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MAY 4, 5 & 6, 1999

BOARD MEETINGS

FASTLOOK AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST

Pg 2	8:30 a.m. Tuesday Domestic Violence Budget/Policy Review Work Session
Pg 2	9:50 a.m. Tuesday District Attorney Budget/Policy Review Work Session
Pg 2	10:30 a.m. Tuesday Alcohol and Drug Treatment Facility Options Work Session
Pg 3	6:00 p.m. Tuesday Public Hearing on County Budget at Gresham Library
Pg 3	1:30 p.m. Wednesday Information and DSS Budget/Policy Review Work Session
Pg 4	9:30 a.m. Thursday JcJ RESULTS
Pg 6	9:50 a.m. Thursday Jail Resolutions

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Tuesday, May 4, 1999 - 8:30 AM
Multnomah County Courthouse, Boardroom 602
1021 SW Fourth Avenue, Portland

BUDGET/POLICY WORK SESSION

WS-1 Budget/Policy Review Work Session on Domestic Violence Issues:

1. Overview of Current Intervention System, with Information from Governor's Council Survey, Chiquita Rollins (15 minutes)
 2. Information from Budget Forums, Beverly Stein (5 minutes)
 3. Add Packages (20 minutes)
 - a. Department of Community & Family Services: Culturally Specific Services and Prevention Services, Mary Li
 - b. District Attorney Gresham Program, Michael Schrunk
 - c. DCJ, Lana McKay, Bev Kite
 4. Future Planning (15 minutes)
 - a. County Process, Chiquita Rollins
 - b. Safe Start Grant, Chiquita Rollins
 5. Policy Issue of Whether Domestic Violence Funding Should be Part of the Public Safety Levy (15 minutes)
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Tuesday, May 4, 1999 - 9:50 AM
Multnomah County Courthouse, Boardroom 602
1021 SW Fourth Avenue, Portland

BUDGET/POLICY WORK SESSION

WS-2 Budget/Policy Review Work Session on District Attorney's Budget:

1. District Attorney's Office Citizen Budget Advisory Committee Presentation by Dick Wegner, Chair (5 minutes)
 2. District Attorney's Budget, Issues and Opportunities, Michael Schrunk, Staff (35) minutes
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Tuesday, May 4, 1999 - 10:30 AM
Multnomah County Courthouse, Boardroom 602
1021 SW Fourth Avenue, Portland

BUDGET/POLICY WORK SESSION

WS-3 Board Requested Work Session to Discuss Alcohol and Drug Treatment Facility Options with Juvenile and Adult Community Justice Director Elyse Clawson, Ginger Martin, Sheriff Dan Noelle, District Attorney Mike Schrunk, Judges Jim Ellis and Julie Frantz, Jim Hennings of the Public Defenders Office, a Representative of the Portland Alcohol and Drug Managers Association, and Invited Others. 90 MINUTES REQUESTED.

Tuesday, May 4, 1999 - 6:00 PM
Gresham Library First Floor Meeting Room
385 NW Miller, Gresham

BUDGET HEARING

PH-1 Public Hearing Inviting Citizens to Speak on Multnomah County's Proposed 1999-2000 Budget. Please Contact the Budget Office at 248-3883, Extension 22137 for a Copy of the Proposed Budget or Other Information.

Wednesday, May 5, 1999 - 1:30 PM
Multnomah County Courthouse, Boardroom 602
1021 SW Fourth Avenue, Portland

BUDGET/POLICY WORK SESSION

- WS-4 Budget/Policy Review Work Session on Information Services and the Department of Support Services Budget:
3. Support Services Citizen Budget Advisory Committee Presentation by Donald Dumont, Chair (10 minutes)
 4. Information Services Discussion (90 minutes)
 - a. Integrated Enterprise System
 - b. Decision Support System - Adult Justice Programs
 - c. Decision Support System - Human Services Programs
 - d. GIS
 - e. Local Public Safety Coordinating Council Budget, Suzanne Riles
 5. Department of Support Services Budget, Issues and Opportunities, Vickie Gates, Staff (45) minutes

