Multnomah County I/DD Services Advisory Council — Meeting Agenda

Department: Department of County Human Services (DCHS) — Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services Division (IDDSD)
Date: Thursday, November 19, 2026
Time: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM PST (90 Minutes)
Location: Virtual via Zoom; Meeting ID: 972 1337 7241; Passcode: .LA^Q4n&

Meeting Overview

This regular session of the Multnomah County I/DD Services Advisory Council brings together council members, county staff, and community members to conduct routine council business, hear public testimony, review the upcoming 2027 Oregon Legislative Session, and receive county strategic priority updates.

Timed Agenda

Time	Duration	Agenda Item	Simple Overview & Key Points
11:00 AM – 11:10 AM	10 mins	**1. Welcome, Housekeeping & Introductions**	• Greeting to council members, staff, and community attendees. • Zoom technology overview (mute/unmute, video, Q&A box, automatic captioning, view settings). • Land Acknowledgement for Multnomah County / Portland, Oregon. • Brief attendee introductions (name, pronouns, council status/role).

Time	Duration	Agenda Item	Simple Overview & Key Points
11:10 AM – 11:15 AM	5 mins	**2. Agenda Review & Call to Order**	• Review today's meeting agenda. • Roll call, quorum verification, and parliamentary rules overview. • Official call to order and recording of start time.
11:15 AM – 11:25 AM	10 mins	**3. Minutes Approval & Old Business**	• Action Item**:** Review, motion, and vote on September 2026 session draft minutes. • Review outstanding action items, tabled topics, and status updates from committee/county leads.
11:25 AM – 11:35 AM	10 mins	**4. Public Testimony / Comment Period**	• Open floor for community members to share concise testimony and feedback. • Public comments are documented in the official record for council review.
11:35 AM – 11:40 AM	5 mins	**5. Break**	• 5-minute break to step away, stretch, and refresh before reconvening promptly.
11:40 AM – 12:00 PM	20 mins	**6. New Business: 2027 Legislative Session Overview**	• Key 2027 Oregon Legislative Session dates (Nov/Dec budget releases through June adjournment). • Overview of Multnomah County proactive and reactive legislative processes. • How to get involved (contacting legislators, testifying, crafting legislation) and council representation rules.

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12:00 PM – 12:10 PM	10 mins	**7. New Business: January 2027 Session Discussion**	● Assess whether to add a placeholder council meeting in late January 2027 around initial bill drops. ● Discuss potential focus on policy feedback, service gaps, and local impacts of state-level changes.
12:10 PM – 12:25 PM	15 mins	**8. New Business: County Business & Strategic Updates**	● Board Proclamation for March 2027. ● County Budget Calendar updates (ARB, GRB, Legislative Session). ● Legislative Concept updates.
12:25 PM – 12:30 PM	5 mins	**9. Wrap Up, Next Steps & Adjournment**	● Recap key takeaways and action items (monitoring 2027 bill drops and preparing advocacy feedback). ● Thank attendees and formally adjourn the meeting.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

I/DD Services Advisory Council

Intellectual and Developmental Services Division

November 19, 2026



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Department of County Human Services

Meeting Introduction

Welcome!

02. WELCOME

Greetings & Opening

Welcoming all council members, staff, and community attendees to today's gathering.

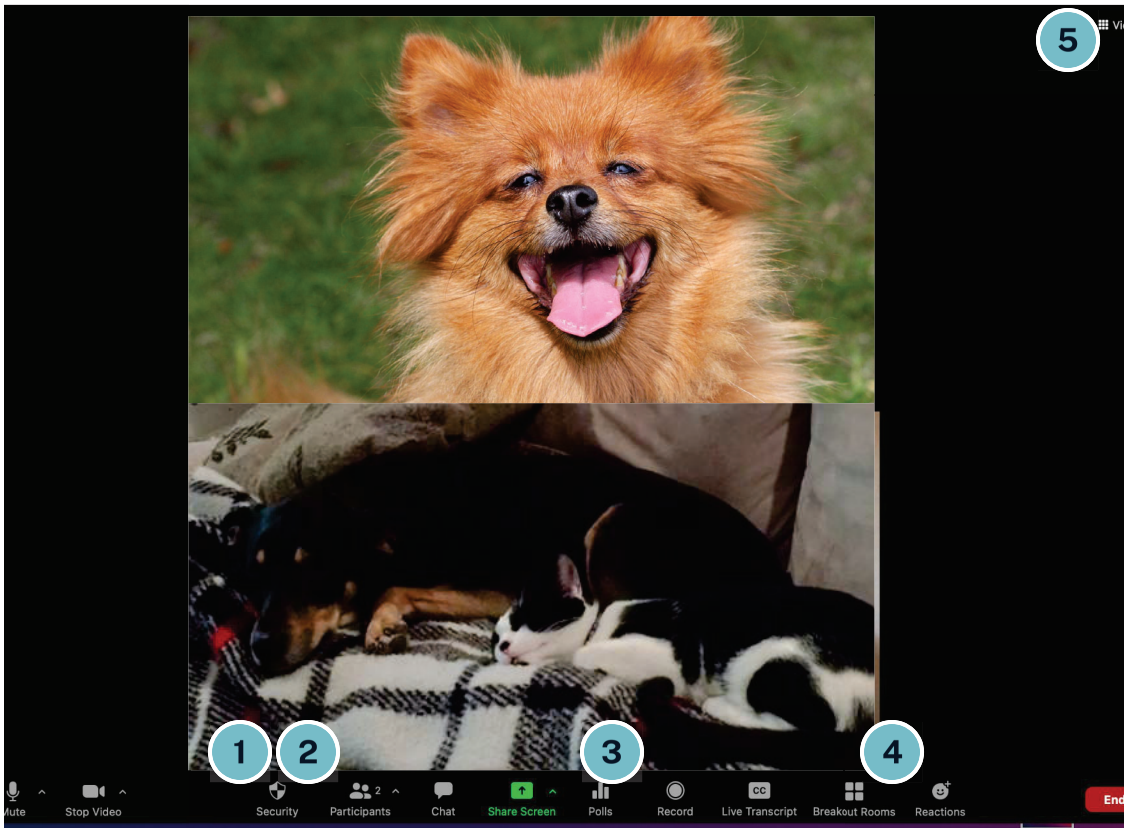
Housekeeping & Topics:

- Overview of Zoom technology
- Land Acknowledgement
- Meeting attendee introductions



Main Features of Zoom to Know

1. Mute or Unmute
2. Stop or Start your Video
3. Please use Q&A box for Questions
4. Use Automatic Captioning
5. Change your View



Land Acknowledgement

We are located in Portland, Oregon, Multnomah county.

01. ANCESTRAL LANDS

Traditional Homelands

Today, we honor the Indigenous people whose traditional and ancestral homelands we stand on — the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya and many other Indigenous nations of the Columbia River.

02. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Honoring Ancestors

It is important we acknowledge the ancestors of this place and to recognize that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them.

03. REMEMBRANCE

Legacy & Future

In remembering these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.

Brief Introductions

Please take a moment to share with the group:

01. Name

Your Name

How you would like to be called during today's meeting.

02. Pronouns

Pronouns

Feel free to share your preferred pronouns.

03. Membership

Council Status/Role

Whether you're a council member, county employee, or community member, thank you for joining us.

Agenda Review

01 Welcome & Meeting Introduction!

02 Housekeeping & Technology Setup: Zoom, Intros, & Land Acknowledgement

03 Agenda Review and Calling the Meeting to Order

04 Meeting Minutes Approval and Old Business Summary

05 Option for Public Testimony

06 Break

07 New Business: Legislative Session Overview

08 New Business: Need for January 2027 Session?

09 New Business: County Business & Updates

10 Wrap Up, Next Steps, and Adjournment

11 Thank You & Goodbye

Call the Meeting to Order

1. Roll Call & Attendance

Establish presence of council members and verify official meeting quorum.

2. Parliamentary Rules

Review meeting guidelines, voting protocols, and participation procedures.

3. Official Opening

Formally declare the advisory council meeting open and record start time.



PROCEDURAL STEP: CALL TO ORDER

Minutes Approval for September 2026 Session

1. Review Draft Minutes

Summary of key decisions, discussions, and attendance recorded during September 2026.

2. Motion & Second

Call for a formal motion and second from council members to consider approval.

3. Council Vote & Final Adoption

Recorded vote to approve minutes for entry into the official advisory council records.



ACTION ITEM: COUNCIL VOTE REQUIRED

Old Business for Review?

1. Outstanding Action Items
Review progress and status on tasks assigned during previous council sessions.

2. Tabled Discussion Topics
Revisit prior agenda topics requiring ongoing advisory council deliberation.

3. Status Reports & Follow-ups
Hear updates from designated committee representatives and county leads.



OPEN FLOOR: COUNCIL REVIEW & DISCUSSION

Public Comments Section for our Advisory Council

1. Community Input & Feedback

Opportunity for community members to share testimony and observations.

2. Allotted Speaking Time

Speakers are welcomed in order to present concise remarks to the council.

3. Record & Follow-up

Public testimony is documented in official records for council review.



OPEN FLOOR: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Break



5-MINUTE BREAK

Please take a moment to step away, stretch, and refresh.

We will reconvene promptly at the end of 5 minutes.

