

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 00-092

Establishing Funding for Operating Child Receiving Center as a Legislative Priority for 2001 Legislative Session

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. In May of 1996 the voters of Multnomah County approved Ballot Measure No. 26-45, authorizing the issuing of \$79.7 million in General Obligation Bonds to be used for facilities that would improve public safety, including "a Child Abuse Center that responds to increased victimization of children and, the excess time many children spend in police custody waiting for placement and evaluation" and, on October 1, 1996 the County issued the Public Safety General Obligation Bonds to fund that center.
- b. The remaining project authorized under Measure No. 26-45 is the Child Abuse Center, for which some of the arguments were:
 - i. Over 2000 times a year, a child in Multnomah County must be removed from their home for their own safety;
 - ii. Because there is no 24-hour facility consistently available to take in and care for a child, children are sometimes forced to ride in the back of a patrol car or sit at a caseworker's desk for hours, while attempts at placement are made;
 - iii. Children are further traumatized by multiple foster home placements, and little chance for visitation with birth parents for family reunification.
- c. Multnomah County has acquired a site and is moving ahead with construction. Completion date estimated to be July, 2001.
- d. The State Department of Human Resources is in the process of developing their budget and legislative agenda for the 2001/2002 biennium.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. Funding for the Child Receiving Center is one of Multnomah County's legislative priorities for 2001 legislative session.

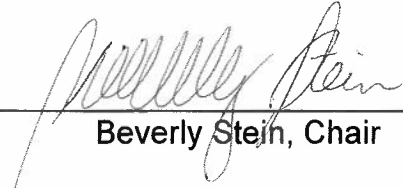
2. The Chair is directed to request the State Department of Human Resources budget include funding for the operations of the Child Receiving Center and related support services for the 2001/2002 biennium.

ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2000.



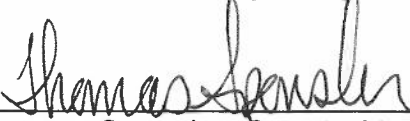
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