



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 09/23/13)

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 9/11/14
Agenda Item #: R.3
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am
Date Submitted: 9/3/14

Agenda Title: Board Briefing on Programs to Eradicate Socio-Economic Disparities

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

Requested Meeting Date: 9/11/2014 **Time Needed:** 30 Minutes
Department: Nondepartmental **Division:** District 2
Contact(s): Jimmy Brown, Chief of Staff
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Representatives from United Way, Coalition of Communities of Color and Portland State University, School of Social Work

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Informational briefing to discuss programs to eradicate socio-economic disparities in Multnomah County.

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.

Since 2010, the Coalition of Communities of Color has published several reports documenting disparities in a wide range of outcomes and services experienced by communities of color living in Multnomah County. In the FY 2015 Adopted County Budget, the Board of Commissioners placed \$1.0 million in General Fund Contingency for programs to eradicate socio-economic disparities in Multnomah County. The Board desires to implement programs following the template of the federal Promise Neighborhoods Initiative, including efforts to improve the quality of life for youth experiencing generational poverty and discrimination. The Board is seeking to develop evidence-based solutions tailored to the cultural specifics of each community through a collaborative infrastructure that promotes long-term impact and positive results.

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

No fiscal impact, informational briefing only.

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

Informational briefing only.

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

Since 2010, the Coalition of Communities of Color has published several reports documenting disparities in a wide range of outcomes and services experienced by communities of color living in Multnomah County. Community-based organizations, family

advocates, educational system activists, criminal justice system practitioners and those interested in criminal justice system reform have all spoken to the Board of County Commissioners over the past four (4) years requesting action on the data presented by the Coalition of Communities of Color.

Required Signature

Elected Official

or Department/ Jimmy Brown, Chief of Staff for

Agency Director: Commissioner Smith /s/ **Date:** 9/3/2014

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