Thursday, May 6, 1999 - 9:30 AM
Multnomah County Courthouse, Boardroom 602
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REGULAR MEETING

CONSENT CALENDAR

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- C-1 Intergovernmental Revenue Agreement 800869 with the City of Portland, Accepting Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds in the Amount of \$160,000 to Fund Overtime for County Corrections Employees

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPORT SERVICES

- C-2 Budget Modification DSS 11 Reclassifying Purchasing Supervisor to Purchasing Administrator and Purchasing Specialist 2 to Purchasing Supervisor

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- C-3 Budget Modification HD 19 Approving an Increase of \$57,000 and .5 FTE in the Vector Control Budget Funded with New Contract Revenue
- C-4 Renewal of Intergovernmental Revenue Agreement 0010315 with the City of Portland for the Provision of Rodent and Mosquito Control Services in the City's Wastewater and Stormwater Collection System

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE AND ADULT COMMUNITY JUSTICE

- C-5 Amendment 2 to Intergovernmental Revenue Agreement 700757 with Washington County to Increase Funding by 3.5% and to Extend Provision of Juvenile Detention Services through June 30, 2000
- C-6 Budget Modification DCJ 99-13 Reclassifying 26 Information Services Staff Positions as a Result of the Information Technology (IT) Classification Study and the Department's Information Services Division Computer Services Unit Reorganization
- C-7 Budget Modification DCJ 99-17 Adding \$66,935 Oregon Traffic Safety Commission Federal Revenue to the Federal/State Budget
- C-8 Budget Modification DCJ 99-30 Reclassifying a .58 FTE Juvenile Counsel to a .58 FTE Juvenile Counseling Assistant and a 1.0 FTE Program Development Specialist to a 1.0 FTE Administrative Analyst in the Counseling/Court Services Division
- C-9 Budget Modification DCJ 99-31 Adding \$12,000 City of Portland Revenue to the Juvenile Services Payback Restitution Program for Student Crew Restitution Payments

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- C-10 Report the Hearings Officer Decision Regarding Approval of CU 8-98 and SEC 37-98 with Conditions to Establish a New Single Family Residence in the Commercial Forest Use Zoning District with Significant Environmental Concerns on Property Located at 36014 SE LUSTED ROAD
- C-11 Amendment 1 to Intergovernmental Agreement 300758 with the City of Portland, Extending the Timeline for the Multnomah County - Portland Compliance Project for Metro's 2040 Functional Plan Compliance Work to September 30, 1999
- C-12 Budget Modification DES 99-13 Reorganizing Personnel and Redirecting Budgeted Amounts for Additional HVAC Engineers and After Hours Dispatchers within the Facilities and Property Management Division Budget
- C-13 Budget Modification DES 99-14 Changing Position Classifications within the Appraisal Administration Section of the Property Valuation Division Budget

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES

- C-14 Amendment 2 to Intergovernmental Revenue Agreement 9910334 with Oregon Mental Health and Developmental Disability Services Division, Funding Mental Health Services on a Capitated Basis for Children and Adults Enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan Medicaid Project
- C-15 Intergovernmental Revenue Agreement 9910394 with the Department of Human Resources, Adult and Family Services Division, Funding East County Housing Stabilization Pilot Program Services
- C-16 Intergovernmental Revenue Agreement 9910657 with the Department of Human Resources, Adult and Family Services Division, Funding Step Into Safety Project Services for Domestic Violence Survivors

PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

- C-17 ORDER Exempting from the Formal Competitive RFP Process a Contract for the Purchase of the Instrument Recording and Indexing System (Index.Fee) from The Software Group

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

- R-1 Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters. Testimony Limited to Three Minutes Per Person.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE AND ADULT COMMUNITY JUSTICE

- R-2 Results from RESULTS: Using Best Practices in Juvenile Custody Services Presentation by Teresa Carroll and Staff

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES

- R-3 PUBLIC HEARING and APPROVAL of the 1999-2000 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program Allocating Funds to Eligible Projects Located within Fairview, Troutdale, Maywood Park, Wood Village and Unincorporated Multnomah County

