

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Recommending Adoption of  
Benchmarks for Multnomah  
County Government )

) RESOLUTION 94 - 28

WHEREAS, benchmarks are quantified targets for specific, quality of life conditions which our community is striving to realize in the future; and

WHEREAS, benchmarks are a powerful tool communities can use to focus efforts for long-term results and to create partnerships to solve problems; and

WHEREAS, benchmarks can guide Multnomah County's policy-making, budgeting, program planning, performance measurement and evaluation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Elected Department Heads and managers met in five work sessions over a four month period to develop consensus on a set of benchmarks for Multnomah County and to identify urgent County benchmarks; and

WHEREAS, the broad-based citizen planning process to develop the Multnomah County Visions documents in 1989 and 1992 clarified underlying values, concerns and visions for the community which served as a basis for selecting benchmarks; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners received input from citizens during recent benchmarks-related citizen participation efforts coordinated by the Citizen Involvement Committee including citizen meetings, a community television show and surveys; and

WHEREAS, benchmarks development and refinement is a continuous cycle involving clarifying a common vision, defining desired results [benchmarks], agreeing on strategies to achieve results, defining program and budget priorities, establishing performance measures and reporting on progress towards those results;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby:

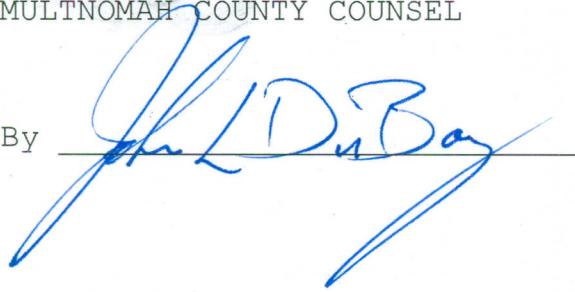
1. Adopts Benchmarks for Multnomah County as presented in Attachment A;
2. Adopts Urgent Benchmarks for Multnomah County as presented in Attachment B;

DATED THIS 17th day of February, 1994.

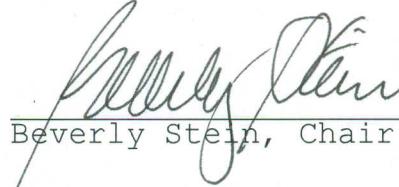


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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Beverly Stein, Chair

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Multnomah County Benchmarks		County Departments With Related Responsibilities									
		CHILDREN & FAMILIES	HEALTH	AGING	JUVENILE JUSTICE	MCSO	D C C	D A	D E S	LIBRARY	OTHER
<b>Teen pregnancy</b> - Pregnancy rate per 1,000 females ages 10 - 17 [ by ethnicity]		✓	✓		✓						

<b>Prenatal Care</b> - Percentage of babies whose mothers received adequate prenatal care beginning in the first trimester.		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Drug-Free Babies</b> - Percentage of infants whose mothers did not use illicit drugs, alcohol or tobacco during pregnancy.		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Immunization</b> - Percent of two year olds adequately immunized.		✓	✓		✓					
<b>Health Care Access / Economic</b> - Percentage of population with economic access to health care [ by ethnicity]		✓	✓		✓					
<b>Health Care Access / Geographic</b> - Percent of citizens who have geographic access to basic health care		✓	✓		✓					
<b>Teenagers' Sexually transmitted diseases</b> - rate per 1,000 population ages 10 - 19.		✓	✓		✓		✓			

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	CHILDREN & FAMILIES	HEALTH	AGING	JUVENILE JUSTICE	MCSO	DCC	DA	DES	LIBRARY	OTHER
HIV and AIDS - annual percentage/ number of HIV cases with an early diagnosis.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		

Sexually transmitted disease - rate for adults 20 to 44 years old.	✓	✓							
TB - incidence of tuberculosis per 1,000 population	✓	✓							
Hepatitis - Incidence of hepatitis B per 1,000 population.	✓	✓							
Care of elderly -Percentage of elderly living independently or with adequate support.	✓	✓							
<b>Mental Health Care Access-</b> Percentage of population with access to public or private treatment for mental or emotional problems [by children or adults]	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Mental Illness</b> - Percentage living in housing of their choice with adequate support.	✓	✓	✓		✓				
<b>Mental Illness</b> - Percentage of citizens with mental illness who are employed.	✓	✓	✓		✓				
<b>Mental Illness</b> - Percentage of citizens with mental illness living above poverty.	✓	✓	✓		✓				

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<b>Developmental Disabilities</b> - Percentage living in community housing of their choice with adequate support.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Developmental Disabilities</b> - Percentage of citizens with developmental disabilities who are employed.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Developmental Disabilities</b> - Percentage of citizens with developmental disabilities living above poverty.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Physical Disabilities</b> - Percentage living independently with adequate support.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Physical Disabilities</b> - Percentage of citizens with physical disabilities who are employed.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Physical Disabilities</b> - Percentage of citizens with physical living above poverty.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Access to Facilities</b> - Percentage of public buildings and facilities accessible to Oregonians with physical disabilities.	✓							✓	

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<b>Homelessness</b> - Number of citizens who were homeless at some time in the last year. [by children and adults]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Housing</b> - percentage of home owners and renters below median income spending less than 30 percent of their household income on housing and utilities.[by ethnicity]	✓		✓							
<b>Tax Foreclosures</b> - Number of tax foreclosures per 1,000 homes. [ by owner occupied v. rental]	✓	✓	✓							✓
<b>Child Care Quality</b> - percentage of child care facilities which meet established basic standards.	✓	✓								
<b>Child Care Availability</b> - no. of identified child care slots available for every 100 children under age 13.	✓									
<b>Child Abuse</b> - Number of children abused or neglected per 1,000 persons under 18. [by ethnicity]	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Spousal abuse</b> - domestic violence calls per 1,000 households.	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Elder abuse</b> - rate per 1,000 in elderly population.	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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<b>Student Alcohol Use</b> - Percentage of students free of involvement with alcohol in the previous month. [at 8th & 11th grades]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Student Drug Use</b> - Percentage of students free of involvement with illicit drugs in the previous month. [at 8th & 11th grades]	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Adult Drug abuse</b> - Percentage of adults who use illegal drugs.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Drug Treatment</b> - percentage of people seeking alcohol or drug treatment who receive it.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Hate crimes</b> - per 1,000 population.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Sense of Safety</b> - percentage of citizens who feel safe and secure from crime.	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Violent Crime</b> - crimes against people per 1,000 population. [by juveniles and adults]	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Property Crimes</b> - crimes against property per 1,000 population. [ by juveniles and adults]	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Firearm Injuries</b> - firearm injury rate per 1,000 population.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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<b>Weapons Permits</b> - number of concealed weapons permits issued per 1,000 population [ by male /female]				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Weapons Seized in Schools</b> - number of weapons seized in public schools [ by high school or below]	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Diversion Programs</b> - percentage of diverted offenders who commit any offense within one year after completing the diversion program. [ by juveniles and adults]	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Recidivism</b> - Percentage of felons who commit new felonies within three years of re-entry into the community. [by juveniles and adults]	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Drugs &amp; Crime</b> -rate of arrestees who have one or more drugs in their system at time of arrest.	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Offender drug treatment</b> - percentage of offenders needing drug and alcohol treatment who receive it.	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Community Policing</b> - No. of communities involved in a community-based strategic plan for law enforcement.				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Victimization: victimization rates for hate crimes, rape , domestic violence and juvenile coerced theft [by ethnicity]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community Preparedness - percentage of residences, institutions and businesses which are prepared for an emergency by being able to sustain themselves for 72 hours.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Emergency Losses - Property and person loss due to emergency/ disasters : number of lives lost per 1,000 ; dollar value of loss as a percentage of structure / property exposed.					✓					✓
Emergency Services Preparedness - Percentage of emergency service agencies (defined by ORS 401) with emergency plans and emergency response procedures in place that are regularly exercised and updated per federal standards.					✓					✓
Animal control - Reported incidents of personal injuries from dangerous dogs per 1,000 population.	✓				✓		✓	✓		✓
Family Wage Jobs - Average annual payroll per worker.	✓			✓					✓	✓

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Poverty - percentages of citizens with incomes above 100% of the Federal poverty level.[ by ethnicity]	✓			✓					✓	✓

<b>Children in Poverty</b> - percentage of children living above poverty. [ by ethnicity]	✓	✓		✓					✓	✓
<b>Child Support</b> - Percentage of Court ordered child support paid to single parent families.	✓			✓		✓	✓		✓	
<b>Family Wage Jobs</b> - Average annual payroll per worker.	✓			✓					✓	✓
<b>Income</b> - percentages of citizens with incomes above 125% of the Federal poverty level.	✓			✓					✓	✓
<b>High school completion</b> - completed high school or an equivalent program [ by ethnicity]	✓			✓					✓	
<b>Workforce Readiness</b> - percentage of people who leave post-secondary programs possessing skill sets to match work force needs.	✓			✓				✓	✓	
<b>Early Childhood Development</b> - Percentage of children entering kindergarten meeting specific developmental standards for their age.	✓	✓		✓					✓	

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<b>Readiness to Learn</b> - Percent of children having contact with a public library before starting kindergarten.	✓	✓						✓	
<b>Childrens' Library Use</b> - Percentage of children who have library cards and have used them within the last six months. [ by selected grades - 1st, 6th and 11th]	✓							✓	
<b>Library Use</b> - Books Borrowed per capita.	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Adult Literacy</b> - Percentage of adults with english literacy skills [ detailed by prose literacy, document literacy, and quantitative literacy]	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
<b>Water Quality</b> - number of days per year our rivers and streams meet government in-stream water quality standards.							✓		
<b>Recycling &amp; Solid Waste</b> - pounds of solid waste landfilled per capita per year.							✓		
<b>Open Spaces</b> - Acres of parks and protected green spaces per 1,000 population.						✓		✓	

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<b>Land Use Planning</b> - Percent of rural lands that are included within a current, approved Rural Area Plan (R.A.P.)									✓		✓
<b>Community Design</b> - percentage of population that lives within one-half mile walk of all of the following: park/open space; transit service; elementary school; neighborhood commercial mode; bike path.								✓			✓
<b>Proximity of Home to Work</b> - Percentage of people who commute [one-way] within 30 minutes between where they live and work.							✓				
<b>Transportation Alternatives</b> - percentage of people who commute to and from work and use multiple modes of transportation for commuting.							✓				
<b>Infrastructure Investment</b> - Real per capita outlays for public infrastructure.							✓				
<b>Clean Streets</b> - percentage of streets rated acceptably clean.				✓	✓						
<b>Streamlined Permits/Licenses</b> - Percent of permits/licenses issued within target time period or less								✓			

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Sense of Community in Neighborhoods - Percentage of people who feels a sense of community in their neighborhood		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Civic Participation - Percent of eligible citizens who vote.							✓				✓
Taxes - total taxes per \$1,000 income.											✓
Cost of Govt. - per capita cost of government.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Financial Capacity & Performance - Multnomah county's general obligation bond rating											✓
Citizen Satisfaction- Percentage of citizens who are satisfied that County services are necessary, responsive and cost-effective. [ by type of service]		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowledge of Govt. - Percentage of citizens who understand the Oregon governmental system.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Citizen Involvement - Percentage of citizens who volunteer at least 50 hours per year to civic, community or non-profit activities. [by age and ethnicity]		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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<b>Govt. Responsiveness</b> - percent of citizen volunteers in a governmental advisory capacity who are satisfied that their recommendations were carefully and respectfully considered.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>County Workforce and Contractor Diversity</b> - Percent of minorities and women presently employed by the County or its contracted service providers versus percent presently available within the local labor market.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Govt. Accountability</b> - Percentage of agencies that employ results-oriented performance measures.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S URGENT BENCHMARKS

### *Children & Families*

- ◆ **Reduce Teen Pregnancy**  
Pregnancy rate per 1,000 females ages 10 - 17[ by ethnicity]
- ◆ **Increase Percentage of Drug - Free Babies**  
Percentage of infants whose mothers did not use illicit drugs, alcohol or tobacco during pregnancy.
- ◆ **Reduce Domestic Abuse**
  - a. Child Abuse- Number of children abused or neglected per 1,000 persons under 18. [ by ethnicity]
  - b. Spousal Abuse - Spouse or domestic abused per 1,000 persons [ by ethnicity ]
  - c. Elderly Abuse - Elder abuse per 1,000 persons [ by ethnicity ]
- ◆ **Reduce Student Alcohol & Drug Use**
  - a. Percentage of students free of involvement with alcohol in the previous month.
  - b. Percentage of students free of involvement with illicit drugs in the previous month.  
[ both of the above measured at 8th and 11th grades]

### *Public Safety*

- ◆ **Reduce Violent Crime**  
Crimes against people [ by juveniles and adults ]
- ◆ **Increase Success of Diversion Programs**  
Percentage of diverted offenders who commit any offense within one year after completing the diversion program. [ by juveniles and adults]
- ◆ **Reduce Recidivism**  
Percentage of felons who commit new felonies within three years of re-entry into the community.  
[by juveniles and adults]

### *Access to Services*

- ◆ **Increase Drug Treatment Services**  
Percentage of people seeking alcohol or drug treatment who receive it.
- ◆ **Increase Health Care Services**  
Percentage of population with economic access to health care [ by ethnicity]
- ◆ **Increase Mental Health Care Services**  
Percentage of population with access to public or private treatment for mental or emotional problems  
[ by children and adults ]

## MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S URGENT BENCHMARKS [ CONTINUED ]

### *Good Government*

#### ◆ **Increase County Workforce and Contractor Diversity**

Percent of minorities and women presently employed by the County or its contracted service providers versus percent presently available within the local labor market.

#### ◆ **Increase County Government Accountability & Responsiveness**

- a. Citizen Satisfaction- Percentage of citizens who are satisfied that County services are necessary, responsive and cost-effective. [ by type of service]
- b. Government Responsiveness -percent of citizen volunteers in a governmental advisory capacity who are satisfied that their recommendations were carefully and respectfully considered.
- c. Cost of Government - per capita cost of government.