



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 7/13/17
Agenda Item #: R.7
Est. Start Time: 11:15 am
Date Submitted: 7/5/17

Agenda Title: Proclamation Proclaiming July 2017 PrEP Awareness Month

Requested

Meeting Date: July 13, 2017 Time Needed: 15 minutes

Department: Non-Departmental Division: District 3

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Presenters: Kim Toevs, Health Department; 2) Cascade AIDS Project Staff Member

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

- Proclaiming July 2017 as Multnomah County PrEP Awareness Month

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 July 2012, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first medication for use as PrEP (HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis), signaling a new era in HIV prevention. Nationally, PrEP has been found to be up to 99 percent effective in preventing those who have not been infected with HIV from contracting the virus, based on the results of two large clinical trials. An estimated 80,000 patients have filled prescriptions over the past four years.
- The 2020 National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States makes an important case for PrEP as part of its primary goal to reduce new HIV infections.
- Without public health interventions like PrEP, 1 in 214 Oregonians will contract HIV in their lifetimes.
- The State of Oregon has set an important precedent, covering the full cost of PrEP in most of its Oregon Health Plan (OHP) formularies.
- Due to the effectiveness of PrEP, there is more work needed to increase access to this prevention method, especially within communities of color.
- Multnomah County's PrEP Awareness Month aims to:
 - a. motivate community dialogue and education on innovative HIV prevention tools;
 - b. increase PrEP awareness within communities most at risk of infection;
 - c. call on providers to have adequate resources and understanding of how to care for patients living with HIV;
 - d. reduce the stigma, discrimination, and shame that drive individuals to avoid the health care system -- including seeking and receiving HIV testing;
 - e. build awareness of Multnomah County's HIV prevention services that are affordable, accessible, and available to all who call Multnomah County home.

