



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 1/21/14
Agenda Item #: B.2
Est. Start Time: 11:00 am
Date Submitted: 1/7/14

Agenda Title: **Informational Board Briefing on Homeless Families System of Care**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: 1/21/14 **Time Needed:** 30 minutes
Department: DCHS **Division:** Community Services
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Mary Li, Director, Community Services Division

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Briefing on planning process and implementation plan and update for Homeless Families System of Care.

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.

In order to respond to the increasing numbers of homeless families with children during the economic recession, the Board of County Commissioners has approved funding for pilot projects and new funding for winter shelter and rapid rehousing programs. These include the Winter Warming Center and Rapid Rehousing which, in FY 2013, was originally 30 Families in 30 Days from PO 25111A, and the Mobile Housing Pilot Project from PO 25111E, and beginning in FY 2014, Coordinated Entry for Homeless Families 25111E and 25111F.

The Community Services Division conducted a thorough planning process to re-design the Homeless Families System of Care. The process consisted of seven half day meetings of a group of 30 providers, partners, stakeholders, and staff. The process created an integrated, values based system of care for homeless families. The system is based on a set of values including minimizing steps for families to access services, an assertive engagement approach, and a strong equity lens.

The process resulted in expanding the system to include four new providers: JOIN, Catholic Charities El Programa Hispano, Native American Youth and Family Center, and Self Enhancement Inc.

Services in the new Homeless Families System of Care began on January 1, 2014. The briefing will review the planning process, give an overview of the new system, and describe the oversight and evaluation plan for the system.

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

N/A

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.

A diverse group of community partners, providers, and staff participated in the planning process throughout the summer and will be asked to participate in ongoing oversight of the system.

Required Signature

Elected Official

or Department/

Agency Director:

Kathy Tinkle for Susan Myers /s/

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Date:

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