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MAY 9, 10 & 11, 2006 BOARD MEETINGS FASTLOOK AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST

Pg 2	9:00 a.m. Tuesday Budget Work Session
Pg 2	6:00 p.m. Tuesday Budget Hearing
Pg 3	9:00 a.m. Wednesday Budget Work Session
Pg 3	1:00 p.m. Wednesday Budget Work Session
Pg 4	9:30 a.m. Thursday Public Comment
Pg 4	9:40 a.m. Thursday Proclaiming May 2006 as Older Americans Month in Multnomah County
Pg 4	9:50 a.m. Thursday Resolution Adopting the Toxics Reduction Strategy
Pg 5	10:20 a.m. Thursday Update on Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Operations and Policy Issues
Pg 5	10:35 a.m. Thursday Executive Session

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Tuesday, May 9, 2006 - **9:00 AM**
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

BUDGET WORK SESSION

WS-1 Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget Work Session. This meeting is open to the public however no public testimony will be taken. 3 HOURS REQUESTED.

- Financial Overview Presentation
 - Central Citizen Budget Advisory Committee Presentation
 - **Work Session on Public Safety Department Budget Presentations with:**
 - Sheriff and Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
 - District Attorney and Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
 - Community Justice and Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
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Tuesday, May 9, 2006 - **6:00 PM**
North Portland Library Conference Room
512 N Killingsworth, Portland

BUDGET HEARING

PH-1 Public Hearing on the 2006-2007 Multnomah County Budget. Testimony is limited to three minutes per person. Fill out a speaker form available in the conference room and turn it into the Board Clerk. The conference room will be open one hour prior to the hearing.

Wednesday, May 10, 2006 - 9:00 AM
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

BUDGET WORK SESSION

WS-2 Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget Work Session. This meeting is open to the public however no public testimony will be taken. 3 HOURS REQUESTED.

- **Work Session on Health and Human Services Department Budget Presentations with:**
 - Health and Community Health Council Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
 - County Human Services and Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
 - School and Community Partnerships and Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
 - Commission on Children, Families and Community
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Wednesday, May 10, 2006 - 1:00 PM
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

BUDGET WORK SESSION

WS-3 Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget Work Session. This meeting is open to the public however no public testimony will be taken. 2.5 HOURS REQUESTED.

- **Work Session on General Government Department Budget Presentations with:**
 - Non-Departmental and Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
 - Library and Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
 - County Management and Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
 - Community Services and Citizen Budget Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 11, 2006 - 9:30 AM
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

REGULAR MEETING

CONSENT CALENDAR - 9:30 AM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES - 9:30 AM

- C-1 RESOLUTION Authorizing the Purchase and Sale Agreement of Tax Foreclosed Property to REACH Community Development, Inc. (REACH) and Upon Completion of the Obligations Described in the Attached Purchase and Sale Agreement, Execution of the Bargain and Sale Deed

REGULAR AGENDA - 9:30 AM

PUBLIC COMMENT - 9:30 AM

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony is limited to three minutes per person. Fill out a speaker form available in the Boardroom and turn it into the Board Clerk.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS - 9:30 AM

- R-1 PUBLIC HEARING to Consider and Approve the 2006-2007 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program

NON-DEPARTMENTAL - 9:40 AM

- R-2 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming May 2006 as Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon
- R-3 RESOLUTION Adopting the Toxics Reduction Strategy, a Plan for Minimizing Toxic Substances of Concern in Government Operations by Using the Precautionary Principle

DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY MANAGEMENT - 10:10 AM

- R-4 Reallocation of Facilities Capital Project Funds FPM-08, Kelly Building Data Center Fire Suppression Project and Building System Emergency Repair Mini-Fund

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY - 10:13 AM

- R-5 Budget Modification NOND-05A Appropriating Revenues from the WK Kellogg Foundation for Staffing the Youth Innovation Fund Project

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE - 10:15 AM

- R-6 Budget Modification DCJ-30 Reclassifying an Office Assistant 2 to an Office Assistant Senior in the Juvenile Services East Office, as Determined by the Class/Comp Unit of Central Human Resources
- R-7 Budget Modification DCJ-31 Reclassifying an Office Assistant Senior to an Administrative Secretary in Juvenile Services Management, as Determined by the Class/Comp Unit of Central Human Resources
- R-8 Budget Modification DCJ-32 Appropriating \$14,701 from the Oregon Department of Human Services for Treatment at DCJ's Juvenile Secure Residential Alcohol and Drug Treatment Unit (RAD)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE - 10:20 AM

- R-9 Update on Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Operations and Policy Issues. Presented by Sheriff Bernie Giusto and Christine Kirk. 15 MINUTES REQUESTED.

Thursday, May 11, 2006 - 10:35 AM
(OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING)
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Conference Room 112
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

IF NEEDED EXECUTIVE SESSION

- E-1 The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will meet in Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h). Only Representatives of the News Media and Designated Staff are allowed to attend. News Media and All Other Attendees are Specifically Directed Not to Disclose Information that is the Subject of the Session. No Final Decision will be made in the Session. Presented by Agnes Sowle. 15-30 MINUTES REQUESTED.

REVISED MULTNOMAH COUNTY 2006-2007 BUDGET WORK SESSIONS AND HEARINGS

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Tue, May 9

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Public Hearing on the 2006-2007 Multnomah County Budget - North Portland Library Conference Room, 512 N Killingsworth, Portland

CABLE PLAYBACK INFO:

Saturday, May 13 - 3:00 PM Channel 29

Sunday, May 14 - 7:00 PM Channel 29

Wednesday, May 17 - 8:00 PM Channel 29

Thursday, May 18 - 8:00 PM Channel 29

Mon, May 22

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Public Hearing on the 2006-2007 Multnomah County Budget - Multnomah County East Building, Sharron Kelley Conference Room, 600 NE 8th, Gresham

CABLE PLAYBACK INFO:

Monday, May 22 - 6:00 PM LIVE Channel 29

Thursday, May 25 - 8:00 PM Channel 29

Saturday, May 27 - 5:00 PM Channel 29

Sunday, May 28 - 1:00 PM Channel 29

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Tue, May 23

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Review of Calendar of Budget Events

Preview of Selection Tool; How Process Works

Central Citizen Budget Advisory Committee

Work Session on Public Safety Department

Budget Presentations:

Sheriff & Citizen Budget Advisory Committee

**Community Justice & Citizen Budget Advisory
Committee**

District Attorney & Citizen Budget Advisory Committee

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Friday, May 26 - 8:00 PM Channel 29

Saturday, May 27 - 12:00 PM Channel 29

Sunday, May 28 - 4:00 PM Channel 29

Tue, May 23

1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Work Session on General Government

Department Budget Presentations

Non-Departmental & Citizen Budget Advisory Committee

Library & Citizen Budget Advisory Committee

**County Management & Citizen Budget Advisory
Committee**

**Community Services & Citizen Budget Advisory
Committee**

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Sunday, May 28 - 7:00 PM Channel 29

Tue, May 30
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Work Session on Health and Human Services

Department Budget Presentations:

Health & Citizen Budget Advisory Committee

County Human Services & Citizen Budget Advisory Committee

School and Community Partnerships & Citizen Budget Advisory Committee

Commission on Children, Families and Community

CABLE PLAYBACK INFO:

Tuesday, May 30 - 9:00 AM LIVE Channel 29
Friday, June 2 - 8:00 PM Channel 29
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Sunday, June 4 - 4:00 PM Channel 29

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Tue, Jun 6

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Budget Work Session on Board Program Selection
Round 1**

CABLE PLAYBACK INFO:

Tuesday, June 6 - 9:00 AM LIVE Channel 29

Friday, June 9 - 8:00 PM Channel 29

Saturday, June 10 - 12:00 PM Channel 29

Sunday, June 11 - 4:00 PM Channel 29

Tue, Jun 13

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Budget Work Session on Board Program Selection
Round 2**

CABLE PLAYBACK INFO:

Tuesday, June 13 - 9:00 AM LIVE Channel 29

Friday, June 16 - 8:00 PM Channel 29

Saturday, June 17 - 12:00 PM Channel 29

Sunday, June 18 - 4:00 PM Channel 29

Tue, June 13

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

***Public Hearing on the 2006-2007 Multnomah County
Budget - Multnomah Building, Commissioners
Boardroom 100, 501 SE Hawthorne, Portland***

CABLE PLAYBACK INFO:

Wednesday, May 31 - 6:00 PM LIVE Channel 29

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Wed, Jun 14

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Budget Work Session if needed

CABLE PLAYBACK INFO:

