

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 09-092

Supporting the Development of and Funding for a 16 Bed Crisis Assessment and Treatment Center for Mentally Ill Individuals in Multnomah County who are in Need of Crisis Treatment and who do Not Need Hospitalization for their Serious Mental Health Issues

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioner Finds:

- a. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners in its role as the Local Mental Health Authority seeks to respond to the needs of individuals with mental illness in our community including our crisis call center, mobile crisis response and walk-in services. A critical part of an ideal crisis safety net is a crisis assessment and treatment center where individuals can get crisis treatment in a homelike, non-hospital setting.
- b. Multnomah County is the payer of last resort for involuntary mental health hospitalization for indigent Multnomah County residents. Without the complete range of services within our community, individuals with serious mental illness often turn to hospitals when they could be served in a less intensive, less expensive environment.
- c. Without the full range of options to respond to a mental health crisis, police officers are forced to take many individuals to our jails where it is difficult to treat their illness and they are inappropriately confined at great cost to the County.
- d. Working with the City of Portland, the Portland Development Commission and Central City Concern, the County has developed a plan to address this need through the redevelopment of the David P. Hooper Center. Detoxification currently provided at the Hooper Center will be relocated to a redeveloped hotel site in the Rose Quarter. Once these services are relocated, the Hooper Center will be remodeled to provide a location for Crisis Assessment and Treatment Services. The County has contributed \$1 million towards the remodel of the hotel site. The Portland Development Commission has set aside \$2 million for the redevelopment of the Hooper site. The partners will work with each other and the State of Oregon to ensure that redevelopment funds are sufficient for the remodel of the Hooper site. Crisis Assessment and treatment services would open in the Hooper Center in 2011.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioner Resolves:

1. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and the Department of County Human Services will work with the State of Oregon, the City of Portland and other partners to secure the funding for the operations of a 16 bed Crisis Assessment and Treatment Center to be located at the David P. Hooper Center at 20 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR. This Center will serve as an alternative to hospitalization for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis who can be best served in a less medical, more recovery oriented environment.

DATED this 2nd day of July, 2009.



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Ted Wheeler, Chair

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Ted Wheeler, Multnomah County Chair