

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Adopting the School-Aged Policy Framework Report: Findings and Policy Recommendations

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. That the County has a vital role to play in providing funding for school based and school linked services that will help children succeed in school. The School Aged Policy Framework provides for a set of core services for school aged children and their families that will engage our partners and align with ongoing County initiatives. This framework will guide our decision making around both budget and policy efforts into the future.
- b. Multnomah County has the following benchmarks:
 - Improve readiness to learn
 - Increase school success
 - Provide access to health and mental health services
 - Decrease poverty
 - Increase public safety
- c. Multnomah County currently funds a wide array of services for school aged youth and their families including health services, mental health services, services for educational support, crime prevention, interdiction and prosecution services, and library services. These services all contribute to the achievement of the County's benchmarks.
- d. Multnomah County seeks improved alignment of services for school aged youth to improve access to services for clients, to better integrate services both within the County and with other jurisdictional partners, and to make service delivery more efficient and effective.
- e. An extensive public involvement process was employed to develop policies for services to school aged youth and their families.

- f. The Board has adopted the Early Childhood Framework, and will be considering adopting a Poverty Reduction Framework in the Spring of 2003. Future implementation planning for the Early Childhood Framework, the School Aged Services Policy Framework and the Poverty Reduction Framework will be coordinated and aligned.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Board shall adopt the attached School-Aged Policy Framework Report: Findings and Policy Recommendations.
2. The Board adopts the following Policy Recommendations contained in the Framework Report:
 - **County Role:** Provide funds for school based and school linked services for children and their families that assist all students in succeeding in school. Use natural helpers, cultural mentors, professionals, paraprofessionals, parents, interns and volunteers to provide the support and resources that promote developmental assets and academic achievement. Define a core set of culturally appropriate goals, services, resources and technical assistance activities.
 - **One System/One Backbone:** Design an integrated system of care that is geographically coordinated with other jurisdictions and that provides access, intake and linkages to serve communities countywide.
 - **Culturally Specific Programs:** The County, in partnership with the geographic and culturally specific entities, will strive to provide culturally, linguistically and gender specific services to school aged children and their families countywide.
 - **Equity:** Distribute services based on countywide populations with high risk needs, including the number of children on free and reduced lunch, the percentage of children on free and reduced lunch, and neighborhood poverty, using census, school, ODE and community and culturally determined data that is county validated.

- **Boundaries:** Align service boundaries to establish effective interagency coordination between local, county, state and federal jurisdictions and community and business partners. Boundaries will be used as guides but not as barriers to service delivery. Adjustments to DHS boundaries will be made for effective coordination of service delivery.
- **Information and Referral:** Re-design information and referral system in order to provide equal access for residents of Multnomah County. Information and referral system will strive for culturally specific and multi-lingual approach and have current and relevant data about available resources.
- **Less Paperwork:** Align intake, measurement and databases with other departments and jurisdictions when appropriate.
- **Departmental Linkage:** Designate the Office of School and Community Partnerships as the implementer of this Framework. OSCP will be charged with the administration and management of the School Aged Policy Framework. OSCP will ensure the sound administration and implementation of all components of the School Aged Policy Framework. OSCP will oversee the planning, implementation, technical assistance, training, monitoring and quality assurance activities. OSCP has the formal authority to coordinate the alignment of school aged services contracts throughout county departments for seamless service delivery. OSCP will be responsible for defining and ensuring service and system accountability between county departments. OSCP will respectfully seek the expertise of other county departments and department Directors will be responsive to the Director of OSCP in the planning, implementation and operation of the Framework. OSCP will also be responsible for overseeing service and system coordination between children and families, schools, providers, and other cross jurisdictional entities involved in the framework.
- **New Revenues:** With existing resources, develop capacity to coordinate county departmental grants

related to services for school aged youth to support funding for framework strategies.

- **Evaluation:** Create and maintain a strong, viable, consistent monitoring process that evaluates system and program outcomes in partnership with the community.
- **Stakeholder Participation:** Service delivery planning and implementation will be inclusive and comprehensive, involving all stakeholders.

3. The Office of School and Community Partnerships shall prepare a plan to implement the recommendations contained in the School Aged Policy Framework Report: Findings and Policy Recommendations, and shall present an implementation plan to the Board of County Commissioners no later than April 16, 2003.

ADOPTED this 6th day of February, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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