Wednesday, June 14 - 9:00 AM LIVE Channel 29

Saturday, June 17 - 7:00 PM Channel 29

Sunday, June 18 - 10:00 AM Channel 29

Monday, June 19 - 8:30 PM Channel 29

Wed, Jun 14

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

***Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission
Public Hearing on the Multnomah County 2006-
2007 Budget***

CABLE PLAYBACK INFO:

Wednesday, June 14 - 3:30 PM LIVE Channel 29

Saturday, June 17 - 10:00 PM Channel 29

Sunday, June 18 - 1:00 PM Channel 29

Monday, June 19 - 11:30 PM Channel 29

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Thu, Jun 15

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Public Hearing and Resolution Adopting the 2006-2007 Budget for Dunthorpe Riverdale Sanitary Service District No. 1 and Making Appropriations
Public Hearing and Resolution Adopting the 2006-2007 Budget for Mid County Street Lighting Service District No. 14 and Making Appropriations
[followed by Regular Board Meeting]

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Thursday, June 15 - 9:30 AM LIVE Channel 30
Friday, June 16 - 11:00 PM Channel 30
Saturday, June 17 - 10:00 AM Channel 30
Sunday, June 18 - 11:00 AM Channel 30

Thu, Jun 22

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Public Hearing and Resolution Adopting the 2006-2007 Budget for Multnomah County Pursuant to ORS 294
[followed by Regular Board Meeting]

CABLE PLAYBACK INFO:

Thursday, June 22 - 9:30 AM LIVE Channel 30
Friday, June 23 - 11:00 PM Channel 30
Saturday, June 24 - 10:00 AM Channel 30
Sunday, June 25 - 11:00 AM Channel 30

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Thu, May 4

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

***Chair's 2006-2007 Executive Budget Message
Public Hearing and Consideration of Resolution
Approving Executive Budget for Submission to
Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission
[followed by Regular Board Meeting]***

Tue, May 9

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Financial Overview
Central Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
Work Session on Public Safety Department
Budget Presentations:
Sheriff & Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
District Attorney & Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
Community Justice & Citizen Budget Advisory Committee**

Tue, May 9

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

***Public Hearing on the 2006-2007 Multnomah County
Budget - North Portland Library Conference Room,
512 N Killingsworth, Portland***

Wed, May 10

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Work Session on Health and Human Services
Department Budget Presentations:
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Committee
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Wed, May 10

1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Department Budget Presentations

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6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Tue, May 23

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Budget Work Session

Tue, May 23

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Budget Work Session if needed

Tue, May 30

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Budget Work Session on Board Program Selection Round 1

Wed, May 31

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Public Hearing on the 2006-2007 Multnomah County Budget - Multnomah Building, Commissioners Boardroom 100, 501 SE Hawthorne, Portland

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| Tue, Jun 13
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Budget Work Session on Board Program Selection Round 3 |
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey
Commissioner Serena Cruz
Commissioner Lisa Naito
Commissioner Lonnie Roberts
Board Clerk Deb Bogstad

FROM: Delma Farrell
Administrative Director/Scheduler

DATE: May 9, 2006

RE: Board Briefing/Meeting Excused Absences

Chair Linn will not attend the Tuesday May 9, 2006 Budget Public Hearing. She is ill with the flu.

c: Agnes Sowle, County Attorney
Chair's Office



Diane M. Linn, Multnomah County Chair

May 9, 2006

To the Community,

I cannot be with you tonight at this public hearing. I'm home ill with the flu.

However, please be assured I will listen to the testimony from tonight's meeting. Any of the concerns or questions you have will be reviewed by me and a timely response will be provided. In addition, members of my senior staff are in the room tonight and are available to speak with you individually about your questions or concerns.

Thank for coming this evening. I look forward to the continuing dialogue about my Executive Budget in the coming weeks leading to the adoption of the final budget on June 22nd.

Sincerely,

Diane Linn, Multnomah County Chair



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Chair's Executive Budget Message May 4, 2006

I am pleased to provide my FY 2006-2007 Executive Budget for Multnomah County, based on the innovative priority-based budgeting process we implemented in FY 2005. My budget is a results-based, outcomes-driven document that balances urgent, competing priorities in a way that delivers measurable results to County taxpayers. I have worked to align the resources we have with the services and results our community needs and wants.

"My budget is a results-based, outcomes-driven document that balances urgent, competing priorities"

Multnomah County Remains Well-Positioned Financially

I am pleased to report that the overall financial position of the County is healthy. Our General Fund reserves have almost doubled, from \$13.5 million to \$26 million today. Our PERS reserves are solid at \$15 million as are our Employee Benefits Board reserves at \$12 million. Operationally, we are leaner today than at any time in recent memory as the result of \$70 million in General Fund reductions in the last four years. In spite of those tough economic times, our Moody's Investor Service bond rating remains Aa1 - the 2nd highest rating enjoyed by any government entity in Oregon, including the State itself.

Decline in Federal, State Revenue; Voters Temporarily Maintain Services

Though our economic foundation is healthy, our short-term situation has been challenging in recent years. In addition to a declining economy, the County has faced another major financial challenge – loss of millions in State and federal revenue. Those reductions have come in an array of areas including mental health, community corrections, alcohol and drug treatment, aging and disability services, Oregon Health Plan and more. Ironically, it is during tough economic times like this that citizens need County services the most. Collectively these cuts have presented an enormous strain on our systems of care. Individuals and families who rely on County services have been greatly impacted, as have those who rely on contracted services provided by our community partners.

Three years ago County voters stepped up to help schools with \$90 million a year by approving the temporary income tax (I-Tax). They also voted to provide \$32 million a year for critical public safety and human service programs at the County. I remain deeply grateful to County voters for helping us stave off the impact of State cuts and other revenue losses for three years, allowing us to continue providing critical services needed by our citizens. But when I was urged earlier this spring to extend the I-Tax, my response was clear: temporary means temporary.

"I remain deeply grateful to County voters for helping us stave off the impact of State cuts and other revenue losses for three years ..."

Today's Challenge: Continuing to Provide Essential Services

In assembling my budget, I began by knowing I had \$32 million less in ongoing General Funds with which to purchase programs and services. Never in the history of this jurisdiction have we faced this large a General Fund reduction in a single year. Making that reality even tougher was the \$70 million in General Fund reductions and 500 County positions already lost in the last four years.

"Never in the history of this jurisdiction have we ever faced this large of a General Fund reduction in a single year."

Because a \$32 million loss of service all at once would have devastating results for our community, I felt it imperative to use other funds available for this budget. I began with the \$10 million I-Tax bridge to the future already approved by the Board of County Commissioners. To that, I added \$15.3 million by redirecting funds from the Supplemental Budget adopted in January 2006. Providing critical services, even if only for another year, is of greater urgency than establishing new reserve funds, debt buy-down, and taking loans from our General Fund for a bridge as was done in the Supplemental Budget. I then used the remainder of one-time-only funds available. As a result, I built an FY 2006-2007 budget that makes some reductions now, creates a glide path to economic recovery, migrates away from reliance on the General Fund, and leads us to complete independence from I-Tax funds by the end of FY 2007-2008.

"I added \$15.3 million by redirecting funds from the Supplemental Budget ..."

FY 2006-2007 Executive Budget Highlights

More than half of the County's General Fund (\$165,843,687) goes to purchase results in one priority area: Safety. With that responsibility in mind, I allocated our General Fund resources to purchase results in Safety in the ways outlined below.

Safety: "I want to feel safe at home, work, school and play."

- High and Medium Risk Offenders - I have focused our limited resources to maintaining the integrity of our supervision, sanction and treatment systems for high and medium risk offenders in our community.
- Integrity of Parole/Probation - I have maintained the integrity of parole and probation supervision with reasonable caseloads so officers can truly make a difference.
- Alternatives to Jail - Despite State cuts and reliance on I-Tax, I maintained treatment and alternatives to jail to increase offender behavior change, and decrease costs to the County.
- Integrity of Juvenile System - I have maintained the integrity of the juvenile justice system and our ability to hold delinquent youth accountable, and to intervene to change their behavior.
- Alcohol and Drug Treatment - I have maintained core outpatient and inpatient alcohol and drug treatment functions for men, women and juveniles.
- Corrections Mental Health – I have maintained the critical functions of crisis response, suicide watch and prevention; access to drugs, nurses, psychiatrists and mental health consultants and discharge planning.
- Law Enforcement, Patrol and River Patrol – I have maintained these functions in the budget, even while we continue exploring possible efficiencies in these areas through Joint Public Safety Budgeting with the City of Portland.
- Jail Beds – After years of jail bed shortages resulting in early release of offenders, I have maintained the current number of jail beds we worked so hard to open during FY 2005-2006.
- Wapato Jail and Treatment Facility – In addition, in FY 2006-2007, to reach the next level in public safety and further reduce early release of offenders, I added 150 more beds at Wapato at a cost of less than \$3

million. I am also involved in discussions with other jurisdictions who have expressed interest in renting space at Wapato. Wapato will open!

