

FY 07 Budget Priority Setting MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

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I. Priority – Result to be realized, as expressed by citizens –

I want to feel safe at home, school, work, and play

II. Indicators of Success – How the County will know if progress is being made on the result

The Safety Team re-affirmed the indicators suggested by the Board of County Commissioners to measure safety within our community. These indicators have been discussed and validated with Suzanne Flynn, County Auditor, who will collect the measurement data. The marquee indicators are a sufficient start to measuring the effectiveness of program outcomes that contribute to citizen's feeling safe at home, school, work, and at play. They each have reliable and readily available data sources, are available on a timely basis, and have historical data for analysis and future comparison. It is also expected that programs contributing to these marquee indicators will have lower level indicators and measures which will provide more insights into their movement up or down. We also acknowledge that these indicators do not measure non-public safety contributors to a citizen's feeling of safety, such as emergency preparedness or well maintained neighborhoods, but they are the most relevant to overall sense of safety. The marquee indicators and their data sources are as follows.

Reported index crime rate per 1,000 persons – Person and Property

The data used for monthly Multnomah County Public Safety Briefs comes from the DSS Justice system and the Portland Police Bureau, and the Gresham Police Dept. because it provides the most current data in the areas of strategic focus. Person offences include murder, assault, rape, and robbery. Property offences include larceny, motor vehicle theft, burglary, and arson. Future data will include DUII and Drug measures.

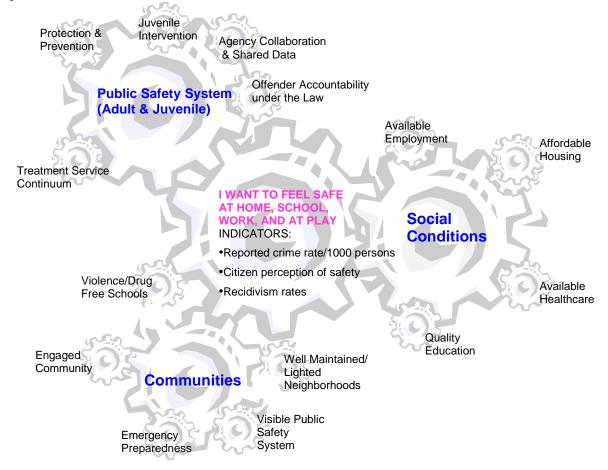
Citizen perception of safety. (Multnomah County Auditor's Citizen Survey).

The Auditor's annual citizen survey collects data on a citizen's sense of safety in their neighborhood. This will be reported for both day and night time. In addition, data will be gathered on student sense of safety from the Oregon Department of Human Services Annual Oregon Health Teens Survey of 11th graders in Multnomah County.

Percentage of adults and juveniles convicted of a crime who commit additional crimes (i.e. recidivism rates).

This data is compiled by the Department of Community Justice as part of the statewide Department of Corrections and Juvenile Justice System, and will be reported for Multnomah County.

III. Map of Key Factors – Cause-effect map of factors that influence/produce the result



Based on evidence, the safety team identified three key factors that significantly contribute to achieving citizens' priority of feeling safe at home, school, work, and play. The recognition of both short and long term needs and impacts is reflected in two equally dominant factors: A **public safety system** which has the ability to immediately prevent and intervene in crime; and **social conditions** which reflect more long term issues that involve complex societal factors. To illustrate this point, a common characteristic of an offender entering the criminal justice system is the lack of one or more basic needs related to adequate, affordable housing, education, or health care. For example, 29%-37% of offenders report unstable housing conditions prior to committing their offense. While the public safety system is needed for immediate, short term response, affordable housing for offenders (indeed, all citizens) has been shown to decrease crime and recidivism. The third, less dominant but nevertheless critically important, factor in realizing the safety priority is **communities**.

It is essential to recognize how all three factors are interconnected, and must work together for citizens to feel safe at home, school, work, and at play.

In selecting these factors, evidence was evaluated from local expert interviews and panel discussions, focus group results, national best practices and, where available, local research. The Safety Outcome Team also represents many collective years of professional experience and wisdom in discrete areas affecting the safety of the community.

