



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: _____

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Agenda Title: Briefing on the MacArthur Foundation's Safety + Justice Challenge

Requested

Meeting Date: September 19, 2017 **Time Needed:** 90 minutes

Department: Chair **Division:** LPSCC

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Presenters: Abbey Stamp, Executive Director, and invited others.

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

The Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) requests a Board briefing on the County's continued work with the MacArthur Foundation and the Safety + Justice Challenge (SJC). The SJC seeks to change the way America thinks about and uses jail with particular focus on addressing disproportionate impact on low-income individuals and communities of color.

This briefing will cover the history of the SJC and Multnomah County's current efforts to reduce our reliance on jail. There will also be time for questions and dialogue with members of the LPSCC Executive Committee who also participate on the SJC Policy Team and the LPSCC Jail Workgroup.

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.

Since 2015, the Multnomah County public safety system has been part of the Safety + Justice Challenge network. In June 2017, LPSCC completed an application for \$1M (per year for two to five years) and included a package of 12 jail reduction strategies (the briefing on 9/19 will cover the strategies in detail):

1. Reduce the number of days it takes to hold a probation violation hearing
2. Increase the connection to community-based behavioral health treatment upon admission
3. Decrease jail use by inmates booked on Interfering with Public Transportation (IPT) charges
4. Decrease lengths of sanctions imposed by the Department of Community Justice (DCJ)
5. Increase use of cite in lieu of booking
6. Move bench (judge) probationers to supervision with the DCJ
7. Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
8. Decrease length of jail stays for inmates subject to pretrial policy holds
9. Decrease jail use by inmates arrested on drug charges (Treatment First Program)
10. Increase sanction consistency (length and frequency) among judges
11. Decrease jail stays for misdemeanants undergoing the aid and assist evaluation process
12. Create a mental health alternative shelter placement and services for women

Strategy 12 is contingent on SJC funding. SJC will notify awardees by the first week of October. Multnomah County has implemented, or will implement, the remaining eleven. Approximately \$250,000 of the \$1M award, if received, will be used for data collection/analysis, and program coordination.

Strategy six reflects the pilot articulated in program offer 50040. DCJ requires additional staff to take over the increase of offenders on supervision, with an anticipated decrease in jail use of 70 beds per day.

The summary of the impact of the 12 strategies reflect a 14% reduction of the jail size (from the previous 1310 capacity). All LPSCC partners support the strategies and continue to push implementation forward.

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

None identified at this time.

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

The strategies all have policy implications. In order to safely and effectively change the jail size, policies must change. For some strategies, legal decisions by the District Attorney have altered charging and prosecution practice (strategies four, seven, and nine).

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

The MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge work includes County and external (system and community) partners. The resulting package of strategies has been discussed across our community, before the Board of County Commissioners, in many criminal justice-related meetings, and among SJC jurisdictions and partners.

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

/s/

Date:

Required Signature