"Wapato will open!"

Just less than half of the County's General Fund (\$130,554,744) goes to purchase results in all other priority areas: Education, Basic Needs, Vibrant Communities, Thriving Economy and Accountability. With those goals in mind, I have allocated General Fund resources to purchase results in each of those areas, as outlined below.

Education: "I want all children in Multnomah County to succeed in school."

- Due to strong oversight and collections, I am pleased to include an additional payment of \$8.2 million to the eight County school districts for school year 2006-2007 in voter-approved I-Tax funds.
- I am also pleased that the County stepped up to be part of the community solution for schools with a one-time-only \$6.4 million in assistance to all County schools, to be distributed equally to every student County-wide for school year 2006-2007.
- SUN Services System – I have maintained the County's nationally-lauded and innovative SUN system, providing social service supports to ensure children are successful in school. Recent evaluation data shows the SUN system to have significant, measurable results for children and families. Under my leadership, we have expanded the number of SUN community schools to 52 from eight. More than 60,000 students and their families enjoy the benefits provided by the SUN system. My vision is to expand SUN into even more schools in the coming years.

"Under my leadership, we have expanded the number of SUN community schools to 52 from eight."

Basic Needs: "I want all Multnomah County residents and their families to have their basic living needs met."

- Homeless and Affordable Housing – My budget reflects a commitment to the needs of the chronically homeless and contributes to the goals of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, including making the Martha Washington Building available for permanent, supportive housing.

"My budget reflects a commitment to the needs of the chronically homeless and contributes to the goals of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.... "

- Alcohol and Drug – Our addictions system is based on levels of care, including detoxification, residential, outpatient, recovery supports and special programs. Despite numerous State cuts and heavy reliance on I-Tax funds, I have maintained the core elements of the treatment system for men, women and youth.
- Mental Health – Also the victim of numerous State cuts and heavily reliant on I-Tax, I have maintained the integrity of this system by purchasing core elements of the system.
- Developmental Disability – I have maintained the matching General Fund contribution in order to sustain the core elements of system.
- Aging and Disability – I have maintained systems of care for the elderly and disabled despite the fact that many of the services were funded with I-Tax funds due to cuts in federal and State programs.
- Primary Health Clinics – I propose to stabilize long-term funding of Safety Net Health Clinics with an investment of \$1.7 million in one-time-only resources that will leverage \$3.5 million in operating costs in FY 2006-2007. This investment allows for a planning process to review the County's role in the safety net, and reconstitute our delivery system in areas of governance, funding, care models and staffing.

Vibrant Communities: "I want to have clean, healthy neighborhoods with a vibrant sense of community."

- Library Services – I have maintained library hours, materials budgets, and outreach and literacy programs to children and adults in our nationally-lauded and highly utilized library system.
- Animal Services - I have maintained the base service levels of support for both field services and shelter operations in an effort to continue the high standard of care and treatment of animals throughout the County.

Thriving Economy: "I want Multnomah County to have a thriving economy."

- Regional Infrastructure – Following up on efficiencies gained through this year's successful transfer of 50+ miles of County roads to City of Gresham, I have maintained current service level funding for maintenance

and operations of County roads and bridges, land use and transportation planning.

"... I have maintained current service level funding for maintenance and operations of County roads and bridges..."

- Regional participation - I have funded the County's participation in and support for two key economic development organizations: East Metro Economic Alliance and Oregon Science & Technology Partnership. This action leverages resources contributing to short and long term vitality of the region's economy.
- Jobs – Through the Multnomah/Washington County Regional Investment Strategy, this budget secures approximately \$800,000 of State Lottery dollars to support traded-sector job creation and a micro-enterprise lending program for minority, women-owned and emerging small businesses.
- Strategic Investment Program (SIP) – I continue funding for administration of the Strategic Investment Program and for job creation and training efforts with SIP contracted companies.

*"I continue funding for job creation and training efforts
....."*

Accountability: "I want my government to be accountable at every level."

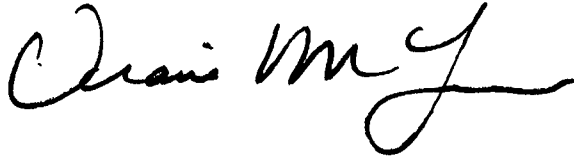
- Overtime Savings - In response to continued concerns regarding overtime, I have included \$1 million in additional overtime reductions in the Sheriff's office. In cooperation with the Sheriff, the Board, and with the Auditor's assistance, I will work to improve communication and accountability by working to set performance measure targets for overtime related to total personnel costs or hours.
- Community Access - To ensure community access and full engagement in the County, I have restored the Citizen Involvement Committee position that was removed from the budget last year.

I want to thank those who assisted me in the preparation of my Executive Budget, including my staff, the Board, Board staff, the Budget Office, Department Directors, District Attorney Mike Schrunk, Sheriff Bernie Giusto and Presiding Judge Dale Koch. I am also grateful to the many County employees who served

on budget Design Teams and Outcome Teams, and to the Citizen Involvement Committee for ensuring public involvement in my deliberations. Lastly, I thank the hundreds of County residents who attended budget forums, called, wrote or emailed my office, or met with members of my staff about matters of concern to them.

I look forward to continued discussion about the budget in coming weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane M. Linn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Diane M. Linn
Multnomah County Chair

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**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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MEETING DATE: 05.09.06

SUBJECT: 06/07 PROPOSED BUDGET

SPECIFICALLY PROGRAM #40022 - HIV CARE SERVICES

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: ✓ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: JOHN P. MOTTER

ADDRESS: 7330 SW 64th PL

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OR 97219

PHONE: DAYS: 503.381.0501

EVES: 503.381.0501

EMAIL: MOTTJP97219@yahoo.com

FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: AGAINST PROPOSED CUTS TO HIV CARE SERVICES
PROGRAMS #40022 AND #40901

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: ATTACHED

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Hello, my name is John Motter and I am a person living with HIV. Last week, had I fully understood the cuts you were proposing to HIV Care Services, the grantee for the Ryan White Title I funds, my testimony would have been much different. Today I am angry. Your actions are short sighted and will result in the loss of services, not only in Multnomah County, but in the 6 county metropolitan area.

I find the presentation of the numbers for Programs #40022 and #40901 to be very deceiving. Program #40022 shows what appears to be an increase of roughly \$314,000 or 63%. However, the deduction in #40901 really amounts to an 80% cut. How did you arrive at these numbers? Is this an example of the "misrepresentation" that David Boyer referred to in his letter of resignation? You are going to jettison the job of grantee to an outside entity. Did the County think that people would not question this motive? You are choosing to abandon your duties as CEO for the grant. I can not convey how truly disgusted I am by this action.

Do you even know what your duties as CEO are? I think not. The reason you don't know is because the employees in HIV Care Services, other supporting County employees, the volunteers on the Council and the service providers have consistently worked hard to make this grant run smoothly and effectively. There has not been a squeaky wheel that's needed to be greased. Because of all this hard work, we consumers have been able to maintain the best care possible within the ever shrinking HIV funding.

Here is the Title I manual for the Care Act. There are complicated compliance rules and duties that must be followed. How do you plan to find a new grantee in the short period of time that will be required? Have you discussed this move with our Project Officer at HRSA? Who has the level of knowledge that Care Services has? The County subsidizes the administering of the grant. It has to because the 5% allowed by the Act does not cover the reality of what it actually costs. Who would or could do it for that amount? The Act also allows 5% for quality management. Who will be handling that? There are many, many unanswered questions.

Again, I ask that you seriously reconsider your position. Members of the Planning Council, people you've appointed but have never taken the time to meet, would be willing to sit down and talk about this. As I said in my letters to each of you, I can go back to the days of marching in the street, chaining myself to the doors of the government buildings, and mobilizing other activists.

John P. Motter
05/09/06

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MEETING DATE: May 9, 2006

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC:

Funding for Treatment Readiness
Integration Program (TRIP)
FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Paula Casner, TRIP Coordinator Doug Stockey,

ADDRESS: 3716 NE MLK, Jr Blvd Adult Program
Director

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97212

PHONE: DAYS: 503-288-8066 x3022 EVES: 503-453-4278

EMAIL: PaulaC@lifeworksnw.org FAX: 503-288-8168
DougS@lifeworksnw.org

SPECIFIC ISSUE:

Treatment Readiness Integration Program (TRIP) funding

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Please see attached.

