

## **CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** **Staff Presentation Worksheet**

Presentation Date: April 13, 2010      Time: 1:30      Length: 30 minutes

Presentation Title: Domestic Violence Strategies

Department: Health, Housing & Human Services

Presenters: Cindy Becker

### **POLICY QUESTION:**

What strategies should the County engage in to address domestic violence?

### **ISSUE & BACKGROUND**

At the request of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), County staff met with key stakeholder and key informants over a three-week period as a result of recent domestic violence incidents. Acknowledging the good work of current system agencies and community providers already addressing domestic violence, focus group members and key informants were asked three basic questions: 1) *What do you see as the Problem regarding Domestic Violence?*; 2) *What Services are Available to Victims of Domestic Violence*; and 3) *What are the gaps and potential strategies to enhance the current system?*

Recommendations from task group centered focuses in the following areas:

- Increase public awareness of domestic violence and resources
- Increase prevention and response services
- Enhance communication and coordination within the county and within the Tri-County area
- Designate/fund a position at the County as the point person to work with public and private sectors

The attached report reflects recommendations from the task group as well as input from BCC members.

### **QUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Should the County invest County General Funds and staff resources in developing countywide strategies on prevention and response to domestic violence?

### **OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

1. Do not make additional investments of county general funds or resources
2. Fund part of the proposal – staff position
3. Fund part of the proposal – contracts with private providers
4. Fund the entire proposal

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Fund the entire proposal.

Domestic Violence has a human and financial cost for victims and families, impacting many parts of the system. The investment recommended in this report is an important first step to lay a foundation for this critical work.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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