



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 11/15/12
 Agenda Item #: R.1
 Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
 Date Submitted: 11-7-12

Agenda Title: **BRIEFING** on Services for Addressing Mental Health and Substance Use Concerns with Transition Age Homeless Youth

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: November, 15, 2012 **Time Needed:** 45 minutes
Department: Non Departmental **Division:** Shiprack
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General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

None – Informational

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.

The following budget note was passed by the Board of Commissioners during the 2012-13 budget process:

This Budget Note is the result of the loss of funding for Project Metamorphosis. Outreach, screening and assessment, peer mentoring, recovery-oriented activities, and support groups have been provided to over 276 homeless youth annually. Due to compression impact on the Portland Children's Levy, this program lost its funding. It is the concern of the Board that access to critical mental health and addictions treatment support for homeless youth will be lost, leaving a serious gap in services for this vulnerable population.

Following the budget note approval, the Homeless Youth Oversight Committee in partnership with the Department of County Human Services, District 3 and District 2 Offices, the Portland Police Bureau, Providers, and other identified leaders convened for a three-part work session to assess the impact of loss of funding and to develop recommendations for sustaining these vital services.

The Homeless Youth Oversight Committee will provide recommendations on the optimal system of care to support mental health and addictions treatment for homeless youth, including current Continuum best practices, enhancements to service components, and leveraging of other treatment partners to create an effective Recovery Oriented System of Care for this population.

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

In FY 2012-13, pass-through funds increased by \$265,000. In FY 14, the Board of Commissioners will decide on further funding.

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.

The Homeless Youth Oversight Committee, stakeholders and interested parties met from July – September 2012 specifically on this topic.

Required Signatures

**Elected Official
or Dept Director:**

Commissioner Judy Shiprack /s/

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