Program 25065 - Mental Health

OFFER #

Outreach to Public Health
Clinics

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Who makes referrals
and how?

Providers at each
Multnomah County
Health Clinic complete a
referral form and give it to
TRIP staff at your health
center site. If you have
questions please call
Paula Casner,
TRIP Coordinator at
(503) 288-8066 x 3022.



Where we are
located:

*Northeast Portland Health Center
5329 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Portland, OR 97211
503-988-5183*

*Westside Health Center
426 SW Stark
Portland, OR 97204
503-988-5140*

*North Portland Health Clinic
9000 N. Lombard
Portland, OR 97203
503-988-5308*

Life Works NW TRIP

Trip Program Coordinator
3716 NE MLK Jr Blvd
Portland, OR 97212

Phone: 503-288-8066 x 3022
Cell: 503-704-4958
Email: paulac@lifeworksnw.org

TREATMENT READINESS INTEGRATION PROJECT

Life Works NW TRIP

The purpose of TRIP is
to build relationships
with clients in order to
engage them in
appropriate mental
health and addiction
treatment, so their
medical health can
stabilize and their
utilization of clinic time
can be more
appropriate and
effective.



What does TRIP provide?

TRIP staff provide a bridge from the Multnomah County Health Clinics to mental health and addiction services. We establish a relationship of support with clients in order to assist them in getting the treatment they need and navigate the systems issues that make it difficult to access these services.



What does TRIP do?

TRIP Staff make phone calls, meet clients while at Clinics, and conduct home visits with clients. TRIP works with Clinics for medical follow up as well as determining if mental health and addictions issues are interfering with their ability to keep medical appointments. TRIP searches for clients who are homeless and have missed many appointments. TRIP also assists clients with accessing housing, employment, disability payments, and many other services that are managed as part of the referral process to mental health and addiction services.

Who is eligible for TRIP?

Participants must be clients of the Westside Health Center, Northeast Health Center, or North Portland Health Center. Providers at the Multnomah County Health Clinics refer clients who over utilize or under utilize medical care due to underlying mental health or addiction issues.



Facts About Lifeworks NW Treatment Readiness Integration Program (TRIP)

Best Practice Treatment Model: TRIP, a collaborative project involving Multnomah County's Health Department and Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services and LifeWorks Northwest. TRIP integrates mental health services in three Multnomah County Health Department Clinics. Behavioral Health-Primary Care integration is a best practice endorsed by the Oregon Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Oregon Department of Health Services as an effective approach to diverting people from unnecessary higher levels of care.

Focus on High Risk Clients: TRIP clients are often homeless, suicidal, psychotic, addicted, and unemployed. Many are disabled with serious health issues including, diabetes; liver, kidney and heart disease; tuberculosis; HIV/AIDS; and dementia. Many suffer from severe, prolonged trauma and are victims of domestic violence or violent crimes. Many of our clients have no health insurance and live with poverty as a constant limitation.

Focus on High Utilizers of the Health System, hospitals, emergency rooms and jails: TRIP provides outreach with an intensive case management model to unfunded, hard-to-reach, often homeless Health Department clients who are high-utilizers of the health system, hospitals, emergency rooms, and jails.

Homeless Outreach: TRIP provides intensive outreach services to more than 50 homeless clients per week. This includes assisting them in applying for housing, obtaining ID cards, applying for benefits, obtaining food and emergency shelter, and staying connected with medical services.

Reduces Unnecessary Cost: TRIP assists clients to keep appointments, follow through with referrals, address mental health and addiction issues, and address their psychosocial needs in order to reduce unnecessary costs within the system. Through TRIP's direct efforts, we are able to minimize ER visits, expensive psychiatric inpatient stays, unnecessary costs attributed to treatment obtained too late, and unnecessary unscheduled drop-in visits

Cost Effective: TRIP prevents unnecessary and costly psychiatric hospitalizations (\$700 per day), medical hospitalizations (\$1200 per day), and incarcerations (\$700 per day)

Coordinated Care: TRIP coordinates with other LifeWorks NW services, Cascadia, Transition Projects, Inc., Central City Concern, PAHC, Outside Inn, Housing Authority of Portland, emergency housing organization, Section 8, DePaul Treatment Center, Probation and Parole, DHS, SSA, DD, jails, food banks, Oregon Community Warehouse, Project Respond, area hospitals, vocational rehabilitation, domestic violence services, immigration services, African American Health Coalition, local businesses, the Health Clinic medical providers, and family members.

Since July 1, 2005 TRIP has served 290 clients. 25% of those served are African American, and 6% Latino.

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MEETING DATE: 5.9.06

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: Portland Impact

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Tina Velasquez

ADDRESS: 2438 SE 41st #207

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, Oregon, 97214

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503.916.9846 EVES: 503.916.9846

EMAIL: tinaivelasquez@PCC.edu

FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Funding for Portland Impact

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 05/09/06

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: LONDER LEARNING CENTER

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: JESUS LOW

ADDRESS: 421 south west 5th

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland Or. 97204

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: LONDER LEARNING CENTER

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: ATTACHED PAPERS - testimony
from others supporting funding for
LONDER LEARNING Center

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May 9,2006

I am a recovering addict that came to the london learning center in 2001.Unfortunately I wasn't able to apply myself at that time. I was able to make it back to the learning center in 2005.At that time I was able to pass three of the five G.E.D. tests. I'd like to say the people there have helped me a great deal in the area of furthering my education. I am grateful for the help I have received and I believe it is a good program to help people who don't have a strong educational background. I also think it would be a poor decision for the community to close this program.

Aaron McKee

5/9/06

Dear board, thank you for funding London Learning Center it has helped me a great deal and it also kept me occupied even though its only two times a week in those 2 days a week i try to learn all i can and take fully opportunity of this occasion. and i am also happy about the opportunity to go to PCC for one semester after i get my GED here at London Learning Center

I THANK YOU
MUCH VON KISK.

✓ To howm it may concern

~~like~~ a person that has been in & out of trouble for a long time. Once I quit living to my - self ~~and~~ my P.O. I realized I can't keep living the way I was. I was going to Die, just curled in a corner and Die, from the guilt an shame! from using!

My P.O. Asked me if I wanted get my G.E.D. I ~~And~~ I said (yes) she told me about the Longder Learning Center. By that time I know I had to Change ~~and~~ Change every-thing I did.....

If the Learning Center wouldn't of been there — I wouldn't be here writing this letter? So I have a chance to ~~Change~~ my - Life by getting a Education I can get a better paying JOB, so I Don't have to go back to that Life of CRIME ~~that the only way out of that Law~~ Breaking Life style!

Other wise if not for the Learning Center people, I never would have ~~realized~~ my potensuls or have the confidence to go ahead with life and find a JOB, a way out of Crime

(Instead of) I CAN GO ON AN apply for a JOB with yes I completed my G.E.D. and yes I can do almost any thing. Mawreen Thomson 5/9/06

Dear Board,

The Reason I'm writing this letter to you is because I heard you're planning on closing Londer Learning Center Facilities, and by doing that it will affect me, as well as other students who are on the same level as I am. A couple months ago I didn't have a clue what I was going to do. Then I talked to someone about my limitations and this person told me about Londer Learning Center, and truly open my mind and something within me started moving on and motivated me to find out how to enroll into the evening classes the ones I started taken since February 21st and ever since my mind and every cell that lives in my brain started to function in a way that it's maintaining my desire to live and help others to enjoy life.

Sincerely

Ricardo Rivera

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been a volunteer tutor for the Londer Learning Center for the last year and a half. When I heard about this year's budget cuts to the learning center, I wanted to voice my opinion, despite my absence at the meeting. I feel very strongly that the teachers, volunteers and support staff of this program have made it successful.

Every Tuesday, I am amazed the devotion every person at the learning center has to each and every student. Their commitment is apparent in everything that they do, from calling the students, to making sure they show up to going out of their way to provide support in their triumphs and failures, to making sure they never give up. I have worked in a few school districts and have never seen as much dedication to students as I have seen in each and every person at the Londer Learning Center. They care if a person falls through the cracks, succeeds or fails and are genuinely concerned about how their overall life is progressing.

I think it would be a shame to spend as much money as the state does in processing and rehabilitating these clients to throw them to the wolves. After they are done with treatment, where do they go? How do they get jobs without a high school diploma or GED? You would only be setting them up for failure if you let them go out without any training or support to succeed. All of the money invested in rehabilitating them could be wasted if you don't provide them with the tools to succeed outside of the confines of the structured legal system. Why not provide them with the means to succeed for a final entrance into society? I have seen so many students become successful, with a chance not to do something more than just backslide into their old lives. They have a real second chance where they can contribute to society and give back what they have taken.

