
 - Gaps in services to underserved/vulnerable populations (e.g., non-English speaking, low-income, LGBTQIA community)
 - Environmental sustainability (e.g., Climate Action Plan, generational stewardship)
 - Social and racial justice issues
 - Equal access for older adults with disabilities
 - Services in rural Multnomah County
 - Making public facilities inclusive for all (e.g., Library system, Court House)
 - Equal access to transportation in eastern Multnomah County and other remote locations
- Provision of Services:
 - Health and wellness initiatives emphasizing prevention
 - Effective communication with older adults through the use of appropriate media
 - Gaps between governmental units responsible for providing services
 - Expanding Library services to address emerging public issues
 - Eligibility qualifications and difficulties navigating systems and regulations
 - Services in rural Multnomah County
 - Mental/behavioral health service coordination and delivery
- Infrastructure:
 - Accessible housing opportunities
 - Multi-generational housing opportunities
 - Connections to public transit/active transportation
 - Crosswalks, signal timing, and safe environments for pedestrians
 - Maintenance of roads and services
 - Environments for sight and hearing impaired older adults
 - Improved road signage and road striping

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

In July 2014, and again in March 2015, in partnership with the Chair's Office and the Budget Office, the Citizen Involvement Committee held community forums to understand how Multnomah County could better serve the current and future needs of our aging population. In October 2014, following the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners' resolution to adopt the Age-Friendly Action Areas and develop an Action Plan, Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division contracted with Portland State University's Institute on Aging to carry forth the project within Multnomah County. Building upon the information provided by citizens at the community forums, PSU and ADVSD convened two internal work sessions with key interdepartmental County staff members. Additional background and framing documents from diverse perspectives were inventoried and compiled that were published within the past five years from sources internal and external to government. In late August, all Multnomah County staff will be invited to take part in an online survey to delve deeper into the issue areas described above to inform the action plan. Results from this survey will be analyzed by ADVSD staff and recommendations will be shared with leadership throughout Multnomah County. It is hoped that these recommendations will be reviewed and prioritized by an interdepartmental team to formulate Multnomah County's Age-Friendly Action Plan – and to ensure successful implementation. Multnomah County ADVSD continues to serve on the Age-Friendly Advisory Council and key staff members from other departments serve on the various Age-Friendly Committees that have been formed to implement Portland's Age-Friendly Action Plan.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Peggy Brey /s/

Date:

July 29, 2015

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