



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 6/22/17
Agenda Item #: R.2
Est. Start Time: 10:40 am
Date Submitted: 6/14/17

Agenda Title: Briefing on Elder Abuse Awareness Efforts in Multnomah County

Requested

Meeting Date: June 22, 2017 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes

Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** Chair's Office

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Presenters: Wendy Hillman and Guests

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Providing an update to the Board of County Commissioners on outreach efforts by Multnomah County and partners on the topic of elder abuse.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Elder abuse is a serious public health issue that affects millions of older Americans and their families each year. Elder abuse is defined as intentional actions that cause harm or create a serious risk of harm to an older person (whether or not harm is intended). Elder abuse encompasses physical abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, sexual abuse, as well as emotional and psychological abuse.

There is a number of long standing public efforts to raise awareness about elder abuse. For example, Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched in 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization.

A number of Multnomah County programs and initiatives exist to combat elder abuse and work year round to investigate and prevent it. These include the Adult Protective Services Division, the Gatekeeper Program, and the Public Guardian and Conservatorship Office. The Interagency Committee on Abuse Prevention, or ICAP, is a collaborative effort of state, county, and local jurisdictions, along with partners in the health care community and senior advocacy community, dedicated to finding solutions to elder abuse in our community. They have developed several goals to work towards in the coming years that will enhance existing collaboration and improve services in Multnomah County.

This briefing is an opportunity to launch a new public campaign that raises awareness of elder abuse and provides the public with information about resources available.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

Representatives from several jurisdictions and agencies, along with community partners, support the County's work through ICAP. They include officials from the State's Attorney General's Office, the Portland Police Bureau, Elders in Action, and the Oregon Health Sciences University.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

/s/ Deborah Kafoury

Date:

June 14, 2017