It takes more strength to fight when you are given nothing and are working from a deficit. It is this strength and determination to succeed that I admire in the students at the learning center. Their experiences and triumphs over the obstacles they face and continue to face should be inspirational to our community. They are role models for those who see no hope. Through the support and opportunities that the learning center creates, you are giving a second chance for these clients to succeed.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my support for the Londer Learning Center. I understand that it is difficult to find money to support various programs, but I have seen so much good come out of this program that I would hate to see it cut. Please find a way to support this program.

Best Regards,

Sharon Shiraga

May 9, 2006

Dear Multnomah County Commissioners,

I am writing to testify to the many benefits of the Londer Learning Center's Adult GED Program, with the hope that my words will prevent this year's budget cuts from harming this vital community service. To help reduce recidivism, I have a great desire to assist with the reintegration and education of offenders in my community, so I began volunteering with the program in January of 2005. As a volunteer tutor, it has been my terrific pleasure to witness the inspirational success of many students in the program. This program is unique in that every employee, teacher, and volunteer strives to encourage their clients to attain both short- and long-term goals, giving them a foundation to foster independent achievements for the rest of their lives.

The diligence of our GED students is remarkable and it is this drive to attain their goals that demonstrates just how much this program is appreciated. These clients overcome obstacles on a daily basis that most of us have never had the misfortune of enduring. Yet they continue to make progress and often surprise themselves by their achievements, all the while expressing gratitude for the relentless assistance we provide. When I attended our GED graduation ceremony last year, I was overwhelmed by the power of the testimony of our students, the extraordinary pride I felt for their achievements, and the experience of observing the restored dignity and hope of their families and friends.

The skills they learn at the Londer Learning Center carry our students far beyond the ability to obtain a GED – they also gain confidence, self-motivation, and an improved work ethic to become better citizens. Additionally, our classroom and tutoring environments develop tolerance, teamwork, and communication skills. Supported by the constant encouragement of

the folks at the LLC, our students have a reliable and valuable resource to help them on a path toward lasting personal accomplishment.

I urge you to carefully consider the distinctively invaluable benefits of this program when outlining the budget for next year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ajia Town

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MEETING DATE: 5/9/06

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: Homeless Learning Center

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Edward Charles Lloyd

ADDRESS: Homeless now living at TPI 475 NW Glasgow St

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland Ore 97209

PHONE: DAYS: 503 823 4930 EVES: Same

EMAIL: None FAX: 503 823 4940

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Homeless Learning Center

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 5-9-06

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: CARE SERVICES

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: THOMAS CHERRY PH.D.

ADDRESS: 23096 NW CHESTNUT ST

CITY/STATE/ZIP: HILLSBORO, OR

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-615-5992 EVES: SAVIC

EMAIL: tcherry@pacifiex.com FAX: NONE

SPECIFIC ISSUE: KEEP CARE SERVICES AS

ADMINISTRATOR OF TITLE I Ryan White

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

Attached

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5/ 9/06 testimony: Contracting out administration of Ryan White Title I funds

Chairperson Linn and Commissioners. I am here today to urge you to restore the funds necessary for Care Services to continue to administer Ryan White Title I programs within the EMA (Clark County, Washington and Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill and Columbia Counties in Oregon).

Though I come today as a private citizen and chairman of AAPNW (AIDS Action Project Northwest), I come with knowledge gained as chair of the Evaluation Committee of the Portland Area HIV Services Planning Council.

Chairman Lynn and Commissioners you know that HRSA requires periodic evaluation of the administrative mechanism for distribution of Ryan White Title I services (HIV Care Services). Part of this evaluation is a survey of providers who contract with the County through Care Services. This survey was done in late spring/summer 2005.

I was pleasantly surprised at the universally strong positive feed back from the providers. Of course several complained of all the paperwork required, mostly federally mandated, and the complex Multnomah contractor selection process but all were highly complementary of Care Services.

The gist of their comments was that both the process and responsiveness to questions regarding payment for service was very good. They were highly complimentary of the technical assistance provided by care services and felt the staff was, in general, very helpful and easy to work with.

I am concerned about the loss of expertise and the potential bias if this function is now contracted out. It is not just the administration of a contract but knowledge of this constantly changing field of human services that makes Care Services the quality Health Department Unit that it is.

What do I think will happen with the change: The annual grant application submitted to HRSA will suffer and thus the funding to the EMA. HRSA will lose a familiar partner with whom they have developed trust and will be more cautious in dealing with a new administrator. The Multnomah County Chair will still remain the CEO of the EMA so the indirect cost of administering Ryan White Title I funds will increase because the County will have to deal with a Title I fund administrator who will deal with providers. An extra step that always costs money.

Ultimately this will have a negative effect on people living with HIV/AIDS. Loss of money means loss of services. Loss of services means loss of life.

Thanks you for your attention.

Thomas J. Cherry Ph.D.

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**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP**

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MEETING DATE: May 9, 2006

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: OUTSOURCING CARE SERVICES

FOR: _____ AGAINST: ☒ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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JERRY WALKER

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SPECIFIC ISSUE:

REJECT PROPOSAL TO OUTSOURCE
CARE SERVICES

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

SUBMITTED

IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

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PUBLIC TESTIMONY

**Submitted By
Jerry Walker**

Place: North Portland Library Date: May 9, 2006

RE: Elimination of Care Services as Proposed in Chair Linn's Proposed Budget

If approved, the elimination of Care Services as proposed in Chair Linn's proposed budget would cause an increase in the HIV related deaths in communities represented in the Portland Eligible Metropolitan Area. While this may sound inflammatory, it is simply a logical conclusion based in fact. Care Services has provided quality work in guiding community processes resulting in significant federal funds directed at HIV services for low-income citizens. This level of quality work provided by Care Services has allowed the Portland EMA to successfully **compete (and I emphasize COMPETE)** for Federal grant awards that have proven crucial in the development of a continuum of care needed to combat HIV/AIDS in the Portland Eligible Metropolitan Area. There are no other governmental or private agencies in the Portland EMA with the level of expertise needed to sustain the efforts required to successfully compete for these federal funds. Outsourcing the work currently done by Care Services will result in a significant loss of federal dollars that the HIV Service Delivery System requires because we would not be able to submit a grant that rises to the level needed to successfully compete on a national scale.

Another distressing affect of this proposal is the irrelevance given to the needs of some of our most vulnerable citizens. Notwithstanding the loss of significant amounts of federal dollars resulting in reduced services, the entire HIV service delivery system in a 6 County area would be jeopardized. The health and lives of hundreds of people will be at risk. This is truly the most outlandish and ludicrous budget proposal I have seen come before the Multnomah County Commission in years. This is the first time I have testified in a County public hearing that is unrelated to an official role. As a taxpayer, I feel obliged to speak out against this insanity.

Over the years, hundreds of community volunteers have been involved in the community planning processes required by the Ryan White Care Act. The efforts of these passionate volunteers are being totally dismissed. As the purchasing agent for a local government agency, I question whether HRSA will even allow outsourcing a responsibility that is clearly the County's as mandated in the Ryan White Care Act. Even so, there is not an agency in town that can afford to pay the monthly invoices submitted by Title 1 Service providers while waiting for reimbursement from the County. This is a proposal that seems to have been made by a novice rather than a seasoned public servant.

Care Services' indirect costs identified in Chair Linn's budget appear to be a result of the County's budgeting process rather than actual costs associated with program support. Are these numbers a misrepresentation....maybe. Are these numbers suspect....absolutely. I urge the Socially responsible members of the commission to

outright reject this proposal for being shortsighted and not in the best interest of the public.

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MEETING DATE: 5/9/06

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: Senior Services budget

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Christel Kilpatrick AS in the Champagne

ADDRESS: 5733 NE 13th Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97211

PHONE: DAYS: 503/493-0340 EVES: Same

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Budget cuts and services provided for seniors

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: ☒

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May 8th, 2006

Diane Linn
501 SE Hawthorne
Suite 600
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Diane Linn:

My class and I interviewed seniors at Loaves and Fishes. This facility is a positive place for elderly people in the community. It is a place where Celia Yancey gets to converse and "chill" with her friends. But even though life is good in this place there still is a problem that needs solving. She never got anything back from the government even after more than sixty years of paying nothing but taxes and bills. But she is willing to take any help she can get from anyone that could give her assistance. She was also very strong about her problem with the presidential election and said that we need a president that knows how it is to struggle and not being able to pay the light bill, water bill, or the income tax.

