



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 3/27/14
Agenda Item #: R.3
Est. Start Time: 10:15 am
Date Submitted: 3/19/14

Agenda Title: **Board Briefing on SAGE Metro Portland Program and Providence ElderPlace**

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

Requested Meeting Date:	<u>March 27, 2014</u>	Time Needed:	<u>30 minutes</u>
Department:	<u>Non-departmental</u>	Division:	<u>District 3</u>
Contact(s):	<u>Adam Renon and Matthew Lashua</u>		
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):	<u>Debbie Davis, Providence ElderPlace Community Outreach; Eric Knepper, RN, BSN, SCNE Operations Manager, ElderPlace at Irvington Village; and Lauren Fontanarosa, SAGE Metro Portland Program Coordinator</u>		

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Briefing only, no action.

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

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender seniors are often challenged by the search for welcoming and inclusive senior housing and health care options. The effects of a lifetime of stigma, discrimination, and violence put older LGBT adults at great risk for physical and mental illness. In addition to poor health outcomes, research also suggests that older LGBT adults are less likely than heterosexual, and/or non-transgendered elders to access mainstream aging services and providers, senior centers, and other services. Many choose to remain closeted. To address these issues, SAGE Metro Portland and Providence ElderPlace have teamed up to provide culturally competent care and housing via training of ElderPlace staff by SAGE Metro Portland.

SAGE is a program run through Friendly House, an organization dedicated to creating a thriving community by connecting people of all ages and backgrounds through quality educational, recreational, and other life-sustaining services. As part of that effort SAGE works with and for LGBT elders in the metro area to create community and social change. They conduct trainings to educate health care workers, retirement home staff, and many others about the unique issues facing LGBT elders; advocate for inclusive and open housing; and build community through social events and common purpose. Diversity trainings increase awareness of the unique needs of the elder LGBT community, and incorporate academic materials and personal experiences into the presentations.

The Providence ElderPlace program is based on the national Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly, otherwise known as PACE. PACE is a comprehensive care model that offers health, housing, social service and care coordination solutions to adults age 55 and older. The PACE model can be traced back to the early 1970's. As of 2013, there are 98 programs in 31 states. Participants in ElderPlace attend one of eight "Health and Social Centers" on a regular basis, and receive integrated care from their team of health and social service professionals. Those services include primary medical care; specialty medical care including dental, hearing, vision and foot care; physical, occupational and speech therapy, and a host of others. Teams make in home visits (including assisted living and residential care facilities) for those unable to travel. ElderPlace has received a 5 star rating from SAGE for LGBT Equality commitment to the LGBT community.

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

N/A

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

Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services identifies resources to assist seniors in their efforts to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible. LGBT seniors are less likely than heterosexual, and/or non-transgendered elders to access mainstream aging services and providers, senior centers, and other services. ADS has worked with a number of groups, including SAGE Metro Portland to promote culturally competent care through the LGBT Alliance and Enhancing Equity Contractors.

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

N/A

Required Signature

Elected Official

or Department/

Agency Director:

Commissioner Judy Shiprack /s/

3/19/14

Date:

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