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

- R-4 RESOLUTION Adopting Rules for Board Meetings and Repealing Prior Rules
- R-5 RESOLUTION Affirming Decision to Discontinue Efforts to Purchase Radio Towers Site and to Explore Agreement with Port of Portland to Acquire Land for a Jail in Rivergate Industrial Area
- R-6 RESOLUTION Authorizing the Sheriff to Purchase Land and Obtain All Necessary Permits to Construct a New 225-Bed Jail that Includes a Secure Treatment Facility for Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Treatment of Offenders at the Rivergate Site; Authorize the Chair to Initiate a Planning Process to Site 225 Locked Community-Based Alcohol and Drug Treatment Beds in Appropriate Facility(ies)
- R-7 RESOLUTION Authorizing the Sheriff to Purchase Land, Obtain All Necessary Permits, and Start Construction of a New Jail and a Secure Treatment Facility for Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Treatment of Offenders at a Facility at the Rivergate Site

COMMISSIONER COMMENT/LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

- R-8 Opportunity (as Time Allows) for Commissioners to Comment on Non-Agenda Items or to Discuss Legislative Issues.

MEETING DATE: May 4, 1999

AGENDA #: WS-2

ESTIMATED START TIME: 9:50 AM

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AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

SUBJECT: Budget/Policy Review Work Session on District Attorney's Budget

BOARD BRIEFING: DATE REQUESTED: Tuesday, May 4, 1999
REQUESTED BY: _____
AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED: 40 minutes

REGULAR MEETING: DATE REQUESTED: _____
AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED: _____

DEPARTMENT: Non-Departmental DIVISION: Chair's Office

CONTACT: Bill Farver TELEPHONE #: 248-3958
BLDG/ROOM #: 106/1515

PERSON(S) MAKING PRESENTATION: Dick Wegner, Michael Schrunk, and DA Staff

ACTION REQUESTED:

INFORMATIONAL ONLY POLICY DIRECTION APPROVAL OTHER

SUGGESTED AGENDA TITLE:

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SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Beverly Stein

(OR)
DEPARTMENT
MANAGER: _____

ALL ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS MUST HAVE REQUIRED SIGNATURES

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Fiscal Year 1999 - 2000 Budget Presentation

Michael D. Schrunk
Multnomah County District Attorney

District Attorney - Priorities

Criminal Prosecution

- The most serious crimes in our community are those which fall under **Measure 11**. In the four years since Measure 11 went into effect the District Attorney's Office has indicted 2,722 cases. Of these 72% receive guilty verdicts.
- Reducing the supply of **drugs** in the community through aggressive enforcement and prosecution of drug offenses is part of the local overall drug control strategy. Deputies issued over 5,000 felony drug cases in 1998.
- The District Attorney's Office is a member of the **Youth Gun Anti-Violence Task Force (YGAT)** which is composed of numerous law enforcement and agency personnel. YGAT focuses on juvenile and young adults involved in gun crimes. In its first six months of operation in 1998, YGAT was responsible for removing over 150 guns from young people. Getting guns off the streets of Portland is one of YGAT's goals.
- There were 11,583 criminal **misdemeanor** cases opened in 1998. These cases involved crimes of theft, prostitution, assault, harassment, trespass, and other unlawful acts. In addition, 3,593 cases of driving under the influence (DUI) were opened in 1998. Though DUI is not a felony, it can have a lasting impact on its victims. Because of the serious nature of the offense, DUI cases are prosecuted aggressively and are not subject to plea negotiation.