I feel bad for her but I don't pity her because pity is the last thing an old person needs from someone. She can't afford the pills she needs any more because the Medicare program that they put her on is making her medication about ten times more expensive. The reason for this is that her insurance policy failed after the senior center had its budget cut. Celia has arthritis in her legs and the more days she goes without her medicine the more pain that she has. All this has happened because of the budget cut and now the senior center has less and less money to spend on its inhabitants and the assistance they need. The center also has breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the elders so they may eat during their stay. If their budget drops further, they won't have enough money for food so that means people like Celia won't be able to eat there anymore.

Celia and her friends think that they should get their money back because they have done nothing wrong to deserve this. If it weren't for this social and health care center most of these people wouldn't even be alive today. And we aren't even remembering that these are some of the people that built the very society that we live in. I can't believe that people are wasting the elders' money on things like jail beds and extended buildings when these are actually the people who built those buildings.

So if you are reading this I ask you to pray for these people and help them to get what is rightfully theirs.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Celia M. Yancey
Loaves & Fishes client

Sincerely, *Imani Diyg*
Imani Diyg
8th grade student,
Victory Middle School

May 8, 2006

Diane Linn
501 SE Hawthorne
Suite 600
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Chair:

I interviewed Gladys Peterson was interviewed about the state budget cuts. She thinks it is not a good choice to make cuts to senior citizens or educational facilities due to the following reasons: people will not have any food and a lot of people need help. "If someone does not get the help they need something bad may happen and you probably would not want to be responsible for that." Ms. Peterson believes what is going on is wrong especially with the Tri- met, wheelchair repairs, and medications. Over all she is very devastated that she is not getting what she rightfully earned with her years of work and dedication to this country.

I think that she has every right to be upset I would be too. I also think about my future and if when I am 80 will I still need to work 2 or 3 jobs just to put food on my table. What are you doing with this money we are sure not using the state government is using the money in the right places for the right reasons. We need to understand it is time out for wasting every penny, nickel and dime. We should use our money effectively and efficiently. I also think when government officials learn the basic need of survival, (food, clothes and shelter), our society and government will learn how to spend the people's money wisely. Right now our state government is looking incompetence because they are allocating the money in the wrong places. If we have money left over after we take care of the seniors and education then we have money to spend on extra necessities and bigger pay-checks for those who deserve extra pay.

Sincerely,

Sherelle Williams Age 14 Victory Middle School

Sherelle Williams
Gladys Peterson

May 8, 2006

Maria Rojo De Steffey
501 SE Hawthorne
Suite 600
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear District 1:

I interviewed Lyda Overton about the state budget getting cut and how it will effect her life as well as her interacting skills at the place she dearly loves Loaves and Fishes. Lyda feels as a person she deserves all she can get because she paid taxes and social security. She also feels that it is her right as a person to get the help that she deserves know matter who you are and how old you are.

My opinion is that this is a terrible thing that is happening and my question is why is it happening? I think because we as a people are wasting our money on jail cells. We are also wasting tax dollars on the war in Iraq. If you think about it seems as if we are putting the wrong people in jails and not rehabilitating them. . As for the war it is just plain ignorance and greed and I think Bush is trying to hide the real truth behind the war as he did on September 11th.

The state should tell the people the real reason why they are taking the money away from us in these trying times.

Sincerely,

Sherelle Williams

Sherelle Williams
Lyda Overton

May 8, 2006

Maria Rojo De Steffey
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd
suite 600.
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear District 1:

Today, on Monday May 8, 2006, my classmates and I visited the Multicultural Senior Center on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd to interview the residents on how they feel about the upcoming budget cuts that they had no idea about, ironically.

Our first interviewee was Miss Lilly May Washington. Miss Washington felt as if there is always something wrong with money as long as there is money to take. Miss Washington felt as if they, meaning the people controlling the money and the budget, need to let the people know about the budget that is going to affect the residents of the senior center.

Our second interviewee was Miss. Mildred Scrulot, who said that the government had no right to take money away from the elders. Miss. Scrulot also said that every time somebody starts to care for them the government has to take it away. Meaning that every time something good happens to our community, the government says that it is a burden, that it is a waste of money.

Brother Bell, another man we interviewed said that we should take care of our own and not rely on the government.

Hazel Littleton, our last interviewee, had more questions than comments, Miss Littleton wanted to know: **"Why is the government taking money?, Why are they charging so much for medication?, and how are people determining what gets cut or not."**

All of these people are members of the community and deserve to be treated like American citizens and like human beings. They are all caring, respectful people who love, trust, and deserve to be happy, and deserve to be treated the way you would want to be treated, or the way you would want your children, your mother, or any body else you love and care about to be treated.

Sincerely,

Destanee Bryant *Destanee Bryant age 14*

Analiese Boyd *Analiese Boyd age 13*

Miss Lilly Washington

Miss. Mildred Scrulot

Brother Bell

Hazel Littleton

May 8, 2006

Maria Rojo De Steffey
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Suite 600
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear District 1:


Today two students from Victory Middle School interviewed senior citizens on how the state government is trying to take funds away from their programs. Harry P. Henderson a local attendee at Loaves and Fishes was one of the interviewees.

When he was told that the state is trying to take away personal care at home he would feel bad because if they did that it could be "really detrimental." He felt that people should have all the care that they can get and that the state is denying those in need. When it came to transportation Mr. Henderson feels that Tri-met helps take people where they need to go whether that's to their grandchild's house or to another destination.

Now the statistics that seem to disturb him the most was the deduction of \$100,000 for an emergency housing. Without emergency housing some people in dire need will lose out on opportunities too care for themselves.

Mr. Henderson seem pretty sure that he doesn't want to the state government to take funds away. I can definitely relate to what is going on. The state has officially decided to take our funding from our school as well. I am part of the first and only graduating class as it stands right now because of the state not giving us funding. The state is trying to take everything away from us and leave us with little to nothing.

Sincerely,


Amani Thrower 14 years old
Victory Middle School Student

Harry P. Henderson 65 Years Old

May 8, 2006

Diane Linn
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Suite 600
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Diane Linn, Chair:

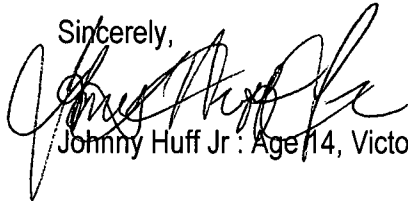
Mother Russell was interviewed about how she would feel if Loaves and Fishes, a local place where elders get help with their needs and a nice cooked meal, closed down because of funding. Here is her response: Mother Russell felt it would be okay to cut homecare, but she didn't want the care management to get cut. In her words it was a "bad" idea. If transportation got cut she would feel bad because she needs assistance getting from one place to another.

Ms. Russell also said that direct client cuts should not happen because seniors who are unable to take care of themselves would lose the direct care assistance. She also mentioned that repairs fixing a wheelchair are too high. She said that emergency prescriptions are too high and if the price increased she would not be able to afford them. In addition to emergency prescriptions emergency housing would be cut and take away shelter from those in need.

Overall she feels that this is taking years away from her life, because if these cuts happen she will be stuck everyday wondering will she be able to go to Loaves and Fishes and get her daily meal and medication, Ms. Russell will miss seeing her friends.

As a student at Victory Middle School I feel that all of this is unintelligent. I think that the government should take money away from other areas that do not affect persons well being and everyday life situations.

Sincerely,



Johnny Huff Jr : Age 14, Victory Middle School

Mother Russell: Age 80, Loaves and Fishes Senior place

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MEETING DATE: 05.09.06

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC:

Mental Health

FOR: ☒

AGAINST: ☐

THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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Dietrich Williams-Mott as in Marlenea...

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FAX:

SPECIFIC ISSUE:

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

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MEETING DATE: 05.09.06

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: LONGER LEARNING CENTER

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: ESTACINA HOLLOWAY

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: LONGER LEARNING CENTER

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: I GOT MY GED BECAUSE OF
THE SMALLER CLASSES THEY HAD & I WAS ABLE
TO FOCUS AS WELL AS GET THE PROPER
ASSISTANCE I NEEDED FROM THE INSTRUCTORS
AND NOW I AM A STUDENT AT PCC MAJORING
IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

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MEETING DATE: 5-9-06

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC:

Service Budget Cut

FOR: _____ AGAINST: ☒ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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Linda Overton

LINDA Overton

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EVES: _____

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FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE:

Service Budget Cut

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

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SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Sen. Margaret Carter

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Port, OR. 97212

PHONE: _____

DAYS: 503-986-1722

EVES: _____

EMAIL: Sen. Margaret Carter@state.or.us

FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Elimination or cuts to Children's Mental Health

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: 5/2/06

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: SMYRL Funding

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, Or 97214

PHONE: DAYS: (503) 957-4267 EVES:

EMAIL: clvogt@pdx.edu FAX:

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Please continue SMYRL
funding.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: SMYRL is a vital service.
We, as the Youth of SMYRL receive
services essential to our community
which NOONE else provides.

