MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST
(Revised: 09/23/13)

Agenda Title: Informational Briefing on a County-wide Approach to Medicaid Expansion.

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	10/10/13	**Time Needed:**	60 minutes
Department:	Health Dept., County Human Services, Community Justice and Library	**Division:**	
Contact(s):	Nancy Jackson		
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): **Joanne Fuller,** COO and Director of the Dept. of County Management; **Vanetta Abdellatif,** Director Integrated Clinical Services; **Ginger Martin,** Deputy Director DCJ; **Vailey Oehlke,** Director Library; **Teri Beemer,** Assistant Director Mental Health and Addiction Services Division; **Wendy Lear**, Director Business Operations, Health Dept.

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Briefing.

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. As part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Oregon is expanding Medicaid to include adults age 19 – 64, earning up to 138% of FPL.

- 54,400 residents in Multnomah County are projected to be eligible under the new criteria.
- Over the three-year period from 2014 – 2016, the federal government will cover the cost of this expanded population 100%.

Oregon is launching its own Health Insurance Exchange also mandated under the ACA, called Cover Oregon. Cover Oregon is an independent public corporation in charge of providing a marketplace for individuals and small businesses to purchase insurance.

- Integrated web-based portal; one place for enrolling in Medicaid and purchasing private insurance.
- Must use portal to receive subsidies and tax credits afforded by the ACA.
- Medicaid eligibility will be real time through the portal.
- Community Partners will have access to training, technical assistance, and access to portal to help clients enroll in Medicaid and/or shop for private insurance.

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

None.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved. Policy issues around ensuring continuity of care and addressing capacity across the primary care and mental health systems. Integrating and working with Dental Care Organizations is important to the county. Policies on handling uninsured versus uninsurable clients as well as clients who obtain private insurance are key to Medicaid expansion.

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

Multnomah County is working across many departments to ensure that our residents and clients learn about improved access to health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. Education and outreach efforts are taking place wherever County staff works with residents. Multnomah County Health Department clinics will be assisting primary care clients in enrolling in the OHP through Cover Oregon. The libraries are distributing Cover Oregon materials at all branches. The County is working closely with our providers, contractors and partners to ensure that our residents receive assistance in getting enrolled in the OHP or receiving tax credits and other help in purchasing private insurance.

Required Signature

Elected Official or Department/ Agency Director:	Joanne Fuller, COO /s/	10/3/13
		Date:

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