

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 04-012

Acceptance of the Portland Children's Levy Allocation Plan, Round 2, and Providing Advice and Counsel Concerning its Recommendations

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The citizens of the City of Portland passed a tax levy to fund children's programs within the city.
- b. The City of Portland and Multnomah County entered into an intergovernmental agreement to ensure that the funds received from the levy are allocated in a manner complementary with the local coordinated, comprehensive plan and to ensure accountability and equity throughout the system.
- c. As part of the agreement the City of Portland created an Allocation Committee which provides citizen oversight of the Levy, and to allocate Levy revenues via an Allocation Plan.
- d. Furthermore, the County Board, through its expertise and experience in children's policy and administration, provided the City Council with advice and counsel regarding the Allocation Plan, Round 1, for early childhood care and education. The County Board is now making recommendations, Round 2, for abused and neglected children.

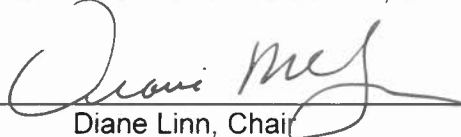
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Board accepts the attached Round 2 Allocation Plan of the Allocation Committee of the City of Portland's Children's Levy.
2. Furthermore, the Board forwards the Plan to the Portland City Council for its consideration.

ADOPTED this 29th day of January, 2004.



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Diane Linn, Chair

REVIEWED:

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Exhibit A

MEMO

To: Multnomah County Commissioners
From: Andy Olshin, Staff, Portland Children's Investment Fund
Date: January 27, 2004

Re: Summary of January 26 Allocation Committee Meeting – Focus on Round 2 Investments in Child Abuse Prevention/Intervention Services

- Commissioner Saltzman reviewed some State of Oregon statistics about the number of cases of child/abuse neglect statewide in 2002 and the disproportionately higher occurrences among African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans.
- Andy Olshin discussed the Request for Investment (RFI) process to date:
 - Input by Ad Hoc Committee of interested public, private, & foundation folks;
 - Input from Community Gathering;
 - Drafting the RFI & soliciting community feedback that was integrated into the document prior to publication;
 - Both an Academic and Community Committee read & scored proposals;
- Andy Olshin presented the Allocation Committee and public attendees with 1) a Proposal Tally Sheet and 2) a Staff/Review Committee Comment Summary which include select program data and comments.
- The Committee decided its initial decision strategy for discussing investments and the proposals to be as follows: 1) dropping the 16 lowest-scoring proposals, leaving the other 16 for discussion; 2) reviewing the top 16 proposals one by one to see if they merited preliminary approval for funding; 3) keeping in mind the need to fund programs that address certain populations with disproportionately high occurrence of child abuse/neglect and supporting culturally competent organizations to provide services to those populations; 4) considering the need to fund programs in all three levels of prevention—primary, secondary, and tertiary care.

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- The Committee discussed proposals for an hour and made some preliminary funding decisions, though no votes were taken. The preliminary decisions included recommendations to fund the top four proposals, which were deemed undoubtedly strong programs and critical for serving needs at both the secondary and tertiary levels. The programs included: Tualatin Valley Center's Community and Family Alliance, the Metamorphosis Project for Homeless Youth, Tualatin Valley Center's Youth Support Teams, and Big Brothers Big Sister's Project HOPE. Those four programs would invest \$910,000 of the \$1.2 million available.
- Next, the Committee placed seven other proposals on a list for consideration of the remaining funds. The following seven proposals selected for their focus on high-needs populations and primary prevention, as well as their organizational cultural competence: Mult. County Juvenile Services, CARES Northwest, Morrison Child & Family Services/Parents Anonymous, Volunteers of America, Insights Teen Parent Program, Native American Youth Association and Native American Rehabilitation Association.
- The Committee then invited representatives of two proposals to clarify some questions they had regarding the proposal and program budgets. The Committee discussed the seven proposals further and focus on the Native American Rehabilitation Association proposal, which would address primary and secondary prevention with a high needs population and be implemented by a culturally-based, culturally-competent organization. They voted to preliminarily fund the top four programs, plus approximately \$280,000 toward the NARA program (\$375,000 request). **Please see attached spreadsheet.**
- After the preliminary funding discussion and decisions, the Committee took a five-minute break and then invited public comment for 30 minutes. Public comment included six people speaking on behalf of the proposals they submitted, urging the Committee to invest in at least some primary prevention, and recommending that the Committee invest in programs serving high needs populations and particularly in culturally competent organizations which are experienced in serving those high needs populations.
- Finally, the Committee reviewed their preliminary decisions, made final motions and voted to fully fund the four top-scoring proposals as well as approximately \$280,000 towards the NARA proposal. In addition, staff was directed to scrutinize all budgets as part of the contract negotiation process and attempt to locate some cost savings.

