



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 1/21/16  
Agenda Item #: R.1  
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
Date Submitted: 1/13/16

**Agenda Title:** Board of Health to present the Oregon Public Health Association (OPHA) Policy Champion Awards

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

**Requested Meeting Date:** January 21, 2016 **Time Needed:** 10 min.  
**Department:** Non-Departmental **Division:** Chair's Office  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Haven Wheelock, Outside In, Jenn Vines, Multnomah County Public Health Officer

## General Information

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

Convene as the Board of Health to present public health policy champion awards to Representatives Shemia Fagan and Jennifer Williamson.

### 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.

Multnomah County nominated Jennifer Williamson and Shemia Fagan for the OPHA Policy Champion Award. They won the award, but were unable to attend the official ceremony. The board will present the awards to the representatives in recognition of their work on Oregon Senate Bill 839 which was signed into law and is effective January 1, 2016.

According to the Oregon Public Health Association, the new law provides individuals with immunity for certain crimes when they call 911 in an overdose emergency. Representatives Jennifer Williamson and Shemia Fagan were chief sponsors of Senate Bill 839. They testified passionately and with strong public health knowledge and principles on behalf of the bill in committee and carried it to the House floor.

Representative Williamson was also a sponsor of Senate Bill 384 in 2014, which enabled greater access for lay people to naloxone, a prescription drug that reverses opioid overdose. In the first year after this law was enacted, heroin deaths dropped by 29% in Multnomah County – at a time when heroin deaths are generally increasing across the country.

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

None

**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.**

The awards ceremony was held last year, but the representatives were unable to attend.

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**Required Signature**

**Elected Official**

**or Department/**

**Agency Director:**

Deborah Kafoury

January 13,  
**Date:** 2016

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