



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 3/23/17
Agenda Item #: B.1
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am
Date Submitted: 3/8/17

Agenda Title: **Board Briefing on The Multnomah Stability Initiative**

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

Requested Meeting Date: March 21, 2017 **Time Needed:** 60 minutes
Department: County Human Services **Division:** Youth and Family Services
Contact(s): Rose Bak
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Liesl Wendt, Director, County Human Services; Rose Bak, Co-Director, Youth and Family Services Division; Kim Black, Anti-Poverty Manager, Self Enhancement Inc; and Margot Woods, Case Manager, Self Enhancement Inc

General Information

1. What are you requesting from the Board?

This is an informational board briefing on the Department of County Human Services' Multnomah Stability Initiative.

In County Human Services, we believe all families can meet their full potential when barriers to economic stability are removed. The Multnomah Stability Initiative (MSI) case management is part of the County's anti-poverty/prosperity efforts designed to assist households with low incomes gain the skills necessary to achieve increased income and future prosperity. MSI seeks to serve the whole family by offering connections and supports with health, child development, housing, social ties, income and education.

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

In Multnomah County we face growing inequities for households in poverty and people of color. Rental affordability, income disparity, and wage and employment stagnation continue as challenges in our community. In response, the Multnomah Stability Initiative uses the power of human connection, system coordination and family-driven goal setting to build well-being and opportunity.

Services are delivered by contracted partner staff using a range of trauma-informed, culturally-responsive strategies which recognize the individual as the expert in their own life. Families identify their interests, strengths, choices and goals and are matched with resources and services that meet their expressed goals.

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

The FY17 program offer reflected in this briefing is PO# 25139A

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

N/A

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

The Multnomah Stability Initiative receives advisory support from the Multnomah County Commission on Economic Dignity.

Required Signature

Elected Official

or Department/

Agency Director:

Liesl Wendt /s/

03/08/2017

Date:

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