A **Public Safety "System"** describes multiple discrete functions which must exist to both prevent crimes, and to then respond when a crime is committed. The system responds by assisting in victims' recovery, while holding offenders accountable. **Multiple agencies from multiple jurisdictions** work together to ensure policing (patrol and investigations), arrest (pre-trial incarceration; cite and release, and community supervision), prosecution, disposition (imprisonment and/or sanctions/supervision including post prison supervision) all occur to create safer communities. An effective system must be a balanced, unified whole. For example, when we put more officers on the street, we also ensure increased capacity in courts, treatment programs, jails and other programs.

It is critical that the Public Safety System provide effective practices for both **adult** and **juvenile** offenders. While a number of practices are similar for the adult and juvenile systems, it is important to note that these are different populations and juveniles should not be treated simply as "little adults." **Early juvenile intervention** and proper treatment of youth is essential to creating safe communities.

Other factors contributing to a well functioning public safety system include:

- Offenders are held accountable under the law. They must be responsible for their actions and appropriate, timely consequences must be applied. This must be done under the rule of law affording the accused due process protections.
- Intra and inter-jurisdictional agencies must collaborate and work cooperatively across and between agencies in order to ensure that offenders are arrested, prosecuted, and receive appropriate sanctions and services. Collaboration is the willingness to pursue shared goals, sometimes against self interest.
- A continuum of treatment services must be available to address a range of offenders
 with treatment appropriate to the needs of the offender. For example, illicit drug use is a
 factor in 72%-82% of all arrests. It is essential that addiction and other treatment services
 are available to offenders in order to reduce recidivism.

Social conditions are an equally dominant factor in citizen's feeling safe at home, school, work, and at play. Evidence shows that for those at-risk individuals with criminal attitudes and beliefs, declining social conditions such as **available employment**, **quality education**, **available health care**, **and affordable housing**, can increase crime and recidivism. In a more broader sense, a community's declining social conditions affect the population's general sense of safety.

Evidence shows that **Communities** who are regularly **engaged with each other**, and with their government, help define problems and solutions, and create a greater sense of safety and government accountability amongst its citizens. Community can be broadly defined as all county citizens, or may encompass a more narrow group of stakeholders, such as providers, vendors, neighborhood associations, victims, etc. For a citizen to feel safe in their community there is a need for a **visible public safety presence**, **well maintained and lighted neighborhoods**, **emergency preparedness** on the part of government as well as individual citizens, and schools free of **gangs**, **violence and drugs**.

IV. Selection Strategies and Request for Offers – Focused choices to realize results

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The Safety Team identified three principles that are the foundation for the selection strategies and are important when considering any program offer.

- Citizens expect fair and equitable treatment for all citizens, victims, and offenders.
 This includes culturally competent staff, and culturally responsible services and sanctions.
- Evidence shows that programs have a high probability of contributing to the desired outcomes.
- **Innovation** that leverages existing resources and brings organizations together to improve services and/or reduce costs

Program offers that contribute to the achievement of the following six strategies should be given highest prioritization.

1. Hold offenders responsible for their actions and apply appropriate consequences

Evidence suggests that the most effective public safety system is a balanced public safety system. A 'Streams of Offenders' model provides a system that can address a continuum of crimes and offenders within a stream (e.g. dangerous, violent felons; firearms; misdemeanor property offenders; gangs; alcohol and drugs; etc.) with an appropriate and proportional level of response across the system.

The County seeks Program Offers that.

- Explicitly identify which population (stream of offenders) it serves
- Provide alternatives to incarceration by holding offenders other than violent felons, accountable for repairing harm done to victims and communities (restorative justice)
- Reduce re-offense and recidivism

- Demonstrate system balance by:
 - Clearly identifying other system components required to achieve its stated outcomes
 - Clearly identifying that sufficient capacity and resources exist within the system to support this program

2. Safety system components work effectively together

Evidence demonstrates that agency collaboration improves the use of available resources and information, maximizes the range of services available, and eliminates redundant investments in similar programs. Collaboration values shared vision and common purpose amongst key stakeholders, over territorial rights to services and programs. It assumes a willingness to operate against self-interest in service to the larger goal.

