



MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
FY 2022 Budget Work Session Follow Up – Department of County  
Human Services

Department of County Human Services – May 11, 2021

A follow up work session has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2021. Please respond to the following questions during that work session.

**Commissioner Meieran (District 1)**

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- Can you provide additional information about the connection between program offer [#25025 - ADVSD Veterans Services](#) and [#25035 ADVSD Case Management & In-Home Services \(non-Medicaid\)](#), which includes an additional \$3.7M for Veterans Directed Care services from the VA?

Could that funding (\$3.7M) cover any of the GF costs in #25025?

How is the additional \$3.7M being programmed? - *see the separate pdf provided for answers*

- [Program #25036 - ADVSD Safety Net Program](#) - how does the population served through this program intersect/overlap with other similar programs? Does this program directly connect with other departments (e.g. JOHS, MCHD) to coordinate services for participants? - *see the separate pdf provided for answers*
- [Program #25026 - ADVSD Public Guardian/Conservator](#) - are there other funding sources for this program? Is this an unfunded requirement from the state, or something we do in addition to/adjacent to state public guardian/conservator functions? (the latter may be more a policy question than a budget one-- the primary budget question is the former, relating to alternative funding sources for this work) - *see the separate pdf provided for answers*

**Commissioner Jayapal (District 2)**

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- **With respect to the COVID-19 Rescue Plan funding for "SUN Community Schools: Enhance Summer School Support," what is DCHS doing to coordinate and engage with other funding sources? For example, with respect to the State's separate funding for the Oregon Community Foundation, how is DCHS engaging with those funds? Is DCHS using all funding streams in a complementary way?**

Throughout this year YFS staff have been meeting regularly with school district and SUN non-profit staff to support the ongoing engagement of SUN staff with students and families during quarantine



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and distance learning. With respect to summer planning, we have coordinated with districts and SUN lead agencies over the past two months, to plan for summer.

Each district is making plans for the summer - some are more well defined than others at this point in the school year. The districts are largely bringing additional resources to the table, and are making these available to SUN agencies at sites, in conjunction with the academic supports the districts are planning on providing during the summer.

The variety of funds available for this summer (Oregon Dept of Education, Oregon Community Foundation and American Rescue Plan funds) are being braided to create a whole across districts and across County, and are being used to maximum capacity. Districts received ODE funds, and also had to apply for funds via OCF. While many districts are still in their planning phases for summer, at this time it is not certain how exactly they will deploy the different types of funds for summer learning and enrichment but we continue to meet and will ensure that all funding streams are used in complementary ways.

The biggest challenge for summer programming at school sites is staffing capacity. Generally, SUN agencies would rely on the many year-round part-time staff they employ to be available during the school year, to support summer as well. Given that SUN agencies have not had those employees for this past year - due to the pandemic and shifting service priorities - they now have to hire employees. All are committed to doing so, although there are concerns about enough staffing. Likewise, each district is working to ensure there are enough teachers and bus drivers available for the summer academic support they want to offer. The combination of these two uncertainties makes some of the summer planning still uncertain at this time. We are looking at ways to support these hiring efforts such as using our social media reach to let the public know about summer job opportunities in supporting youth this summer.

#### **Commissioners Stegmann (District 4) & Meieran (District 1)**

- Please provide a countywide view of rental assistance. The data should include how much funding flows through each County department as well as the different funding sources and types of rent assistance (such as emergency, short-term, long-term, etc.). - *see the separate pdf provided for answers*