Legislative Session 2027 Important Dates

- **Oregon's Legislature convenes every January.**
- **Sessions may not exceed 160 days in odd-numbered years & 35 days in even-numbered years.**

Winter 2026-27

11/18:
Revenue Forecast
12/1-12/3:
Legislative Days & Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) Released
January:
Organizational Days (~1 week) Long Session Begins **1/19**
2/23:
Measure Intro Deadline

Spring 2027

April:

First Chamber Deadline 4/7

May:

Second Chamber Deadline 5/21

June:

Long Session Ends by 6/27

January 2028

1/1:

Bills passed in long session become law (unless given another effective date)

Mid-January:

Short Legislative Session for 2028 Begins

Proactive Multnomah County Process

Departments submit Legislative Concepts to MultCo Gov't Relations (Jun)

Gov't Relations works with Dept to gather details: supporters, detractors, impacts, etc. ***(Jun-Aug)***

Gov't Relations takes LC to the board. **LC must have unanimous MC board support** to move forward. ***(Aug-Sept)***

Gov't Relations then finds a **legislative champion *(Sep)*** and **builds coalition of support**. ***(Nov-Dec)***

Department takes active advocacy role, building support and preparing for hearings. ***(Jun-Jun!)***

Reactive Multnomah County Process

Bills "drop" and Gov't Relations, sends them to appropriate Dept for review.

Dept Legislative Coordinator assigns to appropriate division for **review**.

Division SME **assesses bill impact and issues statement of support, opposition, or neutrality** to Gov't Relations.

If bill impact is significant enough, **SME coordinates testimony** and provides GR with information for Lobbying.

If **Amended**

How to Get Involved

Contact Legislators*

Anyone can meet with any legislator. They can be contacted by phone, email, or mail.

Testify*

During the first public hearing for any bill, people can register to testify in support or opposition of the bill. Testimony can be given in person (strongest), or submitted in writing.

Craft Legislation*

Get involved early in the process to work with an organization, lobbyist, or lawmaker to craft legislation.

***VERY IMPORTANT:**

You may NOT represent yourself as a MultCo Advisory Council member in any advocacy *unless* that advocacy effort has been vetted and approved (voted on) by the entire council.

January 2027 Advisory Council Meeting?

Meeting Rationale & Timing

- **Evaluate Feasibility:** Assess the necessity of adding a placeholder session in late January 2027.
- **Legislative Alignment:** Time the meeting around the first major drop of 2027 legislative bills.
- **Hearing Preparation:** Ensure concrete bill details are available to prepare advisory input & testimony.

Core Advisory Focus

- **Policy Feedback:** Provide timely council input on key legislation.
- **Link to Community:** Connect policy updates with individuals and families.
- **Identify Priorities:** Surface urgent service gaps during budget discussions.
- **Review Service Quality:** Evaluate local impacts of proposed state-level changes.

County Business & Strategic Priority Updates

Board Proclamation for March 2027

County Budget Calendar: ARB, GRB, Legislative Session

Legislative Concept

Wrap Up: Adjournment and Next Steps



Key Takeaways

- Reviewed council updates and strategic priorities
- Identified key legislative focus areas for upcoming sessions

Next Steps

- Follow up on 2027 legislative bill drops
- Prepare advocacy feedback for next council meeting

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Thank You for Attending!

2026 IDDSD Advisory Council Meeting

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IDD Legislative Proposal for 2027 Session: Summary

Pilot Program: Transition Stabilization Training & Services

Problem:
Currently youth and adults experiencing I/DD who are in housing transition due to crisis or institutional change, do not have rapid access to funds to cover the basic needs that result from the transition itself. This creates instability for the individual that current programs cannot address, increasing the chances of homelessness, additional trauma, and recidivism.

Funding is currently available to individuals based on assessed need for their disability following the person-centered planning process. However, people in transition experiencing I/DD have needs which have not yet been assessed. If these needs were addressed, it could make the transition to their new living situation less traumatic and more stable.

Proposal:
We propose a pilot program to provide these additional services and evaluate the impact on youth experiencing I/DD who:

- Are in need of foster care placement after being discharged from OSH, after receiving child welfare services, or after being involved in the criminal or juvenile justice system.

And on adults experiencing I/DD who:

- Have been recently released from OSH, or from incarceration.

This program would utilize a stabilization rate assessment to identify the individuals' support needs and provide up to six months of additional funding to foster care or group home providers until the individuals' support needs have been accurately assessed.

We propose the creation of grants for counties to design and provide specialized training and technical assistance to providers providing crisis care so they can effectively provide specialized stabilization care for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who have co-occurring diagnoses and high acuity.

We propose establishing a centralized provider training unit to provide ongoing, advanced-level training and crisis support to providers that are licensed by the department to provide services to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities; and

We propose establishing a coalition to develop sustainable, fiscally responsible solutions for providing services to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who have cooccurring diagnoses in a manner that integrates supports across state agencies and promotes long-term stabilization in the community.

