



MULTNOMAH COUNTY
FY 2022 Budget Work Session Follow Up – Department of County Human
Services

Department of County Human Services – May 11, 2021

Question 1

Commissioner Jayapal (District 2): Could you clarify the rationale for splitting up the contract management and system capacity management functions in Program Offer #25137B, as well as the decision to staff the contract management portion internally rather than with a service provider?

Response: With respect to this program, the initial proposal was to cut the backbone function completely and add these work activities to the portfolio of YFS staff. Subsequent conversations with the Chair's office led us to restore the backbone and to split out the functions of the former backbone into two primary areas: system support and advocacy, and contract management. Both areas are fully funded in the FY 2022 proposed budget. For YFS this also includes an additional FTE to manage these contracts, and support program implementation.

We have opted to retain the contract management functions in the YFS Division. This will allow the Division to support the initiative in a more direct way, and to work alongside the Successful Families' partners to support their work, and to learn about the implementation, so that we can identify practices and processes that we can incorporate into other programs in the Division.

The revised backbone function will maximize efforts focused on system support for providers on the ground and with school districts, support data analysis and evaluation of the project's services and programs, and advocacy for policy and practice change to most effectively support student and family success.

We continue to work with the Successful Families' partners to develop these relationships and revised roles and responsibilities.