



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA # R-7 DATE 8/6/15  
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 8/6/15  
Agenda Item #: R.7  
Est. Start Time: Approx 10:30 am  
Date Submitted: 7/22/15

**Agenda** NOTICE OF INTENT to apply for an Oregon Department of Human Services  
**Title:** Two-Year, \$500,000 Quality of Care Grant

**Requested Meeting Date:** August 6, 2015 **Time Needed:** 5 minutes  
**Department:** Dept. of County Human Services **Division:** ADVSD  
**Contact(s):** Felicia Nelson  
**Phone:** 503-988-8331 **Ext.**  **I/O Address:**   
**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Felicia Nelson, Program Manager, Adult Care Home Program, ADVSD; Peggy Brey ADVSD Director

## General Information

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

Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, Aging, Disability and Veterans Services Division requests Board approval to submit an application for a \$500,000, two-year Oregon Department of Human Services Quality of Care Grant.

### 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.

**Background:** The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) Quality Care Fund was established in 2009 to support training, technical assistance, quality improvement initiatives and licensing activities to ensure that high standards for quality of care are met in accordance with rules adopted with respect to various long-term care facilities, including Adult Care Homes.

For several decades, Oregon has been a leader in the evolution of long-term care and in the transition from nursing facilities to community-based care options. In the late 1980's, Oregon was the first state to actively relocate residents from nursing facilities to consumer-driven, community based care settings such as Assisted Living Facilities, Residential Care

Facilities, and Adult Care Homes.

**Context:** Multnomah County is currently the only exempt county in Oregon with authority to administer its own licensing program for Adult Care Homes. Representing one third of the total Adult Care Homes in Oregon, Multnomah County has the highest concentration of ACHs in the state. When combined with our neighboring metro areas, the total number of ACH facilities represents over half of all licensed homes in the state serving older adults and people with disabilities and covers residents with the most acute needs, licensing approximately 4,500 beds in over 900 facilities with roughly 3,000 caregivers.

**Need:** Medication management is an essential component of services provided in ACHs. The benefits of modern medications are improving the quality of life and improving health outcomes for many people but also pose enhanced risk for toxicity, adverse drug reactions, adverse drug events, over dose, drug interactions, and other negative outcomes that pose a constant threat to anyone taking medications. This is especially problematic for older adults who often take multiple prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

Within Multnomah County, the majority of sanctions for ACH facilities are attributed to medication mismanagement. ACH Licensed Operators and Resident Managers only complete a two hour module within their required training series dedicated to medication management. More importantly, hired caregivers receive no formal training on the subject, enhancing the risk of medication mismanagement.

**Purpose of Funding:** Recognizing a widening gap between staff training requirements and the growing medication needs of ACH residents, we propose developing and implementing an extended medication management training and technical assistance for three primary audiences: hired ACH Caregivers; ACH Licensed Operators/Resident Managers; and ACH Licensors.

By the end of the grant, the following deliverables will be complete:

- Medication management curriculum developed for all three audiences
- Online training created based on curriculum
- Technical assistance tools and guidelines developed to ensure continued medication management between Licensor visits
- Training and technical assistance pilot-tested with regional ACH sample
- Program evaluation completed
- Skilled workforce to adequately manage residential medication needs

Funding will support a full-time Program Specialist for grant coordination and oversight, the creation of curriculum and online training modules, development of ongoing technical assistance tools to support and sustain operational medical management protocols, clinical technical assistance and expertise, and program evaluation.

As one of the first counties to pioneer Adult Care Homes, Multnomah County is positioned to be an innovator in the field of ensuring quality care for our aging population. The growing number of older adults unable to manage their medication and the existing gap in sufficient training makes proper medication management vitally important to ensure a thriving aging population.

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

This grant will provide a total of \$500,000 state funding for two years, pending negotiations if awarded.

**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.**

Given the elevated acute care needs and large concentration of ACH facilities across the Portland metro area, the grant proposes a regional partnership. As the lead applicant, we will manage and coordinate all grant deliverables to ensure adequate training to meet the growing needs of residents transitioning from acute and residential facilities in the region. The grant also proposes partnerships with clinical experts, university evaluators, ACH Licensed Professionals, ACH Caregivers, ACH Licensors, key community stakeholders and industry experts.

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**Grant Application/Notice of Intent**

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

- **Who is the granting agency?**

Oregon Department of Human Services

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

No matching required. If funded, a contract with DHS will be executed with detailed terms and conditions and a final report is required.

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

This is a one-time funding grant term. However, the RFP states that DHS reserves the right to extend any grant awarded. Once developed, the training curriculum will be sustained beyond the grant term, limiting the funding need for continuation. In addition, the proposal aims to provide recommendations for sustaining and institutionalizing the training. As such, potentially adopted organizational and systems changes will inherently exist beyond the grant term.

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

The grant application deadline is August 13, 2015.

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

October 2015 – September 2017, pending final negotiations with DHS.

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

This is a competitive grant, with no guarantee of continued funding. Contracted services will end unless additional funding is extended.

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

Central and Departmental indirect costs are allowed, pending final DHS negotiations.

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**Required Signatures**

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**Elected Official**      Liesl Wendt /s/      07/22/2015  
**or Department/**  
**Agency Director:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Budget Analyst:**      Allegra Willhite /s/      **Date:** 07/22/2015