

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY

In the Matter of Endorsing a Process to) RESOLUTION
Establish Family Service Centers) 91-175

WHEREAS, the passage of Measure 5 has created serious financial problems for the State of Oregon and for many local governments throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, local governments in Multnomah County are looking for more cost-effective ways to deliver quality services; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 1991, the Board of County Commissioners set the following assumptions relating to the establishment of community service centers as part of its long term policy goals and directions:

PARTNERSHIP. We will work collaboratively with other governments, foundations, non-profits, and the private sector to increase the impact and effectiveness of our services and programs.

Our VALUES AND PHILOSOPHY stress the increasing importance of:

- a. PREVENTION (orientation and focus);
- b. INTEGRATION AND COORDINATION of services
- c. Foster INDEPENDENCE in individuals we serve; and
- d. DECENTRALIZED/COMMUNITY-BASED services

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners set the following goals relating to the establishment of community service centers as part of its long term policy goals and directions:

Assure that children are born into, and grow up in, nurturing, healthy, safe environments by providing support to these CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Build partnerships that provide services that maximize the independence, health, and safety of our SPECIAL POPULATIONS.

Provide Services located in the COMMUNITY through multi-service centers accountable to the community.

WHEREAS, the 1991 Oregon Legislative Assembly passed SB 1099, which directs the State Department of Human Resources to develop an urban model of a client-centered service delivery system, and to expedite any waivers needed to allow the local community to pool funding from existing programs into the model; and

WHEREAS, Representative Beverly Stein has indicated support for Multnomah County to develop such a model; and

WHEREAS, the Leader's Roundtable will convene a summit meeting on December 12-13 to form interagency, community based teams aimed at increasing high school completion, and increasing employability of youth and access to jobs.

WHEREAS, the County is currently involved in several community based service models, including the Youth Service Centers, Aging Service Centers, Community Action multi-service centers, community policing and human service delivery in Columbia Villa and Rockwood, Family Development Centers in Brentwood Darlington and North Portland, juvenile counselors in neighborhood offices, and a deputy district attorney in the Lloyd Center area. The Brentwood Darlington Center will soon be expanded to include a variety of neighborhood based services under Project START (Southeast Target Area Revitalization Team).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board endorses the continued development of a community service delivery system focusing on

1. services available to all appropriate children, youth and families with emphasis on prevention and support services that facilitate long term stability
2. needs identified by the community through nonprofit agencies and neighborhood associations

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by July 1, 1992, the County will facilitate the development of four additional Family Service Centers. This will involve:

1. selecting community agencies to coordinate development of centers. These agencies will work with neighborhoods to identify an area for center and services desired by the community.

County services that could be made available include health, child and parent assistance services including group and individual counseling, juvenile court staff and libraries. Other services that could be made available include Community policing, state employment and children's services, recreation, education, housing assistance, and community action services to address emergency needs and to promote self-sufficiency. The services available at each center could vary according to the neighborhood, facility, and resources available.

2. identifying appropriate facilities. Special attention will be given to cooperative agreements with school districts.

3. identifying resources. Priority should be given to reprioritizing existing resources. However, requests for additional funding to implement the centers will be considered by the Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board endorses County participation in the Leader's Roundtable Summit in December. The Board believes the Roundtable focus should be broadened from high school completion to include benchmarks focusing on families and children of all ages. (e.g. prenatal care, healthy babies, parenting, child care, early childhood development, elementary and middle school completion). The Board believes this broader focus is consistent and appropriate with the Roundtable effort.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board requests that the Chair establish a Project Support Team for the existing Community Restoration Specialist. This Team should serve as a problem solving group to respond to needs of community agencies and citizens in facilitating the development of their community center. The team will give special attention to the need to link public safety with other community services.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board requests regular briefings on the implementation of the plan.

ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1991.

(SEAL)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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