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CHIF Round 2- Allocation Committee Funding Recommendations and Supporting Information

Name of Proposal	Prop #	# Children Served	# Families Served	Evaluation Costs requested from CHIF	Total Evaluation Costs	Admin %	Cultural Comp Score*	Community Committee Score	Academic Committee Score	TOTAL SCORE	Total Amount Requested from CHIF - 18 Months	Total Project Cost	Match \$ is 10% or more of Total Project
Tualatin Valley Centers-Family &Comm Alliance	3		180	\$3,315	\$24,299	5%	19	41.50	50.00	91.50	\$213,804	\$555,761	yes
Metamorphosis Project- Janus	18	675		\$11,300	\$17,500	5%	18	40.33	49.00	89.33	\$364,136	\$561,124	yes
Tualatin Valley Centers-Youth Support Team	13	75		\$9,415	\$12,797	5%	19	42.75	43.80	86.55	\$184,356	\$700,661	yes
Big Brothers Big Sisters	21	120		\$0	\$5,070	10%	18	36.50	49.00	85.50	\$148,500	\$169,918	no
Native American Rehabilitation Assoc. (NARA)	7	2,400		\$18,750	\$18,750	5%	19	35.50	42.00	77.50	\$289,000	\$433,142	yes
Selected Totals		3,270	180								1,199,796	2,420,606	

*Cultural Competency scores are provided for comparison, however they are also calculated in the Academic Committee Score.

3 – Tualatin Valley Centers

Staff Comments: Expand the Family & Community Alliance – a Secondary Prevention service for families at high risk of abuse or neglect. This is part of the Multnomah County Community Safety Net – serving families referred to the child abuse reporting hotline, but not involved in child protective services. Services include helping families create family action-plans to meet their self-identified needs to increase family stability and functioning. Services are offered to families for up to 120 days with the goal of preventing further referrals. Expanded program would serve 120 additional families.

Academic Committee Comments: Documented access to meeting “need”. Focused on understanding and meeting needs of communities they are serving. ID’d proven practice model. Refreshing. Impressive with evaluation component. High scores on cultural competence.

18 - Metamorphosis Project (Janus)

Staff Comments: Expands services for homeless youth who have fled homes to escape further child abuse or been abandoned; over the majority have additions/abuse issues and mental health issues. The program will serve 975 youth by expanded outreach and intensive services and treatment for substance abuse and mental health. Program will collaborate with 2 agencies for psychiatric counseling/treatment of those youth. Includes significant matching funds and built-in evaluation. Program also offers outreach to another 1,000 homeless youth for information/referral to seek services for treatment, case management, and other resources.

Academic Committee Comments: Strong discussion of service delivery. Extremely strong collaboration. Well written.

13 - Tualatin Valley Centers

Staff Comments: Expand existing adolescent day treatment, Youth Support Team, (a Multisystemic Therapy Model) and supported classroom project in North/Northeast/Southeast. State funding cut 30% last year for day treatment services; before cuts there was a 6-month wait list. Expanded program will assist school and community partners to identify/refer youth at risk for being abused/having history of child abuse. Youth Support Team to develop plan of care for each child--provide assessment consultation, intensive case management, care coordination, direct therapy interventions for youth at high risk by offering abuse/violence prevention services at Nickerson Center and at Tualatin Valley Centers’ classroom project in Whitaker, Lane, and George Middle Schools.

Academic Committee Comments: Strong cultural competency. Adapts evidence base to perceived need. Strong presentation of goals and outcomes. Potential for overloading staff with high caseloads – blurring line between MST and intensive case management. Cost effective.

21 - Big Brothers Big Sisters

Staff Comments: Implement new program- Project HOPE. Program pairs mentors with youth ages 10-18 in the foster care system and provides some case management coordination for those youth. Expects to serve 120 youth. 45 youth in foster care are already on the BBBS wait list. Youth would be referred to the program through collaboration with Albertina Kerr and DePaul Treatment centers.

Academic Committee Comments: Strong program description & discussion of need. Strong tracking & evaluation. Proven program. Strong cultural competence.

7 – Native American Rehabilitation Association

Staff Comments: Would develop a comprehensive program to integrate child abuse prevention and intervention into some existing programs, as well as initiating new prevention programs for the highest risk groups. Parenting support and advocacy, prenatal care, parenting classes to adults and teens using the Positive Indian Parenting curriculum and a child abuse awareness public relations campaign. Primary Prevention: Public relations campaign to reach 2000 clients. Secondary & Tertiary: pregnant women, teen parents, families experiencing domestic violence & clients taking Positive Indian Parenting classes with 400 clients. Target Population: American Indian/Alaskan Native children from birth to 18 years old and their families. Focus on children age 6 – 18.

Academic Committee Comments: Based on cultural belief system vs. evidence. Well organized and clearly written. Strong cultural competence. Commitment to continuous quality improvement. Reaches into historically underserved community.