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Multnomah County, District 2
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February 27, 2018

Dear Commissioner Smith:

Thank you for your letter of February 26, 2018 requesting an audit of the County's appropriation for the family shelter owned and operated by Human Solutions located at 16015 SE Stark Street. I appreciate the faith you put in the work of our office.

It is our plan to review the use of County funds related to the expenditures both of capital projects, such as deferred maintenance, repairs and improvements, and operations of the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) in our follow-up. As you note, this started in 2015, prior to the creation of the JOHS, though it was started under the auspices of A Home for Everyone Initiative and the Community Services Division of DCHS (see APR of 10/22/2015: http://multnomah.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=1260&meta_id=80620) but is now associated with the JOHS. Since the request is retrospective in nature, as opposed to a current expenditure we will review it when we conduct the follow up noted in our 2018 Audit Schedule (<https://multco.us/auditor/current-audit-schedule>). It will be more efficient to include this with our larger follow-up and there may be other projects or issues of interest worth following up on as we review the operations and expenditures in the future.

We will notify the Chair and the Board when we start this work and at its completion will provide an audit report that will have a written response from management per the Charter. At this time I can't give you a start date but it is on the schedule. The last audit of JOHS can be found at the link (<https://multco.us/auditor/joint-office-homeless-services-audit>). Thanks again and we are always open to suggestions for our audit work.

Sincerely,

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C: Chair Kafoury; Commissioners Meieran, Vega Pederson, Stegmann; Board Clerk; County Attorney; JOHS