The County seeks Program Offers that:

- Demonstrate a collaborative approach that benefits service delivery and/or reduces cost of service delivery without regard to which agency provides the service
- Develops a foundation for future multi-jurisdictional collaboration to provide a sustainable safety system for the benefit of the entire community
- Provide a continuum of funding for the treatment during transition between programs or back into the community, Example: If an offender is receiving mental health treatment before they come into the public safety system, they need to continue to get treatment from the same source while in jail or probation and in the community afterwards
- Use shared resources and information to develop programs that support streams of offenders and present the program offers jointly

3. Intervene early to keep juveniles out of the public safety system

Experts testified that juveniles differ from adults in core ways, and interventions and programs across all factors should address those differences. Intervention needs to occur both in ways that prevent initial criminal involvement and avoid further penetration into the criminal justice system. Successful intervention reduces criminal activity and re-offense and decreases the number of juveniles who end up in the adult public safety system.

The County seeks Program Offers that.

- Provide treatment and interventions effective for juvenile populations
- Have been successful at prevention of crime
- Reduce delinquency and recidivism
- Involve families and caregivers in addressing the conditions that put youth at risk

4. Treat drug/alcohol addiction and mental health issues

Evidence shows that crime rates and recidivism increase when individuals with criminal attitudes and beliefs experience problems such as alcohol/drug addiction, and/or mental illness.

The County should look for alcohol/drug, and dual diagnosis (addiction and mental health needs) treatment program offers that serve people at risk of committing or recommitting crimes, and especially value those that include an emphasis on connecting these offenders with available housing.

The County seeks Program Offers that:

- Deliver evidence based addiction treatment addressing factors that result in a person being criminally involved, such as criminal thinking/attitudes, substance abuse, criminally involved associates, stable housing, employment, etc. and when successfully addressed, result in an individual making lifestyle changes that result in law abiding behavior
- Address the mental health needs of addicted clients
- Demonstrate an ability to place clients into housing
- Reliably and accurately identify and report alcohol and drug use/ abuse characteristics at entry into the criminal justice system

5. Prepare, prevent, and respond to emergencies

The county should invest in emergency prevention, preparedness, and response, and should ensure that the roles of government and citizens are understood should a real emergency occur.

The County seeks Program Offers that:

- Engage in emergency prevention processes and strategies
- Plan for appropriate, proportionate and coordinated response to emergencies
- Provide education on the role of government and citizens in the event of emergency

6. <u>Identify and engage relevant communities in defining public safety needs and developing crime prevention and protection programs</u>.

Evidence shows that communities feel safer when they share the responsibility and ownership of programs with government. Communities can be broadly defined as all county citizens, or may encompass a more narrow group such as providers, neighborhood associations, vendors, business associations, stakeholders, victims, etc. which may vary by relevance. Therefore, the program offers should encourage appropriate community involvement in promoting safety, preventing crime, and protecting communities through processes and services.

The County seeks Program Offers that:

- Incorporate a system or process which identifies relevant key stakeholders in program design and decisions
- Consider relevant key stake holder participation in program design and execution in the areas of:
 - Crime prevention
 - Community protection
 - Safety promotion

