



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 5/1/14
Agenda Item #: BWS-4b
Est. Start Time: 3:00 pm
Date Submitted: 4/16/14

Agenda Title: **FY 2015 Budget Work Sessions – Overview of Budget Impacts from the Affordable Care Act (ACA)**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: May 1st, 2014 **Time Needed:** 60 min

Department: County Management **Division:** Budget Office

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Joanne Fuller, Interim Director, Health Dept.; Susan Myers, Director, Dept. of County Human Services; Devarshi Bajpai, Program Manager, Addiction Services, Dept. of County Human Services; Ginger Martin, Deputy Director, Dept. of Community Justice; and invited others.

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Board of County Commissioners an overview of budget impacts from the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

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.

The goal of the presentation is to provide a foundation and financial context for the policy decisions that the Board will be deliberating and ultimately voting on in the next few weeks. The presentation will cover the impacts of the Affordable Care Act, the nationwide health reform law enacted in March 2010.

ACA's primary impact on the FY 2015 budget is in Medicaid expansion. While the expansion is expected to increase number of insured County clients, if and how this will allow the County to expand or enhance services is still uncertain. In many cases, Medicaid funds come with more rigorous standards that may require additional resources. Newly insured clients have provider choices outside the County and the cost of care for clients new to the healthcare system is unknown. Furthermore, the State has begun to reduce formula-based funding for the uninsured, once a steady source of County funding, and replace it with competitive grants. Therefore, projections of revenue from Medicaid expansion must be conservative and new dollars must go to stabilize existing systems and reduce long-term costs in the face of uncertainty.

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

The briefing provides information to assist the Board in reaching its final decisions regarding the FY 2015 Budget. Adopting the budget will set the legal limits for spending during FY 2015 and is required to comply with Oregon Budget Law.

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

The Board approved the Chair's Executive Budget on April 24th and submitted the Approved Budget to the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC). After the budget has been submitted, no Fund may be increased by more than 10% in total revenue, and no property tax greater than the amounts included in the Approved Budget may be levied.

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

Three evening public hearings are scheduled on April 30th, May 7th, and May 14th to collect public input on the budget. Citizen Budget Advisory Committees have reviewed the program offers and will make presentations with recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Transmitting the Executive Budget to the TSCC allows the public and Board further time to review the Chair's Budget before final adoption.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Karyne Kieta /s/

Date:

4/16/2014

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