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MEETING DATE: 05.09.06

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: 205040 C

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Linda Miles

ADDRESS: 1805 NE Highland St

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97211

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: 503-830-8628

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SPECIFIC ISSUE: Centralized Crisis Line
reduction in funding

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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MEETING DATE: May 09, 2006

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: Gender Learning Center cuts

FOR: _____ AGAINST: ☒ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Anita August

ADDRESS: 300 NW 18th 907

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97209

PHONE: DAYS: 503-464-9395

EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____

FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Cuts in budget

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Letter handed in - Valmeyer Gender Learning Center to public safety

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May 10, 2006

To Multnomah County Commissioners:

This is a copy of a letter I sent to the Oregonian. I would like to make a plea for the Londer Learning Center Program that addresses basic issues of community justice and community safety. Even if the budget cuts need to be draconian, please consider keeping at least a portion of this program alive as a seed for the future. Many resources have been invested in the Londer Learning Center, including materials, training and our new Power Path - an assessment and treatment tool that has outcome proven positive results for adults with learning difficulties. (This is estimated at 60 to 80% of our offender population.) Treating root causes of criminal behavior is always slow, maybe costly in the short term, but the payoff of a safer community with less resources going into punishment of offenders and aid for their victims, seems a responsible and sane goal for community leaders.

Thanks for listening and for undertaking the impossibly tough job of leadership.

Anita August
300 NW 8th #707

Portland, Oregon 97209
503-464-9395



To the Editor:

The Donald H. Londer Learning Center, a part of the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, is a too well kept secret! Sadly, it's on the list of programs to be eliminated due to county budget cuts. I have worked with the Londer Center for four years, first, as a volunteer and now as an on-call teacher/tutor. I talk to friends, people I meet on the bus, civic leaders around town, about this worthwhile and effective program; they have no idea something like this exists in the Department of Community Justice! Usually the comment is: "Wow! The county does that!?! That's exactly what we should be doing to reduce the criminal population of the future!" The GED graduation ceremony where almost 100 Londer Center students are awarded their GED certificates each year should be a Page 1 story, but there was no coverage of this event in March.

How can something as productive as Londer Center be so secret! I want to "leak" this secret!

The Londer Center, located in the Mead Building, is open five days a week, working yearly with 600 high to medium risk adults who are in the criminal justice system. We offer GED preparation, basic skills in reading and math and help in problem solving and self management skills. The atmosphere is positive, respectful and caring. We coordinate with Parole Officers, counselors and treatment programs. I work with students who were poorly served by the traditional educational system. Many have reading and math skills so inadequate that they are unable to function effectively or safely in society or in the workplace. This may be complicated by ESL issues and by ongoing medical and mental health conditions.

Research has shown that the percentage of those who enter the criminal justice system with learning difficulties may be as high as 60 to 80%. Although the goals of the Center seem common sense simple: improve skills; prepare students for the GED; teach ESL; teach work skills—the professional expertise needed to achieve these goals is not at all simple. Ongoing training and profession development are essential; Londer Center teaching incorporates recent brain research on learning to improve functional outcomes of instruction.

I am writing this only as an individual concerned citizen, who is in on the Londer Center secret. I am afraid that this program, that actually reduces return to crime, increases the safety of our community, and helps stem the tide of rising prison beds, will be lost in the budget shuffle. Prison beds do get criminals off the street, but how much better to get offenders out of the system altogether!

For more information about the Center:

<http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/dcj/acjlonder.shtml>

Anita August

300 NW 8th Avenue #707

Portland, Oregon 97209

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MEETING DATE: 08 May 06

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: SMYRC

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: R. E. Szego

ADDRESS: 8030 N Dwight

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland 97203

PHONE: DAYS: 503 784 5813 W EVES:

EMAIL: r.e.szego@Cascadiahlc.org FAX:

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Advocate for continued funding of
SMYRC's Life saving program.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: LGBTQ youth face higher
risks across indicators. We need to
have LGBTQ specific services for youth
and community education about being an
ally to LGBTQ youth. SMYRC Saves lives.

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MEETING DATE: 05/09/06

SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: An Xuan Do

ADDRESS: 706 SE 84th AVE Apt #C

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR, 97216

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503 262 6503 EVES: 503 262 6503

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: SMYR needs funding

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Please fund SMYRC

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Compiled by:

R.E. Szego

Breathe Free: OR LGBTQ Coalition Against Tobacco
c/o SMYRC, 2100 SE Belmont, Portland, OR 97214
503.784.5813, r.e.szego@cascadiabhc.org

February 2006

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LGBTQQ Youth Physical and Mental Health Risks

Fact Sheet

Studies have documented increased risks for LGBTQQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer) youth, including:

- ▼ Increased likelihood of experiencing violence at school and in the community.
- ▼ Increased smoking, and alcohol & drug use, including binge drinking and injection drug use.
- ▼ Increased risk of homelessness due to running away or being kicked out of their guardian's house.
- ▼ Increased risk of survival sex or prostitution.
- ▼ Increased risk for pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.
- ▼ Increased risk of suicidal thoughts and suicide attempts.

This fact sheet details some of these risks. Please note that while the aim is to provide information inclusive of lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer and questioning sexual orientations *and* transgender gender identities, very limited research exists that includes transgender people.

In a 2004 survey, 4.8% of 11th grade Oregon students reported harassment based on being perceived as LGB. This does not include the 16.6% who reported harassment for "other reasons" or those who were harassed because of clothes or other physical characteristics, which may be markers of gender expression.

2006 will be the first year that Oregon includes sexual orientation information on our Oregon Healthy Teen Survey — and for 11th grade respondents only.

Information from LGBT Students Across the US. Results from the 2003 National School Climate Survey conducted by GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network):

- 84% of LGBT students were verbally harassed because of sexual orientation.¹
- 91.5% of LGBT students heard homophobic remarks frequently or often.
- 44.7% of LGBT youth of color were verbally harassed because of both their sexual orientation and their race/ethnicity.
- 39.1% of LGBT students were physically harassed because of sexual orientation.

Direct Impact on Educational Attainment:

- 64.3% of LGBT students felt unsafe at their school because of their sexual orientation. 28.6% of LGBT students missed at least one day of school that month because of feeling unsafe. This number increased to 35.1% for LGBT youth of color.
- LGBT students who were frequently harassed because of their sexual orientation reported a 10% lower GPA (grade point average) than those who did not.
- These students were also 2 times less likely to plan to attend college.

"The combined effect of LGB status and high levels of at-school victimization was associated with the highest levels of health risk behaviors. LGB youths reporting high levels of at-school victimization reported higher levels of substance use, suicidality, and sexual risk behaviors than heterosexual peers reporting high levels of at-school victimization."

Bontempo, D.E. and A.R. D'Augelli. 2002.

Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1999.

All differences between GLB students and Others are statistically significant, $p < .05$.
(Table taken from www.doe.mass.edu/hssss/yrebs99/glb_rslts.html?printscreen=yes&)

<i>Reported Behaviors</i>	<i>GLB Students</i>	<i>Other Students</i>
Attempted suicide in the past year	32.8%	7.6%
Required medical attention as a result of a suicide attempt	18.5	3.7
Skipped school in the past month because of feeling unsafe on route to or at school	20.0	6.0
Was threatened/injured with a weapon at school in the past year	24.4	8.2
Was in a physical fight resulting in treatment by doctor or nurse	20.3	4.2

Boulder Valley, Colorado, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003.

(www.co.boulder.co.us/health/HP/data/youth/yrebs.htm)

<i>Reported Behaviors</i>	<i>GLBQ Students</i>	<i>Other Students</i>
Attempted suicide in the past year	44.0%	13.5%
Felt too unsafe to go to school on at least one day in the last month.	22.9%	3.0%
Was threatened/injured with a weapon at school in the past year	16.0%	4.6%
Was in a physical fight one or more times over the last year.	44.3%	24.2%
Four or more sex partners during life time	32.0%	7.4%
Used alcohol or drugs at last intercourse	48.2%	20.6%

Note: **GLBQ youth were at higher risk across all indicators**, which included the above examples as well as others, such as: drunk driving, riding with a drunk driver, tobacco use, alcohol use, marijuana use, cocaine use, ecstasy use, substance use on school property, harassment for a variety of reasons, carrying weapons, violence, sexual assault, rape, partner violence, teen pregnancy, early sexual intercourse (at age 13 or younger), and more.

