



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)

### Board Clerk Use Only

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<u>4/12/12</u>
<b>Agenda Item #:</b>	<u>R.1</u>
<b>Est. Start Time:</b>	<u>9:30 am</u>
<b>Date Submitted:</b>	<u>2/14/12</u>

**Agenda Title:** Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and the Multnomah County Health Department

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.*

<b>Requested Meeting Date:</b>	<u>12 April, 2012</u>	<b>Amount of Time Needed:</b>	<u>45 minutes</u>
<b>Department:</b>	<u>Health</u>	<b>Division:</b>	<u>Health and Social Justice</u>
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<b>Presenter(s):</b>	<u>Lillian Shirley, Betsy Clapp, Moriah McSharry McGrath</u>		

## General Information

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

None – we would like to inform the board about the role of health impact assessment (HIA) in public health practice and the ways that Multnomah County Health Department.

### 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.

Health impact assessment (HIA) is an emerging area of public health practice in the United States. According the National Research Council, HIA is “a systematic process that uses an array of data sources and analytic methods and considers input from stakeholders to determine the potential effects of a proposed policy, plan, program, or project on the health of a population and the distribution of the effects within the population.” Health impact assessments themselves are nonbinding and non-statutory; they produce reports intended as decision-support tools for policy-makers. The Health Assessment and Evaluation (HAE) unit of the Multnomah County Health Department (MCHD) is responsible for conducting community assessments using HIA and other techniques. This briefing will provide an

overview of HIA methods, HIA's application throughout the U.S., and MCHD's capacity to conduct HIA's. This information will enhance county commissioners' ability to use the findings of HIA's in their work and/or direct MCHD to conduct HIA's on specific projects. The briefing will not affect HAE's Program Offer.

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

None for this briefing.

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

None for this briefing.

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

None for this briefing.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:**

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**Date: 02/13/2012**

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