



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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Meeting Date: 6/11/15
Agenda Item #: R.5
Est. Start Time: 11:00 am
Date Submitted: 6/1/15

Agenda Title: NOTICE OF INTENT to apply to the Competitive Abstinence Education Grant program for up to \$250,000 a year for two years

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Requested Meeting Date: 6/11/15 **Time Needed:** 10 min
Department: Health **Division:** Community Health Services
Contact(s): Kim Toevs. Alison Frye
Phone: X 88764; **Ext.** **I/O Address:** 160/6; 160/9
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Kim Toevs, STD/HIV/HCV and Adolescent Health Promotion Manager, Daesha Ramachandran, Adolescent Health Promotion Program Supervisor

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval for the Director of the Health Department to submit an application to the Administration on Children, Youth and Families Competitive Abstinence Education Grant for up to \$250,000 a year for two years.

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 Administration for Families and Children (ACF), Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Competitive Abstinence Education (CAE) program. Program plans will focus on the social, psychological, and health gains to be realized by teaching youth decision-making skills to delay initiation of sexual activity and engage in healthy relationships.

FYSB is committed to promoting the behavioral health and social and emotional well-being of vulnerable young people through a strengths-based, positive youth development (PYD) approach. Historically, many programs concentrated on a specific problem behavior, like teen sexual activity, and involved narrowly focused interventions and educational activities for that problem. The increasing body of research on risk and protective factors, however, has highlighted the important roles that multiple aspects of young people's attitudes, behaviors, relationships, and environments have in predicting problem behaviors like early sexual activity.

Moreover, at least two rigorous reviews of the evidence on teen pregnancy prevention programs indicate that particularly effective interventions are those that use multi-component, youth development approaches serving high-risk populations. This body of research indicates that programs need to address broader aspects of youths' social-emotional well-being in order to positively impact risky sexual behavior.

The MCHD Adolescent Health Promotion program approach includes implementation of the internationally renowned, widely-adopted, evidence-based, comprehensive curriculum, The It's All One Curriculum (IAOC), developed by the Population Council, in four venue types: the homeless youth services continuum; juvenile detention; foster care/residential treatment; and alternative schools. IAOC is a eight unit curriculum containing the following units: 1) Sexual Health and Well-Being Require Human Rights; 2) Gender; 3) Sexuality; 4) Interpersonal Relationships; 5) Communication and Decision Making Skills; 6)The Body, Puberty and Reproduction; 7) Sexual Health and Reproductive Health; and 8) Advocating for Sexual Health, Rights and Gender Equality. IAOC provides the basis for curricula to be offered in various settings. It consists of Guidelines and Activity guide to shepherd educators through an interactive model of empowering education grounded in Positive Youth Development. Due to the nature and mobility of the at-risk populations served, MCHD will implement IAOC's recommended abbreviated version, giving special emphasis to gender roles and empowerment, due to the strong links of this framework to lowering STI rates and unintended pregnancy.

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

The grant is for \$250,000 a year for two years. Funds will support MCHD Adolescent Health Promotion Health Educator FTE (1.5- 2.0 FTE), related costs and supplies/incentives for workshops.

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

None.

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

MCHD will partner with a variety of organizations including Outside In, Morrison Center, Trillium Family Services, Department of Community Justice, Rosemary Anderson Alternative School, Mt. Scott Alternative School, and others.

Grant Application/Notice of Intent

If the request is a Grant Application or Notice of Intent, please answer all of the following in detail:

- **Who is the granting agency?**

The Administration on Children, Youth and Families

- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**

MCHD Project goals are: 1) To increase access to sexuality and relationship education, including the benefits of delaying sexual activity for at-risk and homeless youth, in a model grounded in positive youth development; 2) To increase the skills and abilities of homeless and at-risk youth to negotiate relationships and sexual activity; 3) To increase understanding for homeless and at-risk youth of gender roles and empowerment in relationships; and 4) To decrease risk of unintended pregnancy and STIs.

- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**

One-time only for two years.

- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**

The application is due on June 24, 2015.

- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**

The funding period is from September 30, 2015 – September 29, 2015-06-01

- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**

Most critical program elements will be integrated into Adolescent Health Promotion Program services portfolio.

- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**

100% of indirect costs are covered.

Required Signatures

**Elected Official
or Department/
Agency Director:**

Wendy Lear on behalf of Joanne Fuller /s/ **Date:** 6/1/2015

Budget Analyst: Shannon Gutierrez

Date: 06/01/2015

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