Child Protection and Family Justice

- The **Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team (MDT)** is a group of dedicated child and health care professionals, law enforcement officers, and prosecutors committed to providing an immediate response to every child abuse case reported in Multnomah County. In 1998 they reviewed 4,065 cases of suspected child abuse. These cases involved 7,428 children.
- The **Child Support Enforcement Division (SED)** handled 10,055 cases requiring enforcement of child support orders in Multnomah County in 1998. This resulted in \$25,585,889 in child support for these children. This amount exceeded the 1997 collections by almost \$3 million.
- **Juvenile Dependency** occurs when children are abused or neglected or when parents are unable to care for their children and the state must intervene. In 1998 there were 1,274 children who required the protection of the District Attorney's

Office. These children, some of whom may require special care, receive services from the State Office for Service to Children and Families. When efforts to keep a family together are exhausted and families are not able to care for children, the state does intervene. In 1998 it was necessary to terminate the parental rights to 346 children, making it possible to place these children in permanent adoptive homes.

- The District Attorney's staff also gives special attention to victims of **domestic violence**. In 1998 there were 4,213 reports of domestic abuse referred to the District Attorney's Office from police agencies. In addition to prosecution, emphasis is placed on helping the families involved by referring them to needed services. A six-month treatment program is available for those defendants who are eligible for the deferred prosecution program. Those in this program are closely supervised by probation officers. Every effort is made to assist and protect the family and to prevent further violence.

Victims' Assistance

- The District Attorney's Victims Assistance Program provides **legal information and emotional support** for those who have been victimized in a criminal act. Included in the program is an extensive volunteer network of over 70 individuals. These specially trained volunteers are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide aid and comfort to victims of sexual assaults.
- Through the Victims Assistance Program, victims of crime can receive **crisis intervention services, counseling, assistance** with and information on the criminal prosecution process, and information and referral services. In addition, \$1,368,614 in restitution was collected for crime victims during the year. A total of \$15,564,307 has been collected and distributed to victims since the restitution program began in 1976.

Community District Attorney Programs

- Begun in November of 1990, the **Neighborhood DA Program** is designed to assist communities in solving local crime problems. It uses the tools of the criminal justice system to demonstrate how the rule of law can help neighborhoods become safer. The Neighborhood DA Program has helped reduce problems of drug pedaling, thefts from cars, illegal camping, and other quality of life offenses. With financial support from Multnomah County, the City of Portland and Tri-Met, the program covers all neighborhoods in the county.
- The **Community Court Project** focuses on quality of life crimes such as theft, prostitution, and trespass. In return for a guilty plea, defendants receive a sentence of local community service and have access to social services for help in housing, employment, health care, and drug and alcohol treatment. During its first year of operation, 456 defendants appeared in Community Court and 77% completed their community service sentence. Their almost 2,000 hours of community service is valued as an \$11,904 contribution to the northeast community.

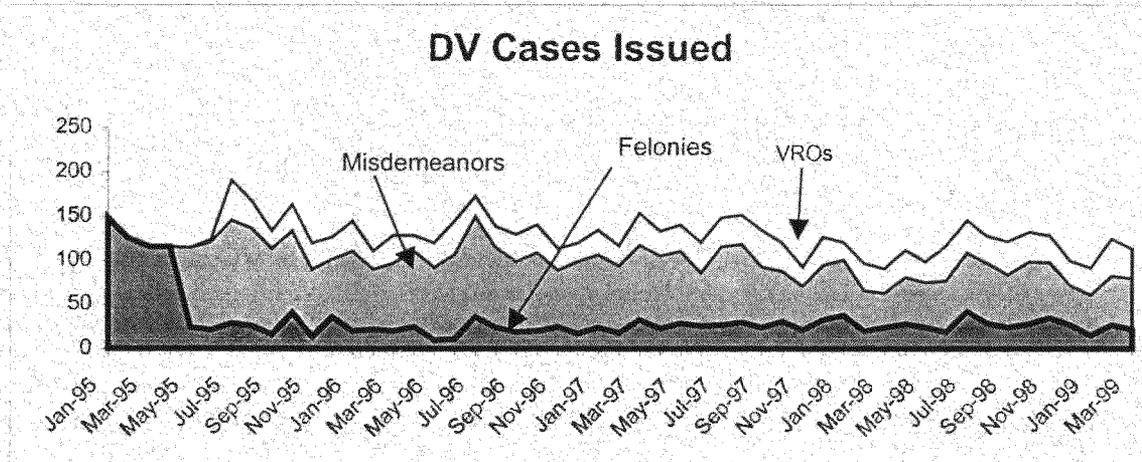
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District Attorney - Facts and Figures

