

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR
Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

BOARD BRIEFINGS

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 9:36 a.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present. Commissioner Loretta Smith was excused.

B.1 Informational Board Briefing on the Homeless Youth Continuum, an Annual Update Provided by the Homeless Youth Oversight Committee (HYOC). Presenters: Mary Li, Manager, Community Services; Dave Williams, VP NW Natural Gas & HYOC Member; Melissa Egan, HYOC Co-chair; Cliff Madison, CEO Portland Patrol; Sgt. Tim Sessions – Portland Police Bureau & Invited Guests.

Ms. Li provided the introductions. Multnomah County partners with agencies to provide services to the community. The Homeless Youth Continuum (HYOC) serves youth from 15-23 who have no viable safe home options. The continuum consists of Janus, NAYA, New Avenues and Outside In. They build protective factors, promote developmental outcome attainments, and achieve lasting impacts in the lives of homeless youth. They strive to ensure homeless youth have the opportunity to realize their full potential. They offer safety services, assertive engagement, and housing services, through a seamless, multi-agency engagement model that connects youth to the larger community and measures success using the evidence-based practices of Positive Youth Development.

Ms. Egan explained that HYC has served about 1000 homeless youth in 2010-11, which is currently the system capacity. She presented statistics and the demographics of youth served. Approximately 56% of youth served reported Multnomah County as their last county of residence; 87% of youth were between 18 and 21 years old; more males than females participated in services; and 44% of youth served were youth of color. HYOC Services leveraged a \$2 million annual investment from Multnomah County into \$8.7M from State, Federal, private and other local sources. Leveraged funds support outreach, mental health, alcohol and drug treatment, employment, education, health, recreation and LGBTQ services.

The invited guests spoke about their positive experiences with HYOC, the services they were provided, and how these services benefitted their lives.

The presenters spoke about outcomes and future goals and responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

B.2 Informational Board Briefing on Poverty in Multnomah County. Presenters: Mary Li, Manager, Community Services and Dr. Sheila Martin & Liza Morehead, Portland State University.

Ms. Li provided the introduction and overview. She said the briefing was to provide information on poverty in the County and focus on the intersection between income, housing, education and equity.

Dr. Martin talked about working with over 100 partner organizations to develop regional indicators that can be used as a common basis for tracking and discussion of key trends and coordinating action among partners. Using these indicators requires a shared vision for change, shared measurement system, and long-term consistent funding to create and sustain a long-term process of social change. She shared data on poverty rates in Multnomah County; the kinds of assistance currently provided, as well as demographics, wages, unemployment, education, expenses, and services needed. Her research is available at: <http://gpvi.research.pdx.edu/poverty/>.

Ms. Morehead provided a demonstration of the new Greater Portland Pulse, a web-based tool that provides real-time data on a variety of indicators related to the social, environmental, and economic well-being for the Portland region. More information about this tool can be accessed at: <http://www.portlandpulse.org/>

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

B.3 Informational Board Briefing on the Cradle to Career Process. Presenters: Joanne Fuller, Chief Operating Officer; Dan Ryan, Chief Executive Officer, Portland Schools Foundation; Nate Waas Shull, Dir. Community Engagement, Portland Schools Foundation; Susheela Jayapal, Co-Chair, C2C Steering Committee; Bill Scott, Co-Chair, SUN Service System Coordinating Council; and Joshua Todd, Director of the Commission on Children, Families and Community.

Ms. Fuller provided the overview. The presenters explained that Cradle to Career (C2C) is a broad coalition of leaders from all areas of the community and includes early childhood, K-12 schools, and higher education. It works to eliminate disparities in children and youth success; link community and family support to their success, and drive action to ensure that all students enter school prepared to learn and succeed academically. All Hands Raised is partnered with C2C with the mission to improve education, mobilize leadership, ideas, resources and community action to ensure all kids in all neighborhoods in the County achieve their full potential.

Mr. Scott reviewed the membership, goals, key student success indicators, the cycle to assure measurable results, and how the partnership is structured to create positive outcomes. He explained that C2C collaboratives are cross-sector work teams that come together to develop a shared action plan to address a specific priority area in order to

advance the goals of C2C. Collaboratives first define problems, objectives and partners; then establish baseline and set improvement goals; determine major factors contributing to outcomes; identify and implement improvements; and monitor and maintain improvements with a focus on measurable results. In October, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Convening Partners was released to the community. Those initial collaboratives will be approved in January.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or video at:

http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3

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