V. <u>Program Ranking (Composite Report)</u>

Program #	Name	Department	Rank	Score	Votes Received		
					H	M	ea L
15010	Felony Trial Unit C- Robbery, Weapons, Gangs	DA	1	30	10	0	0
15011	Felony Trial Unit D- Violent Person Crimes	DA	1	30	10	0	0
50030A	Adult Field Services - Felony Supervision	DCJ	1	30	10	0	0
60021A	MCSO MCDC Offer A	MCSO	1	30	10	0	0
60021B	MCSO MCDC Offer B	MCSO	1	30	10	0	0
60021C	MCSO MCDC Offer C	MCSO	1	30	10	0	0
60021D	MCSO MCDC Offer D	MCSO	1	30	10	0	0
60021E	MCSO MCDC Offer E	MCSO	1	30	10	0	0
60021F	MCSO MCDC Offer F	MCSO	1	30	10	0	0
50023A	Juvenile Detention Services - 48 Beds	DCJ	10	29	9	1	0
60021G	MCSO MCDC Offer G	MCSO	10	29	9	1	0
60022A	MCSO MCIJ Offer A	MCSO	10	29	9	1	0
60021H	MCSO MCDC Offer H	MCSO	13	28	9	0	1
15015A	Domestic Violence Trial Unit	DA	14	28	8	2	0
50023B	Juvenile Detention Services - 32 Beds	DCJ	14	28	8	2	0
50034	Adult Sex Offender Treatment and Management	DCJ	14	28	8	2	0
40025A	Corrections Health - Detention Center - 46 Beds 4th floor	HD	14	28	8	2	0
60021I	MCSO MCDC Offer I	MCSO	14	28	8	2	0
60022C	MCSO MCIJ Offer C	MCSO	14	28	8	2	0
6 <mark>002</mark> 2D	MCSO MCIJ Offer D	MCSO	14	28	8	2	0
15016	Child Abuse Team- MDT	DA	21	27	7	3	0
50014	Juvenile Formal Probation Services	DCJ	21	27	7	3	0
4 <mark>0027A</mark>	Corrections Health - Donald E. Long 60 Beds	HD	21	27	7	3	0
60016A	MCSO Booking: Booking and Release	MCSO	21	27	7	3	0

0	3	7	27	21	MCSO	MCSO MCIJ Offer B	60022B
1	2	7	26	26	DCJ	Juvenile Sex Offender Residential Treatment	50019
1	2	7	26	26	DCJ	Adult High Risk Drug Unit	50035
0	4	6	26	28	DA	<u>Juvenile Court Trial Unit</u>	15014
0	4	6	26	28	HD	Corrections Health - Inverness - 160 Beds 10,11,18 & Med Clinic	40028A
0	4	6	26	28	MCSO	MCSO MCIJ Offer E	60022E
0	4	6	26	28	MCSO	MCSO MCIJ Offer F	60022F
0	4	6	26	28	MCSO	MCSO MCIJ Offer G	60022G
1	3	6	25	33	DA	Felony Trial Unit B- Drugs	15009
1	3	6	25	33	DCJ	Juvenile Gang Resource Intervention Team (GRIT)	50015
1	3	6	25	33	HD	Corrections Health - Detention Center - 78 beds 5th floor A&B	40025B
1	3	6	25	33	HD	Corrections Health - Detention Center - 156 beds 7th floor	40025C
1	3	6	25	33	HD	Corrections Health - Detention Center - 78 beds 6th floor C&D	40025E
1	3	6	25	33	HD	Corrections Health - Detention Center - 78 beds 7th floor A&B	40025F
1	3	6	25	33	MCSO	MCSO LE: Civil Process	60024A
0	5	5	25	40	DCJ	Adult Offender Mental Health Services	50042
2	2	6	24	41	DCJ	Addiction Services-Adult Offender Residential Maintain <u>Current Service Level</u>	50052B
1	4	5	24	42	DCJ	Juvenile Secure Residential A&D Treatment (RAD)	50021
1	4	5	24	42	DCJ	Addiction Services-Adult Women Residential	50053
1	4	5	24	42	HD	Corrections Health - Detention Center - 156 Beds 8th floor	40025D
1	4	5	24	42	HD	Corrections Health - Detention Center - 78 Beds 7th floor C&D	40025G
1	4	5	24	42	HD	Corrections Health - Detention Center - 78 beds 8th floor A&B	40025H
1	4	5	24	42	HD	Corrections Health - Inverness - 140 Beds Dorm 12 & 13	40028B
0	6	4	24	48	DCJ	Adult Offender Housing	50028A
0	6	4	24	48	DCJ	Addiction Services-Adult Drug Court Program	50047
0	6	4	24	48	MCSO	MCSO Court Services - Courthouse	60018A
0	6	4	24	48	MCSO	MCSO Court Services: Justice Center	6 <mark>00</mark> 18B
0	6	4	24	48	MCSO	MCSO MCIJ Offer H	60 <mark>02</mark> 2H
2	3	5	23	53	DCJ	Juvenile Sex Offender Probation Supervision	50018
2	3	5	23	53	DCJ	Addiction Services-Adult Offender Residential	50 <mark>052</mark> A
1	5	4	23	55	DA	Felony Trial Unit A- Property	15008
1	5	4	23	55	DA	Felony Pre-Trial	15012

