



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 11/17/11  
Agenda Item #: R.5  
Est. Start Time: 9:55 am  
Date Submitted: 10/24/11

**Agenda Title:** **Informational Board Briefing on Partnership Between MCHD and Central City Concern**

*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:** 11/17/2011 **Amount of Time Needed:** 20 minutes  
**Department:** Health Dept. **Division:** Integrated Clinical Services  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Susan Kirchoff, Health Centers Operations Director;  
Ed Blackburn, Executive Director Central City Concern

## General Information

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

Informational Board briefing to review the proposed plan to expand the partnership between MCHD and Central City Concern in serving downtown homeless clients.

### 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.

Westside Health Center has experienced a decreased demand for services because fewer clients live or stay downtown. 70% of Westside's clients no longer live or stay downtown. MCHD has thoughtfully transitioned approximately 1,500 former Westside clients to MCHD and partner clinics that are closer to where they live or stay.

Central City Concern is expanding its physical capacity and has expressed interest in extending access to additional homeless clients living or staying downtown. Analysis has shown that the number of current Westside clients who live or stay downtown could access health care services at Central City Concern and also receive additional supportive services not offered at Westside Health Center.

MCHD has enjoyed a long, positive, and productive history with Central City. The proposed plan is to continue to deepen our partnership with Central City Concern in support of downtown clients:

- Improve comprehensive care for the remaining current Westside Health Center clients who reside downtown (800-900) by transitioning them to Central City Concern, which is better able to provide full, wrap-around services targeted toward this vulnerable population.
  - Central City offers services that Westside has never offered, including addictions treatment (detox and outpatient), intensive case management, housing (transitional and permanent), job support, vocational services, family counseling, medical respite, and peer mentoring. These services are critical for this population.
- Redirect MCHD clinic resources to explore unmet community health needs. In particular:
  - Downtown Portland continues to have zero safety net dental health services, a unique niche that MCHD could fill. Community partners have, for years, acknowledged that there are significant unmet dental and oral health needs in the downtown service area. Central City has expressed interest in partnering with MCHD to meet this need.
  - Southeast Portland has significant unmet primary care needs. MCHD formerly operated a primary care clinic in southeast Portland and is analyzing unmet need in that community.

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

No impact in current year (FY12). Potential development of program offer for dental services in FY13.

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

None

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

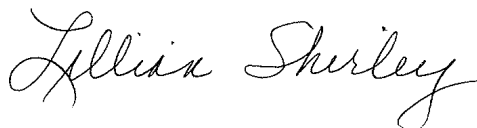
Multiple stakeholders (Coalition of Community Health Clinics, MCHD Community Health Council, Central City Concern Board of Directors, Social Service agencies serving downtown homeless population and Westside clients) affected by this partnership have been consulted and have provided input.

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**Required Signature**

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