

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF
MULTNOMAH COUNTY

In the Matter of responding)
to specific concerns raised)
in Internal Audit # 1-88)

RESOLUTION

#88-52

WHEREAS the County Auditor has just completed an Internal Audit (IAR #1-88) of the Juvenile Justice Division of the Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS the audit reflects a comprehensive and thorough analysis of issues confronting Multnomah County and the Juvenile Justice Division; and

WHEREAS the audit covers systems and organizational issues many of which have fiscal impact; and

WHEREAS the recommendations of the audit specifically cover the role and level of involvement of the Juvenile Justice Division in dependency matters and diversion policy, agreements with the Youth Service Centers, operating policies for counseling functions and clarification of responsibilities per SB 780; and

WHEREAS Multnomah County currently spends approximately \$372,000 in personnel costs to assist in the handling of dependency cases; and

WHEREAS Children's Service Division, the District Attorney, the Community Review Boards and Court Appointed Special Advocates are also involved in the proper processing of dependency cases; and

WHEREAS the audit recommends that the Juvenile Justice Division should develop more complete and detailed operating policies covering counseling functions; and

WHEREAS the audit recommends that a system be developed which would increase the likelihood that diverted offenders are held accountable for their actions and receive appropriate treatment and that this recommendation challenges the existing philosophy of diversion; and

WHEREAS SB 780 does not clearly delineate the County's and State's responsibilities in a variety of issues;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners directs the Juvenile Justice Division to work with the District Attorney, Children Services Division and the [Court] Trial Court Administrator, and the Chief Juvenile Law Judge to submit recommendations regarding the County's involvement in dependency cases to the Board of County Commissioners no later than June 1, 1988; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Juvenile Justice Division should continue to develop a work plan for Offense Specific Case Management which will be submitted to the manager of the Department of Human Services no later than June 15, 1988; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Juvenile Justice Division should work with representatives from the Youth Program Office, Youth Service Center, the Board and others to develop recommendations regarding appropriate sanctions for youth who do not voluntarily participate in youth service activities. These recommendations will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners no later than September 1, 1988; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human Services and the Department of Justice Services should work with [representatives of the State and the Court] representatives of the State of Oregon's juvenile justice service providers in Multnomah County, the Trial Court Administrator and the Chief Juvenile Law Judge to reach agreement on respective responsibilities as detailed in SB 780. A report will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners no later than June 15, 1988.

ADOPTED This 21st Day of April 1988.


Gladys McCoy
Multnomah County Chair



Laurence Kressel
Multnomah County Counsel