



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 10/19/2010
Agenda Item #: B-1
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am
Date Submitted: 8/26/2010

Agenda Title: **Informational Board Briefing on Fee Collection in SUN Community Schools.**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: 9/21/2010 **Amount of Time Needed:** 30 minutes
Department: County Human Services **Division:** SUN Service System
Contact(s): Peggy Samolinski
Phone: 988-6295 **Ext.** 24564 **I/O Address:** 167/200
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Peggy Samolinski, Diana Hall, Invited Guests to be named

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Informational briefing about fee collection efforts at SUN Community Schools (SUNCS), per a FY11 Budget Note.

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 issue of fees collected in SUN Community Schools arose during the FY2011 budget development, specifically whether all SUNCS sites collect fees and thus offer an opportunity for parents/caregivers to pay a fee to participate in SUNCS activities. A budget note was written directing the Department to return to the BCC and provide a briefing about the status, process and results of fee collection at SUN Community Schools.

Currently, the SUNCS sites have a system-wide agreed upon standard that sets forth a two tier fee structure based on poverty. The standard was developed with our partners, to ensure a level of consistency across SUNCS sites. Tier 1 schools are those who have a 50% or higher free and reduced lunch student population - they do not ask parents/caregivers for a fee or donation to participate in SUNCS. Tier 2 schools are those where the free and

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reduced lunch student population is 49% or less - they charge fees by activity or class using a sliding scale beginning at \$0. Amounts collected vary by site and the amount of effort expended to collect fees also varies.

The Department will include in the briefing information about the current fee collection standards, developed in 2007, and how they are being implemented, amounts collected by schools and parent role (if any). Perspectives of parents, school staff and non-profit SUNCS providers will be included in the briefing.

The specific Program Offer affected is #25145. The results of the program are not affected by this briefing.

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

There is no specific fiscal impact to the County budget .

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

The policy issue, from our perspective, is one that focuses on whether County-funded programs should require at least a request for a participation fee. The current 59 SUNCS sites are funded by a variety of sources (County General Fund, City General Fund, Children's Levy, 21CCLC, non-profit match and School Districts). Setting a policy at the County level would potentially create inconsistency across the sites.

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

The development of the current standard involved partners from across the SUN Service System – school district staff, non-profits and school staff. The discussion leading up to the briefing brought many of those same people back to the table to develop the briefing discussion points and the materials.

Required Signature

Elected Official or
Department/
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