



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 11/1/16
Agenda Item #: B.2
Est. Start Time: 10:40 am approx
Date Submitted: 10/25/16

Agenda Title: **Briefing on Multnomah County Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program**

Requested

Meeting Date: November 1, 2016 Time Needed: 30 minutes

Department: Non-D, LPSCC Division: LPSCC

Contact(s): Abbey Stamp, Executive Director, Local Public Safety Coordinating Council

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Presenters: Abbey Stamp, Executive Director, LPSCC, Rod Underhill, District Attorney and invited others.

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

No action required. This is a briefing on the Multnomah Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program, a pilot slated to launch in early 2017. The briefing will cover LEAD planning and implementation timelines. The following individuals will present:

- Abbey Stamp, Executive Director, Multnomah County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
- Rod Underhill, Multnomah County District Attorney
- Devarshi Bajpai, Senior Manager, Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Commander Chris Davis, Portland Police Bureau
- Dr. T. Allen Bethel, Albina Ministerial Alliance

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

In FY17, The Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners approved a budget note and placed \$800,000 in contingency for "Jail Diversion Program" to fund a LEAD program based on the successful model in Seattle, Washington. LEAD is a harm reduction, pre-booking diversion program, offering services and treatment in response to drug possession in lieu of booking and criminal prosecution. LEAD focuses on low-level misdemeanor and felony drug possession crimes. The intent of LEAD is to decrease reliance on the criminal justice system and reduce criminal activity by diverting people engaged low-level drug crimes into appropriate support services.

Key stakeholders involved in LEAD planning include:

- Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioner Judy Shiprack
- Portland Mayor's Office
- District Attorney
- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
- Portland Police Bureau
- City/County Joint Office of Homeless Services
- Mental Health and Addictions Services
- Black Male Achievement Initiative
- Community/Faith Leaders
- LPSCC
- Public Defender
- Business Community

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

FY17 allocated \$800,00 to launch the LEAD program. Approximately \$200,000 from the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge is also used for project management and community engagement, and general support of LEAD implementation (there will be a budget modification on 11/10/16 with additional details). Ongoing budget requests are to be determined.

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

The District Attorney will deflect individuals caught possessing controlled substances in the target neighborhood (downtown Portland) from booking and prosecution.

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

Community involvement and engagement has been a key theme during LEAD planning. A variety of community engagement events and strategies are being planned. A robust team of many government stakeholders has also been very engaged in planning.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Abbey Stamp /s/

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