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We propose categorizing allowed expenditures for this pilot program to mirror current Transition Services expenditure guidelines for eligible people experiencing I/DD. This would include timely access to funds for the following non-assessed transition needs:

- Moving and move-in costs including movers, cleaning and security deposits, payment for background/credit check (related to housing), initial deposits for heating, lighting and phone, and
- Payment of previous utility bills that may prevent the individual from receiving utility services, and
- Basic household furnishing (i.e., bed) and other items necessary to re-establish a home.
- Basic clothing and outerwear to enable employment or school attendance, and
- Supplies or services for personal hygiene and grooming to enable employment or school attendance, and
- Approved allowances for pro-social activities that benefit family/caregiver attachment (in the case of foster placements), skill building, and/or community integration.

This bill was introduced in the 2025 legislative session (SB 422), but was ultimately pulled and did not move forward at that time.

We are revising the bill for re-introduction during the 2027 session, contingent on budget and other advocacy priorities.

Should the bill move forward, we would ask for IDD Advisory Council support with outreach and advocacy.

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Working Draft Template & Advisory Council Input Form

The sample text below can be utilized as a starting point for input from our Council & community members regarding the March 2027 I/DD Awareness Month Proclamation. We invite interested community members to provide additions, edits, or personal testimony points in each callout area.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. [____]

Proclaiming March 2027 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

Multnomah County Finds:

A. March 2027 marks Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, an annual observance dedicated to raising awareness, fostering inclusion, and celebrating the unique contributions, diverse talents, and resilience of individuals experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

Council Input Area A:

[Feedback on opening framing: What title phrasing best reflects our community? e.g., "Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" vs. "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month"?]

B. First recognized nationally by presidential proclamation in 1987, this month highlights the critical importance of ensuring individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have the necessary supports and resources to thrive in every aspect of life—at home, in school, in the workforce, and within civic society.

Council Input Area B:

[Feedback on historical / state background: Are there specific Oregon milestones or community self-advocacy roots we should name here?]

C. True inclusion, self-determination, and accessibility are fundamental human and civil rights, ensuring that individuals experiencing I/DD have direct voice and agency to lead independent lives, direct their own individualized care, and actively participate in decisions that affect them.

Council Input Area C:

[Feedback on values & self-determination: What core values or principles must be front and

center?]

D. Multnomah County recognizes that individuals experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities possess diverse perspectives, creativity, and leadership that profoundly enrich our neighborhoods, civic institutions, cultural life, and local economy.

Council Input Area D:

[Feedback on community contributions: What examples of leadership, artistry, or civic involvement should be emphasized?]

E. Multnomah County is committed to partnering with individuals, families, Community Developmental Disability Programs (CDDPs), Support Service Brokerages, Direct Support Professionals (DSPs), and grassroots advocacy groups to maintain an accessible, high-quality, and community-rooted system of support.

Council Input Area E:

[Feedback on community partners & workforce: How can we best honor Direct Support Professionals, case managers, and family caregivers in this clause?]

F. Meaningful community inclusion requires addressing health disparities, intersecting identities, and the systemic barriers faced by individuals experiencing I/DD—including access to affordable and accessible housing, reliable transportation, native-language support, and culturally responsive casework.

Council Input Area F:

[Feedback on equity & intersectionality: What specific disparities or cultural equity needs should be acknowledged?]

G. Multnomah County affirms the continuous responsibility to protect and fund essential local I/DD services, ensure timely assessments, maintain rigorous abuse prevention and crisis response, and uphold safe environments where every individual is treated with dignity and respect.

Council Input Area G:

[Feedback on service protection & funding: In light of state budget discussions, what protections should be reinforced?]

H. Multnomah County is honored to be home to individuals experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities and pledges its ongoing dedication to advancing inclusion, breaking down social stigmas, and co-creating communities where everyone belongs.

Council Input Area H:

[Feedback on County commitment: How can we frame our long-term pledge to accessibility and belonging?]

Multnomah County Proclaims:

March 2027 as **Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month** in Multnomah County, Oregon, calling upon all community members, organizations, and businesses to celebrate the contributions of individuals experiencing I/DD, to champion self-determination and equity, and to work collaboratively to create a county where every person is embraced, valued, and empowered to thrive.

Council Input Area: Final Proclaiming Statement:

[Feedback on the final proclamation statement to be read aloud by the Board Chair and Commissioners.]

SIGNED this [3rd] day of March, 2027.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
[Board Chair & District Commissioners Signature Lines]

Next Steps & Feedback Collection Timeline

- **November 19, 2026:** Advisory Council discussion and breakout feedback collection.
- **December 2026 – January 2027:** County staff synthesizes council input into the formal draft proclamation.
- **February 2027:** Final review by County Attorney's Office and sponsorship submission to Board Clerk.
- **First Wednesday in March 2027 (March 3, 2027):** Official Board Session presentation and public reading.