

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah County, Oregon  
February 8, 2011  
Multnomah Building, Commissioners Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR**

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Loretta Smith and Judy Shprack present. Commissioner Diane McKeel was excused.

**I. BOARD BRIEFINGS**

**B.1 Informational Board Briefing on Education and Early Childhood System of Care (EECSC) and Funding Sources. Presenters: Joshua Todd, CC&F Dir.; Rob Abrams, Co-Chair, Early Childhood Council; Peggy Samolinski, Sun Service System Coordinator; Karl Brimner, MHASD Dir.; Lillian Shirley, Health Dept. Dir.; & Joanne Fuller, Chief Operating Officer, Chair's Office.**

Ms. Fuller provided the introduction and explained the handouts the Board was provided. Mr. Todd spoke about the history and goals of EECSC. Mr. Abrams spoke about the importance of early support programs such as Healthy Start, which funds screening and home visiting services. Ms. Shirley reviewed programs and services which are most at risk of State General Fund reductions and the impact it would have on those services.

Ms. Samolinski spoke about the SUN Service System, which provides school-based educational, recreational, social and health services focusing on school-age children at risk of academic failure and their families. Mr. Brimner spoke about the importance of School Based Mental Health and the children it serves.

Commissioner Smith asked for an update on the electronic dental records project, which the Board amended out of the supplemental budget on January 12, 2011 pending more information, such as project cost, timeline and benefits. Ms. Fuller said that the County Attorney's office is currently reviewing it and they will return to the Board with an update.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

**B.2 Informational Board Briefing on Juvenile System of Care and Funding Sources. Presenters: Scott Taylor, Dir., DCJ; David Cook, DCJ; Mary Li, DCHS & Joanne Fuller.**

Ms. Fuller provided an introduction. Mr. Taylor spoke about the State funding they receive, noting that it is about 18% of their overall funding. Mr. Cook described the purpose of the Juvenile Justice System as protecting the public and reducing juvenile

delinquency; and providing fair and impartial procedures for the initiation, adjudication and disposition of allegations of delinquent conduct. He explained that the State funding streams include: OYA Diversion, Juvenile Crime Prevention-Basic Services, Juvenile Crime Prevention, and Multnomah Youth Gang Intervention. Mr. Cook described Gang Intervention funding as a critical and, currently, their most funded program. He noted that 80% of State funds allocated to the County are directed to fund evidence-based treatment and culturally specific services. These services are critical in keeping youth out of the Juvenile Justice system and preventing recidivism.

Ms. Li spoke about the programs in the Community Services Division, including Youth Gang Prevention, Homeless Youth System, and Runaway Youth Services. She stated that there is only one Runaway Youth shelter in the County and discussed the services they provide. She expressed concern that this program could be in jeopardy of losing the funding to operate at its current level.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

## **II. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Submitted by:  
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Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk  
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