



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 4/11/17
Agenda Item #: B.2
Est. Start Time: 10:45 am approx
Date Submitted: 4/6/17

Title: **Board Briefing on Countywide Work related to the Opioid Epidemic**

Requested

Meeting Date: April 11, 2017 Time Needed: 60 minutes

Department: Health & Community Justice Division: _____

Contact(s): Joanne Fuller

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Joanne Fuller, Health Department Director; Paul Lewis, Health Officer, Health Department; Devarshi Bajpai, Medicaid Plan Manager, Mental Health and Addictions Services Division, Health Department; Marty Grasmeyer, Medical Officer, Health Department; Scott Taylor, Director, Department of Community Justice

Presenters:

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

This is an informational briefing to inform the Board about cross-departmental work underway to address the opioid epidemic in Multnomah County.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

It is a well known fact that opioids take a grim toll on communities across the country. According to the CDC, more than six out of ten drug overdoses involves an opioid. Multnomah County has been a leader in responding to this crisis across its broad array of functions and services: from regional coordination to change how opioids are prescribed, to educating the public about risks, to changing clinical practices, to creating innovative partnerships to get people into treatment. A cross-departmental team of presenters will describe to the Board this scope of work and some of our successes in reducing opioid availability in Multnomah County.

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

NA

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

The presenters will describe both state law and policy changes that are related to opioid use and reduction of overdose.

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

Multnomah County is working with a broad coalition of community members and other governmental partners in this work.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

/s/ Joanne Fuller

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