



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: Tues. 2-12-13
Agenda Item #: B.1
11:00 am Time
Est. Start Time: Certain
Date Submitted: 2-5-13

Agenda Title: **Informational Board Briefing on Child Hunger in Multnomah County, Oregon**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: February 12, 2013 **Time Needed:** 60 minutes
Department: Commissioners Kafoury & McKeel **Division:** District 1 & 4
Contact(s): Liz Smith Currie, D-1 and Corie Wiren, D-4
Phone: 503-988-6796 **Ext.** 84435 **I/O Address:** 503/6
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Oregon's First Lady Cylvia Hayes
Susannah Morgan, Executive Director for the Oregon Food Bank,
Patti Whitney-Wise, Executive Director Oregon Hunger Task Force/Partners
for a Hunger-Free Oregon
Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

This is an informational briefing. No action is required.

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.

Children who are hungry are at higher risk for developmental and academic problems, frequent illness and nutritional inadequacies.

- According to Children First for Oregon, 13.7 percent of households in Oregon report reduced quality, variety, or desirability of diet or uncertainty about having enough food for all household members.
- 6.1 percent of household report multiple instances of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake as defined by skipping meals, reducing portions, or going without food for whole days.
- According to the Oregon Food Bank, 92,000 children eat meals from an emergency food bank each month.

At this briefing, experts on child hunger will discuss the extent and consequences of childhood hunger in Multnomah County and Oregon. Participants will also discuss effective strategies for addressing childhood hunger.

The county participates in anti-child hunger programs through our SUN school system. In the 2013 budget, program offer 25147A (called "Child and Family Hunger Relief Project") provides funding for the staffing, food, transportation and storage needs at each of the 8 SUN food pantries.

The Project addresses the food and nutrition needs of SUN Community Schools (SUN CS). The major components of this program are:

- Increased access to the USDA's Summer Food Service Program.
- Development of 6 in-school emergency food pantries in partnership with the Oregon Food Bank and others.
- Increased capacity/sustainability for other weekend food efforts.

The program offer (25145A) for SUN Community School's overall programming supports the Child and Family Hunger Relief program.

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.

From Thursday, February 7th through Tuesday, February 12, a food collection box will be located in the lobby of the Multnomah Building. Donated food items will be given to the Oregon Food Bank.

A reception will take place after the briefing to thank the participants. All are welcome to join us for light refreshments.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**



Date: Feb. 5, 2013
