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AGENDA DATE: May 16, 2007

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services

PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh



AGENDA TITLE: ORDER _____ / IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING THE EUGENE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF "CHOICES IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE AS A HUMAN RIGHT"

I. MOTION

ORDER _____ / In The Matter Of Recognizing The Eugene Human Rights Commission For Their Sponsorship Of "Choices In Mental Health Care As A Human Right."

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Organizations throughout Oregon and the United States declare the month of May, as National Mental Health Month which provides an opportunity to raise awareness about mental health issues and recognize the contributions of local community organizations towards promoting mental health wellness.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background/Analysis

The Eugene Human Rights Commission sponsored a one-day conference "Choices in Mental Health Care as a Human Right" in the fall of 2006. The conference was designed to raise awareness within our community about the need to transform the mental health system, engage in a dialogue with consumers and survivors of mental health care about the stigma and discrimination attached to mental illness, and promote an interest in addressing the human rights for mental health care consumers. The conference was attended by 300 participants and was a resounding success in motivating the community to work towards a future free of stigma, where human rights and mental health care rights are guaranteed for people experiencing mental health issues.

B. Alternatives / Options

1. To recognize the Eugene Human Rights Commission for their sponsorship of "Choices in Mental Health Care as a Human Right."
2. Not to recognize the Eugene Human Rights Commission for their sponsorship of "Choices in Mental Health Care as a Human Right."

C. Recommendation

The Board of County Commissioners recognizes the Eugene Human Rights Commission for their sponsorship of "Choices in Mental Health Care as a Human Right."

D. Timing

Upon Board approval, the Eugene Human Rights Commission will be recognized for its sponsorship of the "Choices in Mental Health Care as a Human Right."

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation will be completed as stated above in Timing.

V. ATTACHMENT

Board Order

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER:) IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING THE EUGENE HUMAN
) RIGHTS COMMISSION FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF
) "CHOICES IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE AS A HUMAN RIGHT"

WHEREAS, promoting and protecting the health, safety, and wellbeing of individuals, families, and our communities is a major goal of Lane County, and

WHEREAS, May is recognized as National Mental Health Month; and

WHEREAS, the observance of National Mental Health Month affords an opportunity to recognize contributions of local community organizations towards promoting mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, the Eugene Human Rights Commission through its sponsorship of the "Choices in Mental Health Care as a Human Right" conference benefited the community by raising awareness about the need to transform the mental health system, engaged the community in dialogue with consumers and survivors of mental health care about the stigma and discrimination attached to mental illness and promoted an interest in addressing the human rights for mental health care consumers.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Lane County Board of County Commissioners recognize the Eugene Human Rights Commission for their sponsorship of "Choices in Mental Health Care as a Human Right."

DATED this _____ of May, 2007

Faye Stewart, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 5/3/07 lane county
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