



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 2/5/15
Agenda Item #: R.4
Est. Start Time: 9:50 am
Date Submitted: 1/28/15

Agenda Title: **Board Briefing on STRYVE Youth Violence Prevention Initiatives**

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

Requested Meeting Date: February 5, 2015 **Time Needed:** 40 min

Department: Health **Division:** Community Capacitation Center/PHCI

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General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Informational briefing on the first year of implementation of evidence based programming to address youth violence in communities across Multnomah County. 30 minutes for Briefing; 10 minutes for comments and questions.

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.

Building on a history of successful initiatives addressing violence as a public health issue (such as Poder es Salud/Power for Health and the Youth Violence Prevention Partnership), in 2011 the Health Department's Community Capacitation Center received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for STRYVE. STRYVE is a five year demonstration project supported federally by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to address youth violence as a health issue. The initiative prioritizes prevention as an approach to reducing violence affecting youth.

The first two years of the project included convening a multi-sector coalition to develop strategies that bring evidence based best practices into communities experiencing high risk for exposure to violence. 2013-14 was STRYVE's first of three years of implementation.

Two best practices have been successfully integrated into community-based partnerships in four communities across Multnomah County with a focus on youth empowerment, community engagement and mobilization, and increasing awareness of violence as a health issue. STRYVE team members work with individuals, community organizations, collaboratives, and systems of government to enhance existing conversations about youth

violence prevention and exposure to violence.

The Health Department is submitting a program offer for STRYVE for FY 2015-16 to: 1) support positions for Community Health Workers with shared, lived experiences who are trained to address violence before it starts, 2) increase the capacity of community partners to address violence as a health issue through evidence based strategies, and 3) respond to the needs of the 2014 Comprehensive Gang Assessment which identified gaps in training and professional development for individuals with lived experience of violence to become positive, pro-social supports for youth experiencing risk factors.

In the first year of implementation, STRYVE produced the following successful outcomes:

- 50 youth engaged in best practice curriculum (January – August), employed through partnership with SummerWorks (June – August) for 180 hours
- 40 STRYVE Multisector Coalition members
- 120 STRYVE Coalition partners
- 400 youth and community members who received information and education about violence as a health issue (through presentations, events, Community Health Worker outreach)
- 1000 youth and community members engaged in the 2014 Gang Assessment process (focus groups, presentations, interviews)
- 2 street intersection paintings
- 150 little libraries built, 6000+ books distributed
- 15 peace poles in eight languages
- 25 participants completed Peace Camp at Westwind

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

STRYVE receives base funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which will continue until August 2016. Through partnership with the DCHS Defending Childhood Initiative, funding for Community Health Workers is secure until the end of this fiscal year. In order to maintain current capacity and expand to meet the needs of community partners and gaps identified in the 2014 Gang Assessment, the Health Department has put forth a program offer to expand existing services.

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

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

STRYVE has engaged residents and governmental partners in the planning and assessment of this project. The product of that process has been used as the foundation for the City of Portland's Black Male Achievement Initiative, the 2014 Comprehensive Gang Assessment, and components of an application for Promise Zone designation in East County.

Required Signature

Elected Official

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Agency Director:

Nancy Bennett /s/

1/28/15

Date:

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