

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
Multnomah Building, Board Room 635
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, April 17, 2012**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES.1 The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will meet in Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d). Only representatives of the news media and designated staff are allowed to attend. Representatives of the news media and all other attendees are specifically directed not to disclose information that is the subject of the Executive Session. Final decisions are decided in public Board meetings. Contact: Jenny Morf, County Attorney. Presenter: Steve Herron, Labor Relations, HR.

Executive Session was held.

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BOARD BRIEFINGS

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present.

Also present were Jenny Morf, County Attorney and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

B.1 Briefing on the SHARE Study. Presenters: Chiquita Rollins; Kris Billhardt, Volunteers of America Oregon; and Annie Neal, DCHS.

Dr. Rollins provided the opening remarks and explained that the SHARE study is a collaborative, community-based research project funded by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). This study aimed to look at the role of housing stability in preventing re-victimization and reducing negative health outcomes for domestic violence survivors and their children.

Dr. Rollins, Ms. Billhardt and Ms. Neal shared the findings of the research and discussed the implications of the research for domestic violence services. The study showed that there were dramatic positive changes in the lives of women and children in the study during the first six months of services, which persisted and/or improved over the full 18 months of the study. This resulted in estimated savings for emergency medical care and other safety net services. The women and children became safer; their housing stability improved significantly; women and children had better physical and mental health; children

missed fewer days of school and were more likely to do well or maintain their school performance. Despite these positive impacts, the study participants continued to face long-term health, mental health, and economic constraints.

The presenters emphasized that services need to flexibly address a wide range of needs; services need to change over time as safety and housing stability increase to address the longer-term physical and mental health and economic concerns; agencies need to address housing and domestic violence concerns simultaneously; and, funding, policy and practice should embrace housing instability as a critical aspect of ending domestic violence.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their briefing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or video at:

http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3

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