25077	Sexual Offense and Abuse Prevention Program	DCHS	55	23	4	5	1
400251	Corrections Health - Detention Center - 78 Beds 8th floor C&D	HD	55	23	4	5	•
40026	Corrections Health - Detention Center - Reception	HD	55	23	4	5	
60015	MCSO Transport	MCSO	55	23	4	5	
60022I	MCSO MCIJ Offer I	MCSO	55	23	4	5	
50032A	Adult Domestic Violence/Deferred Sentencing	DCJ	62	23	3	7	
60016B	MCSO Booking: Classification	MCSO	62	23	3	7	
50049A	Addiction Services-Adult Offender Outpatient	DCJ	64	22	3	6	
40027B	Corrections Health - Donald E. Long 40 Beds	HD	64	22	3	6	
40028C	Corrections Health - Inverness - 285 Beds	HD	64	22	3	6	
40028D	Corrections Health - Inverness - 54 beds Dorm 16&17	HD	64	22	3	6	
40028E	Corrections Health - Inverness - 116 beds dorm 6&7	HD	64	22	3	6	
40028F	Corrections Health - Inverness - 116 beds Dorm 8&9	HD	64	22	3	6	Γ
15015B	Domestic Violence Trial Unit- Elder Abuse and Gun DV	DA	70	21	4	3	
50010	Juvenile Early Intervention Unit (EIU)	DCJ	70	21	4	3	
50036	Adult Day Reporting Center	DCJ	70	21	4	3	
15017	Misdemeanor Trial, Intake, Community Court	DA	73	21	3	5	Γ
50030B	Adult Felony Supervision-Restore Current Staffing Level	DCJ	73	21	3	5	
10019	DSS-Justice	NonD	73	21	3	5	Γ
15013	District Attorney's Office- Investigations	DA	76	20	3	4	Γ
50020	Juvenile Multi-Systemic Treatment Therapy Team (MST)	DCJ	76	20	3	4	
50030C	Adult Felony Supervision - Maintain Community Supervision	DCJ	76	20	3	4	
50032B	Adult Domestic Violence Court	DCJ	79	20	2	6	
50033	Adult Family Supervision Unit	DCJ	79	20	2	6	
40028G	Corrections Health - Inverness - 57beds Dorm 3	HD	79	20	2	6	
50022	Juvenile Accountability Programs	DCJ	82	19	3	3	ſ
50025	Adult Pretrial Supervision Program	DCJ	82	19	3	3	
5 <mark>0068</mark>	Adult Recog Program	DCJ	82	19	3	3	ſ
60 <mark>024C</mark>	MCSO LE: Countywide Investigations	MCSO	85	19	2	5	Γ
6 <mark>002</mark> 4D	MCSO LE: River Patrol	MCSO	85	19	2	5	Г
60024E	MCSO LE: Patrol East	MCSO	85	19	2	5	
25082	A&D Outstationed Staff: Alcohol and Drug Assessment, Referral, and Consultation Services	DCHS	88	19	1	7	
40016	Emergency Medical Services	HD	88	19	1	7	Γ

40028H	Corrections Health - Inverness - 114 beds 4 & 5	HD	88	19	1	7	2
400281	Corrections Health - Inverness - 114 beds 1&2	HD	88	19	1	7	2
60025	MCSO Corrections Work Crews	MCSO	88	19	1	7	2
50028B	Adult Offender Housing Alternative Incarceration Transition Program	DCJ	93	18	2	4	4
50038	Adult Community Service - Formal Supervision	DCJ	93	18	2	4	4
60020A	MCSO Population Management Unit	MCSO	93	18	2	4	4
50054	Addiction Services-Housing Services for Dependent Children	DCJ	96	18	1	6	3
21009	Youth Gang Prevention	OSCP	96	18	1	6	3
21023A	Homeless Youth System	OSCP	96	18	1	6	3
15007	Medical Examiner	DA	99	17	2	3	5
15018	Neighborhood DA	DA	99	17	2	3	5
50027	Adult Transition and Re-Entry Services	DCJ	99	17	2	3	5
91009A	Emergency Management	DCS	99	17	2	3	5
60037	MCSO Digital Booking Recording System	MCSO	99	17	2	3	5
50061	Addiction Services-DUII Services	DCJ	104	17	1	5	4
60024F	MCSO LE: Detectives	MCSO	104	17	1	5	4
60039	MCSO Additional Court Guards	MCSO	104	17	1	5	4
60019	MCSO Inmate Welfare & Commissary	MCSO	107	16	2	2	6
60029	MCSO Domestic Violence/Elder Abuse Protection	MCSO	107	16	2	2	6
50011	Juvenile Assessment & Treatment for Youth and Families	DCJ	109	16	1	4	5
50017	Juvenile Communities of Color Partnership	DCJ	109	16	1	4	5
50031	Adult Field Services - Misdemeanor Supervision	DCJ	109	16	1	4	5
50049B	Addiction Services-Adult Offender Outpatient Alternative Incarceration Program	DCJ	109	16	1	4	5
50062	Addiction Services-Jail/Community Transition Program	DCJ	109	16	1	4	5
40023	Public Health Emergency Preparedness	HD	109	16	1	4	5
60024G	MCSO LE: Special Investigations Unit	MCSO	109	16	1	4	5
60031	MCSO Gang Task Force	MCSO	109	16	1	4	5
60038	MCSO Wapato Jail: Mothball Costs for Facility	MCSO	117	15	2	1	7
50026	Adult Electronic Monitoring	DCJ	118	15	1	3	6
<mark>500</mark> 37	Adult Londer Learning Center	DCJ	118	15	1	3	6
6 <mark>00</mark> 36	Drug and alcohol testing for inmates	MCSO	118	15	1	3	6
50039	Adult Community Service - Community Court & Bench Probation	DCJ	121	15	0	5	5
2 <mark>101</mark> 1	DV Gang Intervention Project	OSCP	121	15	0	5	5
60024H	MCSO LE: Patrol West	MCSO	123	14	2	0	8

60020B	MCSO Population Management Unit: Furlough Supervision	MCSO	124	14	1	2	7
10045	Court Appearance Notification System	NonD	124	14	1	2	7
60023	MCSO Transport Vehicle	MCSO	126	14	0	4	6
50013	Juvenile Informal Intervention	DCJ	127	13	1	1	8
50024	Juvenile Latino Shelter Beds	DCJ	127	13	1	1	8
50040	Adult and Juvenile Forest Project	DCJ	127	13	1	1	8
72097	Public Safety Bond Fund - Completion of Bond Fund Program Projects	DCM	127	13	1	1	8
10019B	DSS-Justice Enhanced	NonD	127	13	1	1	8
40045	Regional Emergency Preparedness	HD	132	13	0	3	7
60008	MCSO Recog at Classification	MCSO	132	13	0	3	7
60020C	MCSO Population Management Unit: Mental Health	MCSO	132	13	0	3	7
60027A	MCSO School Resource Officers	MCSO	132	13	0	3	7
10013A	Local Public Safety Coordinating Council	NonD	132	13	0	3	7
10018	Courtroom Facilities Costs	NonD	132	13	0	3	7
21010	<u>Diversion</u>	OSCP	132	13	0	3	7
91009B	Emergency Management - Business Continuation Plan	DCS	139	12	0	2	8
40051	Corrections Health - Nurse Training	HD	139	12	0	2	8
60016C	MCSO Booking: Gresham Temp Holding	MCSO	139	12	0	2	8
60024B	MCSO LE: Concealed Handgun Permits	MCSO	139	12	0	2	8
60032	MCSO Human Trafficking Task Force	MCSO	139	12	0	2	8
21014	Court Care	OSCP	139	12	0	2	8
50041	Adult Restorative Justice	DCJ	145	11	0	1	9
60026A	MCSO Wapato Jail Offer A	MCSO	145	11	0	1	9
60026B	MCSO Wapato Jail Offer B	MCSO	145	11	0	1	9
60027B	MCSO School Resource Officer: Corbett School District	MCSO	145	11	0	1	9
60030	MCSO TriMet Transit Police	MCSO	145	11	0	1	9
60033	MCSO Metro Services	MCSO	145	11	0	1	9
50067	DCJ Weed & Seed Pass Through	DCJ	151	10	0	0	10
60026C	MCSO Wapato Jail Offer C	MCSO	151	10	0	0	10
60026D	MCSO Wapato Jail Offer D	MCSO	151	10	0	0	10
6 <mark>002</mark> 6E	MCSO Wapato Jail Offer E	MCSO	151	10	0	0	10
<mark>600</mark> 28	MCSO False Alarm Reduction Program	MCSO	151	10	0	0	10

