



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 5.14.15
Agenda Item #: R.4
Est. Start Time: 9:45 am
Date Submitted: 4/30/15

Agenda

Title: PROCLAMATION Proclaiming May 2015 Mental Health Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

Requested

Meeting Date: May 14, 2015 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes

Department: DCHS **Division:** MHASD

Contact(s): Maribel Murillo

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Presenter David Hidalgo, Mental Health Director

Name(s) & Neal Rotman, Community Mental Health Program Manager

Title(s): Amanda Kubisch, Behavioral Health Prevention Coordinator and invited guests

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adoption of Proclamation: Proclaiming May 2015 Mental Health Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

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.

Multnomah County has a long history of observing Mental Health month because it is an opportunity for us, as the Local Mental Health Authority, to do our part to raise awareness in our community and have conversations about what we are doing to decrease stigma associated with seeking care.

- Research shows that mental illness is treatable, and people should seek assistance for these conditions, with the same urgency as they would any other health condition.
- Educating our community members that mental health illness is serious, but treatable, health care problems is essential.

For over sixty six years May has been the observed as Mental Health Month. Behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness, and that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover from mental health illness.

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

N/A.

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

N/A

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

MHASD will participate in the National Alliance on Mental Illness Walk (NAMI Walk) on Sunday, May 17th 2015.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Liesl Wendt /s/

Date:

04/30/15