



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 09/23/13)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 9/23/14  
Agenda Item #: B.2  
Est. Start Time: 10:45 am  
Date Submitted: 9/17/14

## Agenda Title: FY 2015 Budget Note Briefing on Mental Health Pilot Programs

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.*

### Requested

Meeting Date: September 23, 2014 Time Needed: 60 min

Department: Health, County Human Services,  
Community Justice Division:

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Nancy Griffith, Director, Corrections Health, Health Dept.; Ginger Martin, Deputy Director, Dept. of Community Justice; and David Hidalgo, Director, MHASD, Dept. of County Human Services.

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Board of County Commissioners with an update on the Mental Health Pilot Program as included in the FY 2015 Budget Notes.

### 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.

The goal of the presentation is to provide an update on progress made in the Mental Health Pilot Program. The presentation will provide information on three Mental Health Pilot Program Offers for individuals with mental illness who are in or at risk of entering the justice system. This combination of programs will provide more effective client services and reduce costly incarceration and recidivism, while lessening the need for public safety involvement in mental health crisis management. The three pilot programs are as follows:

- **Assessment & Treatment Center (CATC) Behavioral Health Triage:** Adds behavioral health triage services, which include rapid medical screening and psychiatric assessments on-site at CATC, a secure, short-term mental health treatment program. This will be an alternative to triage services that currently occur following jail bookings and emergency room admissions and after which an additional transfer to CATC could be required.

- **Corrections Health:** Allows 24/7 mental health suicide watch support with a new 10pm to 9am shift of mental health professionals who conduct assessments, authorize suicide watch releases, and prepare hospitalization recommendations for the courts. This will reduce Sheriff's Office staffing requirements for suicide watch, as well as delays in court proceedings and transfers to hospitals that result from the current gap in mental health staffing.
- **Supportive Housing:** Increase specialized supportive housing beds, mental health treatment, case management, job training and other supports after incarceration for offenders with mental illness who commit low level crimes that are critical to recidivism reduction. This will be an alternative to existing housing and wrap-around services and adds additional focus on these clients' mental health needs.

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

Informational briefing only.

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

Informational briefing only.

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

All three departments work with contracted providers and other partners to coordinate this work. MHASD consults with county advisory groups including the Adult Mental Health and Substance Use Advisory Council (AMHSAC) and the Children's Mental Health System Advisory Council (CMHSAC). The membership of these groups includes consumers, community stakeholders and advocates.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department**

**Director:** Joanne Fuller /s/

**Date:** 9/17/2014

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