Facts

Adult Crime Statistics

Cases Issued	1993	1998	% Change
Misdemeanors	8,958	9,411	5%
DUII	2,279	3,593	58%
Traffic	826	1,451	76%
Property Crime	1,555	1,597	<1%
Drugs	3,701	5,027	36%
Career Criminals	642	814	27%
Person Crimes	844	419	(50%)
Gangs	485	214	(56%)
TOTAL	19,290	22,526	17%



• Data from DA Case Tracking System.

Figures

FY00 Budget

The District Attorney's Budget for FY1999-2000 is \$19,053,089.

Total staffing is 223.95 FTE.

Major sources of funding (outside the General Fund)

- Child Support Enforcement \$1,583,288
- MDT Child Abuse Funding (CAMI) \$875,169
- Termination of Parental Rights \$628,134
- Forfeitures \$1,023,816

Funding Comparison

The District Attorney's Office has been successful in applying for and receiving outside sources of funding for many of its initiatives and programs. Based on a recent survey by the Oregon District Attorney's Association, Multnomah County funds 79% of the cost of the District Attorney's Office. Clackamas County funds 95% and Washington County funds 94% of the cost of their District Attorney. The Statewide average is 80%.

Partnerships and Collaborations

- ROCN - The Regional Organized Crime Narcotics Task Force funds a Deputy District Attorney and Legal Assistant which are housed at ROCN. The DDA is funded through a Byrne Grant and the LA is through ROCN funds. The DDA prosecutes cases through Federal Court.
- TRI-MET - One Deputy District Attorney is funded by Tri-Met. This DDA works on transit related crime through the Neighborhood DA Program.
- TPR - The State Office of Services to Children and Families funds 7.5 positions (4 DDA, 1.5 DA Investigators and 2 clerical) at the Juvenile Complex. These staff are dedicated to the Termination of Parental Rights program.
- Child Support - The Child Support Enforcement Division (SED) is 2/3 funded by the Federal Government.
- Victim's Assistance - The Office receives funding in its work with gang victims, general assistance and restitution (in cooperation with DCJ). The funding is from the Victims of Crime Act.

- Weed & Seed - NE Community Court - The Executive Office of Weed and Seed (US Dept. of Justice) provides operational funding for the NE Portland Community Court, located at the King Center. This grant was recently renewed.
- BJA - SE Community Court - The Office recently was informed that it will receive funding to expand the Community Court into Southeast Portland. This funding is through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (US Dept. of Justice).
- Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (County) - A Block Grant awarded to Multnomah County funds a Legal Assistant who expedites holds placed on offenders in the jails. This grant expires in September 1999.
- Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (City) - The Office also receives Block Grant funding for two Deputy District Attorneys, one assigned to the SE Portland Neighborhood DA office and the other to the Drug Unit. This funding is through the City of Portland's Block Grant. The funding of this grant will expire in December 1999.
- Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Grant - The CAMI grant is from the State of Oregon and funds a clerk, a victim advocate, a community health nurse, police overtime, and assessment services through CARES NW at Emmanuel Hospital.
- Violence Against Women Act Grant - This grant funds a domestic violence deputy in Gresham. The DDA works with under-served populations.
- Forfeitures - Funds received from forfeited assets support the work of the Drug Unit and the Forfeiture Unit.

District Attorney - Evaluation

The District Attorney's Office is continually seeking to identify the best practices in criminal justice and prosecution. As part of these efforts, the Office is participating in a number of evaluation efforts.

Drug Court Study

Crime and Justice Research Institute (CJRI), Philadelphia, PA.

CJRI is currently analyzing the effectiveness of the drug court for a variety of different types of defendants. The researchers are housed in the District Attorney's Office and began their research in early 1998. They plan on completing their study in December 1999.