VI. Program Ranking Discussion

There was a high degree of congruence amongst the Safety Outcome team in ranking. We ranked only once and had 98% alignment, differing significantly on only 3 out of 155 offers. The offers where we differed included:

- Patrol West some members felt that the investment was too low for the program to be
 effective. With only one patrol car covering a large geographic area, the response times
 to critical needs are at risk.
- Wapato There are 2 points of view. One is if jail beds are ranked low, "mothballing" must be ranked high. Some believed that the "mothballing" option should not have been assigned to Safety but instead should have been assigned to Accountability. The other is if jail beds are ranked low, alternative ways to deal with the liability should be developed (sell or lease the facility)
- MCSO investigations Some members felt that investigations could be moved to large cities (Portland and Gresham), and small cities should partner with large cities
- After discussion, the team aligned on "High" ranking for offer #60021H MCSO MCDC Offer H

The ADAM (Alcohol and Drug Testing for inmates #60036) program was the highest ranked new program. This is due to the necessity of having timely and accurate information to understand the relationship between illegal drugs and alcohol and crime, so that effective strategies can be developed address this issue effectively.

General comments on ranking approach:

- The nature of the forced ranking (H/M/L) resulted in fostering maintenance of existing programs rather than innovation.
- Offers providing accountability of high and medium risk offenders were ranked higher than prevention and treatment offers. Prevention and treatment offers, though important and solicited in Requests For Offers, were forced into lower rankings. Prevention programs are often more cost-effective than intervention programs.
- Though the team generally ranked "new" program offers lower than existing programs,
 this is because the new programs were seen as requiring potential elimination of a
 successful program currently contributing to desired outcomes, or there was a resulting
 system imbalance by removing an existing program. These are often where the County's
 innovative programs exist, ones that may allow us to provide services more effectively
 than current practice.
- This team believes that cultural competency is something achieved over a period of years, not overnight. At some point, general population programs that can effectively deal with culturally specific needs are the goal. However; in the interim, providing programs that serve overrepresented and high risk populations is essential, as long as they are not exclusionary or duplicative.
- The team ranked on contribution to outcome. We did not consider financial information except in the Wapato comment noted above about opening jails vs. mothballing.

VII. Policy Recommendations

- Develop an investment strategy that allocates funds specifically for innovation.
- Develop a mechanism that leverages the expertise of outcome teams developed during the budget process throughout the year
- Develop measures or benchmarks that allow for cross program comparisons, such as cost per client served or cost per successful outcome/ result.
- Develop county position on subsidies for unfunded state and federal mandates
- Develop and apply a consistent policy for COLA for providers. Is it for social service providers only or does it also include other services such as telecommunications?
- Restorative justice needs to be a foundational part of Multnomah County's approach to public safety
- There may be challenges due to scope differences between the county and city/county definition of "safety"