38-60% of LGBT youth smoke.

Results of Austin, et al's 1999 study of 12-17 year old youth: Among LGB youth:

- Almost 40% smoke weekly.
- 6 times more likely to smoke in the past month.
- Almost 10 times more likely to smoke weekly over the past year.
- Almost 5 times more likely to report that most or all their friends smoke.

Note: A 1999 survey in Washington State found that 80% of the students who had experienced anti-LGBTQ harassment identified as heterosexual.

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SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: SMYRC Funding

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Niks Depue

ADDRESS: 3315 SE 15th AVE

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97202

PHONE: DAYS: 971 207 0510 EVES: 503 232 3519

EMAIL: Niksnot nix@gmail.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: SMYRC needs funding to stay open
and save lives

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: If not for SMYRC I
would not have the opportunities for
a life of a fitter that I have
today

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SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: SUN school

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Jay Breslow

ADDRESS: 2017 N. McClellan

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97217

PHONE: DAYS: 503-283-9652 EVES: 541-543-6299

EMAIL: breslow@gmail.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Supporting the continued Funding
of the SUN community schools

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: GREG PODOLEC

ADDRESS: 2939 SE MORRISON ST

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND OR

PHONE: _____

DAYS: 503.756.9671

EVES: _____

EMAIL: gregpodolec@gmail.com

FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: STOP program

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: HIV Services Funding Cut

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: GREGORY FOWLER

ADDRESS: 314 NE Morris

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PHD OR 97212

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-331-8119 EVES: Same

EMAIL: gfowler@gmail.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC:

*Chair's budget to
non funding of Safety Net officers*

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME:

Lenore Bryan *BIJAN*

ADDRESS:

5621 NE 48th

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

Portland, OR 97218

PHONE:

DAYS: *503 249-8432*

EVEs:

none

EMAIL:

FAX:

SPECIFIC ISSUE:

*Reduction by over 1/3rd of
funding for district centers & services for
oral abuse*

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: SUN Schools

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Tena Pitka Wamsley

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97271

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EMAIL: Tinyten21971@aol.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: SMYRC

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: ELIZABETH DARBY

ADDRESS: 6605 W BURNSIDE #137

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND OR 97210

PHONE: DAYS: 503 806 3718 EVES: 503 203 2688

EMAIL: WHNED@AOL.COM FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: INCREASING FUNDING FOR
SMYRC

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: In Act Support

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Mary Stewart

ADDRESS: 3444 SW Gale Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97239

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-222 EVES: 11

EMAIL: mshandbook3197@aol.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE:

Funding For In Act

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: Londer Learning Center

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: A'jia ("ASia") Town

ADDRESS: 4125 SW Primrose St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97219

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: towna@ohsu.edu FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Londer Learning Center / Safety

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: (will read from letter to Commissioners)

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SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: RYAN WHITE BUDGET

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: FRED SCHAICH

ADDRESS: 222 SE 30TH PL

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND OR

PHONE: DAYS: 503 736 0194 EVES: 736 9902

EMAIL: IFANA@COMCAST.NET FAX: 503 736 9908

SPECIFIC ISSUE: RYAN WHITE BUDGET REDUCTION

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: YES ATTACHED

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Multnomah County Council

Public Hearing on the Multnomah County Budget,

Testimony May 9, 2006

Thank you for receiving my comments presented and in writing. My name is Fred Schaich; President of the International Foundation for Alternative Research in AIDS based here in Portland. Our organization focuses on HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention education through television and community forums. I personally advocate nationally for drug development and treatment access through the AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition. In that regard I come before you to draw attention to the strong correlation between access to care and services while offering optimal treatment of HIV disease.

It appears that the proposed county budget does not include funds to directly administer the Ryan White Title I Portland EMA funds. It appears there has also been other direct and in-kind reductions to the budget for Title I. I am confused why you would propose this change. The Multnomah County administration has proved to be a reliable and capable administrator of these funds and has caused our EMA to receive high grant scores, maximizing the size of the grant funding in past years. Risking this proven record of results to another administrator could mean potential reductions in grant funding or even total loss of the more than three million in Ryan White Funds to our community.

The programs and services at risk for needful individuals include: Outpatient medical care, health insurance, drug reimbursement, case management, dental care, mental health therapy, substance abuse treatment, housing assistance, housing related services, psychosocial support, outreach, complementary care, transportation, food and prepared meals. Each service or program I've listed is tied directly to quality of life and indirectly to effective treatment of HIV, which prepares the HIV infected individual to be able to manage difficult antiviral treatment regimens.

One of the pivotal reasons for the creation of this federal program was to improve control of HIV disease and to humanely improve the prospect of quality of life and survival. Dr. Michael Saag, MD University of Alabama, Birmingham has demonstrated through scientific research that antiretroviral treatment is 2 ½ times more cost effective than treatment of AIDS opportunistic infections and the high-cost of hospitalization. Activists like myself continue to engage the pharmaceutical companies, US Food and Drug Administration, Federal and State Legislators to improve development of, the access to and cost reduction of the Antiviral drugs. Our patient activist community has a long history of self-advocacy to improve our prospect of life and cost-effective management of this complex disease. I ask you the members of the Multnomah County Commission to rethink the change in this year's budget and Ryan White Grants Administration. Please give our County the best fiscal management of these funds as you let us live with HIV/AIDS.

Sincerely,



Fred Schaich
President

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: ~~25040C~~ 25040C

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Traci Schatz

ADDRESS: 8860 SW 36th

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland

PHONE: _____ DAYS: 503-317-5148 EVES: Same

EMAIL: thone97219@peoplePC.com FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Cuts to Portland Women's Crisis
Line Budget

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: _____

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SUBJECT: Multnomah County 2006-2007 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: SWH, Chang Presentation

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Diane Feldt

ADDRESS: 5139 N. Lombard

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97203

PHONE: DAYS: 503 285-9871 EVES:

EMAIL: diane.f@cascadiahbc.org FAX:

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Youth Services

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Yes

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TO: Multnomah County Chair & Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Diane Feldt, Program Manager, Region 1, SMYRC, Portland House of Umoja,
Cascadia

DATE: May 9, 2006

At a recent Weed and Seed Workshop in Birmingham, Alabama I learned that the cost and lost revenue over the lifetime of every youth who drops out of school is between \$1.3 and \$1.5 million dollars. My own experience with the School Attendance Initiative in the Roosevelt cluster is dropping out starts in kindergarten and elementary school when children from families often challenged by combinations of deep poverty, single parenthood, criminal activity, and violence miss huge chunks of time in school. Given the historically high dropout rate at Roosevelt, well that is costing the future a bundle. The SUN school has finally provided a way to penetrate that school and begin to effect change. SUN was the contact point for an automotive class funded primarily by the community. This morning through SUN partners met with three principals about athletes caught between the need for tutoring and coaches wanting them at practice, this will change in the fall. Finally through SUN it is my hope to bring programming through staff and partner training into the school that has turned schools like it around. I am asking you to provide the opportunity to do so through supporting SUN in this budget process.

Who are these children we continue to lose? Many are youth of color, more are boys than girls, some are sexual minority youth and the majority fit the descriptions at-risk or high-risk youth. The current gang prevention and intervention RFP's that aim to develop more intensive and coordinated services for high-risk youth is a wise focusing of resources to those most in need, though often most difficult to reach. Culturally specific services within the SUN Service System, school based services in poor neighborhoods from elementary through high school, a design focusing on collaboration between what were previously disconnected parts including resources for low-income families, has the potential to effect real change. It is a design that fosters communication, relationships and consistency.

SMYRC's SUN contract is 39% of our current funding, but it is that 39% that gets us inside the schools that need us. In the two years SMYRC has been part of the SUN Service System use of drop-in resources at SMYRC has doubled, from an average of 40 to as many as 80 youth a night. Some month's staff have fielded as many as 24 potentially suicidal youth. 28% of sexual minority youth drop out of school. Given this significant dropout rate, sexual minority youth should not be treated any differently then any other minority with a high dropout rate. SMYRC works and needs to grow!

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: Londer Learning Center

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Tia Tyler

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ DAYS: _____ EVES: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Londer Learning Center - Safety

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: I got my GED and now
I'm in college at PCC. Thank you
to Londer Learning Center for making
me a whole person and giving
me self confidence.

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Marius Branch

ADDRESS: 407 N.E. Magon

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97217

PHONE: DAYS: 503-287-2959

EVES: /

EMAIL: SFHetal@aol.com

FAX: 503-684-8238

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Placement African American in community

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: out of home placement for African American in home group placement

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