APRI Case Studies

American Prosecutor Research Institute (APRI), Alexandria VA

APRI conducts an overview of model prosecutor-led programs. The Institute conducts a series of case studies examining model programs used throughout the nation. The results of the studies are published in one volume called Beyond Convictions. Currently the Drug Court, the Neighborhood District Attorney Program and the Community Court are being studied and will be included in the 1999 publication.

Comprehensive Study on Community Court

APRI, NIJ

APRI has submitted a proposal to the National Institute of Justice to perform an evaluation on Community Court. This study is pending.

Case Study - Neighborhood DA Program

National Institute of Justice, Barbara Boland

The National Institute of Justice is in its third and final year of a case study on the Neighborhood District Attorney Program. The anticipated completion date is January 2000.

Other

The District Attorney's Office is recognized as a resource site by many national organizations including APRI, The Center for Court Innovation, and Department of Justice. This means a constant stream of visitors and researchers visiting and examining the programs run or participated in by the Office. Recently the Office hosted to a group of Latvian prosecutors who were in training in U.S. criminal justice policy through an organization called World Learning Transit - Europe.

Internal Studies

The Office is currently undergoing an internal Organizational Capacity Assessment. This cutting edge methodology was developed by Dr. Beryl Levinger, Education Development Center, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, CA, and Evan Bloom, Program Director of PACT, Washington D.C. In addition to international private, not-for-profit organizations, the assessment tool has recently been used by Fortune 500 companies and is currently being used by Time, Inc. The model is a discussion-oriented self-assessment and is designed to assist organizations not only in identifying current capacities and strengths but also provides direction for growth. The instrument is currently undergoing testing and an implementation schedule is being developed. This assessment is for internal use only.

Beyond these formalized studies the Office conducts routine, continuous internal review and evaluation of processes within the DA's Office and with our Justice partners.



Fiscal Year 1999 - 2000

Budget Presentation

District Attorney's Office

Next Dollar Spent...

1. Juvenile Dependency\$89,000

Funded in the Chair's Budget. A combination of changes in court procedures and the passage in Washington D.C. of the Adoption and Safe Families Act has resulted in a tremendous increase in the number of court appearances juvenile deputies are required to cover. The addition of a Deputy District Attorney allows the unit to maintain existing caseloads and cover the necessary hearings and court appearances in these lengthy cases.

2. Domestic Violence - Gresham\$75,000

Funded in the Chair's Budget. The District Attorney's Office will soon lose the services of a Deputy paid for by a Violence Against Women Act grant. The VAWA grant enabled the office to establish connections with community service providers and develop in-roads to women currently under-served in the DV area. The continued funding will allow the office to staff the position which is located in Gresham.

3. Child Support Enforcement\$72,000

Funded in the Chair's Budget. A combination of policy changes in the development of divorce decrees, a transfer of cases from the State to local jurisdictions and success in outreach efforts by the District Attorney's Office has resulted in caseloads roughly 25% higher than is optimal. This addition will allow the Child Support Division to reduce caseloads. The total package adds \$218,000 to the District Attorney's budget due to the 2/3-match allowed by the Federal Government.

4. White Collar Crime\$139,000

Not funded. Mid-level property crimes - what is referred to as white collar crime - including theft, forgery and embezzlement, are cases that are not given the attention they deserve by our office or the Portland Police Bureau because of far too limited resources. The program we suggest would allow prosecution of approximately 150-200 of these cases per year that would not normally receive much attention. Positions flagged below (*) make up the figure above.

*Deputy District Attorney 81,000
*DA Investigator 58,000
Legal Assistant 50,000

1999 Budget Work Sessions
Multnomah County District Attorney's Office
Response to:
Follow Up Questions from the Board

Question: Discuss the capacity available for placing children after dependency actions are completed, including the potential Child Receiving Center and its users.

Response: SCF has the responsibility for placing children after they are found to be within the jurisdiction of the court due to abuse or neglect. SCF is constantly in need of more foster homes, but the actual needs (i.e.: numbers) are best addressed by them. The receiving center will be designed to deal with children up front when they are first removed from their homes. It will only be a short-term stay limited to no longer than a week or so. The current talk is for the receiving center to have 16 beds. The idea is for the children to start out at the receiving center and after a thorough assessment to be placed in a shelter/foster home.

