



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 4/14/16
Agenda Item #: C.7
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 4/6/16

Agenda Title: **Appointment of Eight Members to the Multnomah County Veterans Task Force Executive Committee**

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

Requested: April 14, 2016 **Time Needed:** N/A
Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** District 4
Contact(s): Sean Files, Policy Advisor, Commissioner McKeel's Office
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): N/A - Consent Agenda

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Request Board approval of the following recommendations for appointment for the Multnomah County Veterans Task Force Executive Committee to one year terms:

- Peggy Brey, Multnomah County Dept. of County Human Services
- Eric Ensley, Multnomah County Veterans Service Office
- Stuart Walker, Multnomah County Dept. of Community Justice
- Bobbi Robinson, Army Veteran and community member
- Carolyn Bateson, VA Community Reintegration Services
- Alex Glover, Transition Projects
- Gregory Flores, Portland State University

Commissioner McKeel will Chair the Veterans Task Force Executive Committee, as she has the Veterans Task Force since its inception in 2010.

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.

In 2010, the Multnomah County Veterans Task Force was formed through the passage of Board of Commissioners Resolution No. 2010-037. This advisory group was charged with locating and assessing the services provided by Multnomah County to veterans, locating barriers, and identifying opportunities for change and improvement of services.

Chaired by Commissioner McKeel, the Task Force is comprised of representatives from multiple county departments and select community groups and organizations with expertise in both the levels and types of assistance provided to veterans, and how to leverage the skills and other assets that veterans bring to the county workforce and broader community.

There is strong collaboration among service providers in Multnomah County, so the monthly task force presentations include briefings on county programs as well as services available in the community and partnership opportunities between agencies. The Task Force workplan is founded by the County's *Community Covenant with Veterans and Military Families*, and focuses on different issues each month, including accessing benefits, criminal justice, education, employment, families, health care, housing, mental health and addiction, suicide prevention, and women's services. More information on the Veterans Task Force is available at the county website: <https://multco.us/ds4/multnomah-county-veterans-task-force>

The Veterans Task Force is a public meeting, and provides a valuable forum for information sharing, networking and policy direction. To formalize this group's advisory role, an Executive Committee is being formed within the Task Force to help guide the work plan, provide oversight, and advise on county policy. Resolution No. 2010-037 states that the Task Force is to be comprised of no more than fifteen members, and Commissioner McKeel will select the Task Force Chair and final make-up of members. Eight members have been identified for appointment with this board action, and the first Executive Committee will be in May. The full Task Force and Executive Committee will then alternate monthly meetings, all of which will continue to remain open to the public and encourage participation among any existing or potential local partners.

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

None. This committee is staffed by Commissioner McKeel's office.

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

None through this action. Any subsequent recommendations or updates of this policy advisory committee will be presented to the board in a briefing or regular meeting as appropriate.

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

The Multnomah County Veterans Task Force has broad involvement from County departments, local partner agencies, and citizens. There are currently 108 members of the Task Force listserve with as many as 30 attending monthly meetings. Partnerships will continue to be developed and strengthened within the county, with local nonprofit organizations, service organizations such as NABVETS, the employment department and other state agencies, cities in Multnomah County, the Veterans Administration, our state and federal legislative delegation, and the Association of Oregon Counties.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department**

Director: Diane McKeel /s/

Date: April 1, 2016

Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/