



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 9/22/16
Agenda Item #: R.6
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am approx.
Date Submitted: 9/16/16

Agenda Title: **Board Update on the A Home for Everyone Safety off the Streets Action Plan and Emergency Shelter Strategies**

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

Requested Meeting Date: September 22, 2016 **Time Needed:** 1 Hour
Department: Nondepartmental **Division:** Joint Office of Homeless Services
Contact(s): Marc Jolin
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Marc Jolin, Director of A Home for Everyone: Office of Homeless Services and Invited Guests

General Information

1. What are you requesting from the Board?

No action – this Update will provide the Board with an update and an opportunity to discuss the A Home for Everyone's Safety off the Streets Action Plan for FY 2017. No decisions will be made; but Public Comment will be taken.

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.

A Home for Everyone is a community-wide effort to house homeless Multnomah County citizens by making smart investments in the areas of housing, income, survival, emergency services, health, access to services and systems coordination. Key partners in the effort include Multnomah County, the City of Portland, the City of Gresham, Home Forward, local nonprofits, people who have experienced homelessness, faith community, business and other members of the public.

In 2013, the Executive Committee adopted A Home for Everyone (AHFE): A United Community Plan to End Homelessness, and five strategic action plans covering: Housing, Health, Employment, Veterans, and Safety off the Streets (shelter and emergency services). The Plan identifies priority populations, best practices, and high level objectives. Six Key Focus Areas to Prevent and End Homelessness:

1. Housing
2. Income & Benefits
3. Health
4. Survival & Emergency Services

5. Access to Services
6. Systems Coordination

The Action Plans, drafted with broad community input and after a thorough review of service and cost data, identify the specific numeric targets, policies, and financial investments that would likely be needed to achieve a fifty percent reduction in street and shelter homelessness over a three year period.

In October 2014, the A Home for Everyone Coordinating Board created the Safety off the Streets Workgroup to develop an action plan, that prioritized strategies for increasing options for safety and a good night's sleep, such that no women, children, or adults with disabilities have to sleep on the streets of Multnomah County by January 2017.

The action plan which can be found at <http://ahomeforeveryone.net/safety-off-the-streets-workgroup/> includes policy and funding recommendations from the workgroup's analysis of the need and what it would take to build a system to begin to address that need. This included adding 650 "safety off the streets" options for families, women, domestic violence survivors, Veterans, adults 55 and older, and people with disabilities. The groups charge is to prioritize strategies for increasing options for safety and a good night's sleep, such that no women, children, or adults with disabilities have to sleep on the streets of Multnomah County by January 2017 (as measured in the Point in Time Count of Homelessness).

This briefing will provide the following:

- A review State of Homelessness in Multnomah County;
- Prevention, placement, and emergency shelter strategies and best practices; and
- An update on the progress being made to meet the emergency shelter goals.

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

In FY 2017, the County and City created the Joint Office of Homeless Services, investing an additional \$20 million dollars to improve outcomes for those experiencing homelessness. Of this, funding has been allocated to:

- Expand Safety off the Street capacity by 650 beds
 - Women – 270 beds plus 50 domestic violence beds
 - Couples – 240 beds (120 couples)
 - People with severe disabilities – 30 specialty beds (400+ served)
- Increase placements into housing by 1,350 people
 - People of color, particularly African American adults – 520 people
 - Women – 1,000 women
 - People with severe disabilities – 237 people
- Increase prevention/diversion by 1,000 people
 - People of color, especially African American adults and families – 200
 - Women – 500 people
 - People with severe disabilities - 370

These operations affect the lives of thousands of homeless singles, youth, and families, as well as survivors of domestic violence in Portland and Multnomah County.

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.

A Home for Everyone is led by its Executive Committee, which by charter includes Portland's Mayor and Housing Commissioner, the County Chair, a second County Commissioner, the Mayor of Gresham or a designated Councilor, the Director of Home Forward, and representatives from the faith, philanthropic and business communities. The Executive Committee is supported by a Coordinating Board made up of appointed community members and leaders from the non-profit, health, education, public safety, business, and government sectors, as well as several strategic Coordinating Board subcommittees.

Required Signature

Elected Official

or Department/

Agency Director:

Marc Jolin /s/

9/14/16

Date:

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