Question: Is the dependency workload increase the result of increased reporting or worse conditions in the community?

Response: The increase in the caseload is not because of worse conditions in the community. It is a combination of increased community awareness, increased agency activity in responding, and the recognition of domestic violence as a child abuse issue. There have been significant institutional changes in the treatment of children who are witnesses, i.e. victims of domestic violence. Studies have proven the long-term impacts on children who have been exposed to family violence.

Question: What is the adoption experience in the terminations of parental rights cases? What factors affect adoption and what other resources are available?

Response: Every effort is made by the parties involved to expedite the termination and adoption processes. The court process for adoption is very lengthy. There is a need for more judges, defense attorneys, and prosecutors to allow for more expedited scheduling. The amount of time that the parties take to determine that adoption is desired also takes time, as does the finalization of the adoption. Our office is involved up to the termination point and then SCF from there. Generally a termination agreement is not made unless it is known that the child will be adopted or that there is a high likelihood that the child will be adopted.

Question: Track final forfeiture revenue as a possible funding source relieving General Fund of some requirements for Alcohol and Drug programs and allowing General Fund support for white collar crime prosecution.

Response: The current projection for final forfeiture revenue in FY00 has not changed from the time the District Attorney's budget was submitted. The original figure of \$976,187 was reviewed after the April 1999 LGFS report came out and there is no need to alter the figure at this time.

After discussion with the Budget Office the District Attorney is planning to transfer \$100,000 of forfeiture funds to the County General Fund during FY00. These funds will be placed in the General Fund for use by drug programs throughout the County.

The funds were originally budgeted for two purposes. First, a portion was to be used to build a new case tracking system for the Forfeiture Unit. Based on the DA's recent experience in installing a case tracking system for its Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency Units, it is anticipated that the cost of building or purchasing such a system will be lower than originally thought. The second purpose was to use a portion of the funds as "insurance" in case a forfeiture case was lost on appeal. The amount of "insurance" needed has been reduced to \$150,000.

Question: Summarize the existing sanctions for white collar crime.

Response: White collar crime is a form of property crime. Unit A in the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office specifically addresses property crimes. Unit A only addresses Felony Crimes. The District Court Division addresses lower level (based on a financial total) property crimes. Although currently in the legislature there are two measures, identity and mail theft, to be added to the list of crimes, there are adequate existing crimes and sanctions to address the scope of property offenses. Changes to the current law concerning repeat property offenders are also being considered by the legislature. Repeat property offenders are often sentenced to 13 or more months of prison time. Other sanctions for property offenders are based on the sentencing guidelines which are dependant on the severity of the crime and the defendants history (i.e. committed two other felonies).

Question: Summarize the root causes and factors behind the statistics provided by the District Attorney's Office about 1993 and 1998 case levels.

Response: This question arose during discussion of Traffic Unit statistics. A comparison of Traffic Unit cases issued showed a 76% increase between 1993 and 1998. The explanation of the variance is that the 1993 numbers under-reported the actual activity. The cause was a new case tracking system, DACTS, which only captured a portion of the year. Before 1993 traffic cases were not counted by the DA's case tracking system. DUII cases were treated in the same fashion by the case tracking system. The table below shows a year-to-year comparison of both these areas:

	<u>DUII</u>	<u>Traffic</u>
1993	2279	826
1994	3490	1533
1995	3218	1436
1996	3845	1383
1997	3522	1411
1998	3593	1451

As the figures show, traffic cases issued have fluctuated between a high of 1533 in 1994 and a low of 1383 in 1996 (1993 figure not included). During the same period DUII cases have also fluctuated. The top five traffic charges which make up about 85-90% of the traffic cases are: Criminal Driving While Suspended, Attempt Hit and Run (Property Damage), Reckless Driving, Giving False Information to a Police Officer, and Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer.