

**ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE
MEETINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 – 10:15 a.m.
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, Oregon

BOARD BRIEFINGS

Interim Chair Jana McLellan convened the meeting at 10:22 a.m., with Vice-Chair Diane McKeel and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Jeff Cogen and Judy Shiprack present.

B-1 Community Needs Survey Results on Older Adults. Presenters: Mary Shortall, Director, Aging and Disabilities Services Department (ADSD); Dave Hanson, ADSD; and Lee Girard, ADSD.

Ms. Shortall provided the introduction and Mr. Hanson provided the PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Girard discussed the findings of the Community Needs Survey of Older Adults in Multnomah County. The study provides information on the status of adults 55 and older who are below 200% of poverty and their preparedness to age in their homes and communities. The survey participants registered voluntarily on a confidential registry. The survey inquired about participants' housing, safety and support, physical and emotional health, employment and financial security, community involvement, and access to information.

85% of the participants want to stay in their homes, but 24% are not confident they can afford to do so. Most stated they feel safe in their neighborhoods and have an emergency contact, but 33% need help in a disaster, and few know about the Voluntary Emergency Registry. One in five said they could use additional help with financial information and assistance, transportation, legal aid, and cultural and language-specific services.

Minority group members are more likely to rate their physical and emotional health as "fair" or "poor". 35% considered their health to be "excellent/very good", 29% "good", and 37% "fair/poor". 63% claim to have enough food, but 31% have enough, but not always what they want. 5% stated they sometimes don't have enough and 1% said they oftentimes don't have enough food. 72% of the participants walk for exercise. 26% work out at home and 8% are in an exercise class. Minority group members engage in fewer physical activities. Most participants have routine screenings and vaccinations, but 28% haven't had a flu vaccine in the past 5 years. A few report being depressed.

Most less than 65 years plan to work past 65 and almost 40% are not confident about financial health in their retirement. Less than 25% volunteer, but plan to do more in retirement, primarily in services for seniors, children and teens, charitable organizations, hospitals, libraries, and faith communities. Most participants receive

access to information from the medical community, family and friends, media, and language and culture-specific newspapers and agencies. Of those with computer access, almost 50% don't use the internet. Minority group members are more likely not to use the internet.

The presenters answered Board questions and comments. The Board thanked the presenters for their report.

Interim Chair McLellan called for a recess at 10:55 a.m., because the next item is scheduled for a time certain.

Interim Chair McLellan reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

B-2 Statistical Profile of Communities of Color. Presented by Coalition of Communities of Color Members of Executive Committee: Julia Meier, Coalition of Communities of Color Coordinator; Nichole Maher, Executive Director of NAYA; Marcus Mundy, President/CEO, Urban League of Portland; Lee Cha, Director, Asian Family Center; Gloria Wiggins, Division Manager, El Programa Hispano; Victoria Libov, Co-Chair, Slavic Coalition of Oregon; Djimet Dogo, Program Coordinator, Africa House; and, Ann Curry-Stevens, Ph.D., Portland State University (PSU), School of Social Work.

Ms. Libov provided introductions. Dr. Curry-Stevens said the County, City of Portland, NW Health Foundation and PSU are partners in the Coalition and stakeholders in research and findings concerning demographics and needs of communities of color in Multnomah County. The Coalition's mission is to address the socioeconomic disparities, institutional racism, and inequity of services experienced by families, children and communities; and to organize them for collective action resulting in social change to obtain self-determination, wellness, justice, and prosperity. Funding came from all partners.

The Coalition worked to increase response rates in the 2010 Census and bring more funding into the county. Each person undercounted in the 2010 Census results in \$300 per year in lost funding. Communities of color make up 26.3% of the County's population but 45% of local public school students and increasing rapidly. If only the short 2010 Census form is administered, the Slavic, African Immigrant and Refugee populations will be rendered invisible. 5.1% of the county population can't communicate in either English or Spanish, and therefore can't understand the Census forms. A post-Census 2010 survey conducted by the Coalition members of those who didn't complete the form could shed light on this issue.

The presenters made recommendations to the Board for addressing the needs of communities of color through expanded and need-based funding for culturally-specific services for communities of color; emphasizing poverty reduction strategies; reducing disparities, and ensuring an accurate Census count. They envision the Coalition of

Communities of Color in an expanded role utilizing a policy-driven approach to implement their recommendations.

The presenters answered Board questions and comments. The Board thanked the presenters for their report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Thursday, March 18, 2010 – 9:30 a.m.

Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100

501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

REGULAR MEETING

Interim Chair Jana McLellan convenes the meeting at 9:36 a.m., with Vice-Chair Diane McKeel and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury and Jeff Cogen present and Commissioner Judy Shiprack excused.

REGULAR AGENDA **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Testimony was given and received for the record.

R-1 Second Reading and Adoption of an ORDINANCE Repealing Special Ordinance 1146 Designating Disposition of Tax Foreclosed Property. Presenter: Assistant County Attorney Matthew O. Ryan.

Vice-Chair McKeel moved and Commissioner Cogen seconded approval of R-1.

Mr. Ryan provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments.

The second reading was unanimously approved and Ordinance No. 1158 was adopted.

R-2 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCM-19 Increasing FREDS Federal/State Appropriation by \$18,750 from an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the State of Oregon to provide Fleet Services and .25 FTE. Presenter: Richard Swift, Senior Program Manager, FREDS.

Vice-Chair McKeel moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R-2.

Mr. Swift provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments.

Bud Mod DCM-19 was unanimously approved.

R-3 BUDGET MODIFICATION MCSO-09 Appropriating \$498,734 General Fund Contingency for the Sheriff's Office to FUND ORPAT (Oregon Physical Abilities Test) and Retroactive Pay for DSA (Deputy Sheriff's Association) Members in Accordance with the DSA Contract Agreement. Presenters: Capt. Monte Reiser and Wanda Yantis, Fiscal Manager, Sheriff's Office.

Vice-Chair McKeel moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R-3. Cpt. Reiser and Ms. Yantis provided an explanation and responded to Board questions and comments.

Bud Mod MSCO-09 was unanimously approved.

R-4 BRIEFING Update on Multnomah County 2010 State and Federal Legislative Agenda. Presenter: Nancy Bennett, Government Relations Manager, Chair's Office.

Ms. Bennett provided an update on the Multnomah County 2010 State and Federal Legislative Agenda. The 2010 Oregon State legislative session adjourned on February 25th. Some of the notable bills from the session included: fix-it work on the Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC) and the Measure 57 criminal sentencing bill from last session; adoption of an amendment to make annual sessions part of the State constitution; and adoption of a bill to extend jobless benefits. In all, more than 200 bills were considered and about 100 passed. As part of the budget bill, legislators included a number of budget notes which direct agency staff to provide follow-up reports on various issues.

Ms. Bennett noted that Multnomah County fared well during the short legislative session and passed several priority bills with near unanimous support and continued to solidify the relationships with members of the Multnomah County delegation. Overall, there were no major surprises or reductions to programs or services of importance to Multnomah County, but staff will need to closely monitor emergency Sessions, due to a possible General Fund shortfall for the Seniors & People with Disabilities Agency of the Department of Human Services (DHS).

The Board thanked Ms. Bennett for her report and doing a terrific job as Government Relations Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Submitted by:
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Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk and
Shirley Luo, Intern
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