ARTICLE 2
DEFINITIONS

1. Continuous Service

Means uninterrupted employment with Multnomah County subject to the following provisions:

A. Continuous service shall include uninterrupted employment with another governmental agency accomplished in accordance with and subject to ORS 236.610 through 236.650.

B. For purposes of determining length of service prior to July 1, 1975, an interruption in employment of fourteen (14) months or less shall constitute continuous service, in addition to those individually documented cases previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners, the Chair, or Employee Services counsel.

C. For purposes of determining what constitutes a break in employment after July 1, 1975 continuous service is terminated by voluntary termination, involuntary termination due to expiration of a layoff list, or discharge for cause.

2. Countywide Seniority

The period of an employee’s continuous service with Multnomah County, as calculated in accordance with Article 14, Section 2.B.

3. Essential Employee

An employee who has been designated as “essential” and is required to report for duty regardless of facility closure or curtailment of some or all County operations in accordance with the provisions of Article 15, Section 8.

4. Full-Time Employee

An employee regularly scheduled to work thirty-two (32) or more hours per week if on an eight (8) hour per day schedule; or an employee regularly scheduled to work thirty (30) or more hours per week if on a ten (10) hour per day schedule.

5. Full-Time Equivalency (FTE):

The number of hours that:
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A. an employee in Corrections Health is regularly scheduled to work during their fourteen (14) consecutive day FLSA period, averaged per week, and then divided by forty (40), or

B. an employee in all other programs/clinics is regularly scheduled to work during two (2) consecutive FLSA workweeks, averaged per week, and then divided by forty (40).

For example, the FTE for an employee regularly scheduled to work an average of forty (40) hours over two (2) consecutive FLSA workweeks is 1.00; for an employee regularly scheduled to work an average of twenty (20) hours over two (2) consecutive FLSA workweeks is .50.

6. Initial Trial Service Employee

An employee serving a six (6) month-period of initial trial service to determine the employee’s suitability for continued employment, such period to begin on the date of the employee’s appointment from a certified eligible list. **Upon written notice to the affected employee and ONA, the six (6) month initial trial service period may be extended by up to an additional six (6) months; the notice will include the reasons for the extension and the performance or behavioral changes that will be required to successfully complete the initial trial service period.** An employee’s initial trial service period will be automatically extended by the length of any approved leave of absence.** During the period of initial trial service, the employee may be dismissed without recourse to the grievance procedure if, in the opinion of the employee’s supervisor, the employee’s continued service would not be in the best interest of the County. A dismissed employee shall be afforded, upon request, an opportunity to discuss their dismissal with the Department Director or the Department Director’s designee(s).

If an initial trial service employee is granted a transfer to another division within the Health Department, the employee may be subject to an additional six (6) month initial trial service period.

7. Job Class Seniority
1 The total length of accumulated service with the affected job classification for
2 purposes of shift and vacation bidding, and lateral transfers within the classification.
3 Seniority is calculated in accordance with Article 14, Section 2.B.
4 8. **Job Sharing**
5 Job sharing position means a full-time position that is held by two (2)
6 employees on a shared basis, thus each employee works .5 FTE.
7 9. **Limited Duration Appointment**
8 A. Limited duration appointments may be made for special studies or
9 projects of uncertain or limited duration, which are subject to the continuation of a
10 grant (excluding grants for currently on-going programs like Early Childhood
11 Services, etc.), contract, award or special funding (special funding is defined as
12 funding that is designated as limited in duration with the possibility of no continuation
13 beyond a budget cycle). Such appointments shall be for a stated period not
14 exceeding two (2) years but may expire earlier. Limited duration employees shall be
15 scheduled on a full-time or part-time basis and receive benefits and union
16 representation per this agreement.
17 B. A newly hired employee in a limited duration position is excluded from
18 layoff rights since the employee’s appointment from the outset is determined to be
19 time, task and work unit limited. Newly hired employees appointed under this section
20 will only accrue seniority pursuant to Article 14, Section 2.B.7.
21 C. A regular employee appointed to a limited duration appointment shall
22 be reinstated to a position in the employee’s former classification for purposes of
23 layoff or when the limited duration appointment ends. Regular status employees will
24 continue to accrue seniority as if in their regular assignment. Limited duration
25 appointments shall be made only with the agreement between the Association and
26 Labor Relations.
27 10. **Managerial Employee**
Means a person who formulates policy or has a major role in the administration of policy; provided that such role is not of a routine or clerical nature and requires the exercise of independent judgment.

11. **On-Call Employee**

An individual hired to perform sick, vacation, or variable load relief work on a sporadic basis when, in the County’s judgment, no other form of appointment is practicable.

12. **Part-Time Employee**

An employee regularly scheduled to work at least twenty (20) hours per week or .5 FTE, but less than full-time.

13. **Job Profile Change Trial Service**

A. Upon moving into a job profile requiring a more advanced healthcare credential, a regular employee will serve a six (6) month trial service period to determine the employee’s suitability for continued employment in the new job profile.

B. Upon moving into a new work assignment for which there is a different position description but within the same job profile, a regular employee will serve a three (3) month trial service period to determine the employee’s suitability for continued employment in the new job profile.

Examples would include: an ICS nurse transferring to corrections; transferring between primary care and PAC-RN; or taking a community health, communicable disease or infection preventionist position.

In both scenarios in A and B above, the new trial service period will begin on the date of the employee’s appointment to the new position. If, in the discretion of either the employee or the employee’s supervisor, the employee is not successful during the new trial service period, the employee shall be returned to their prior position. If the employee’s prior position is not available, the employee shall be transferred to the
position and department from which they transferred. If there is no vacant position in
the employee’s former job profile and department, then the employee will be
reassigned pursuant to Article 14(D) of this Agreement.

**43.14. Regular Employee**

The status a classified employee acquires after successful completion of the
initial trial service period for the particular position to which the employee was
appointed. A classified employee is an employee in County service who is not in a
temporary or on-call position.

**44.15. Supervisory Employee**

An employee having authority in the interest of the employer to hire, transfer,
suspend, layoff, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other
employees, or having responsibility to direct them, or to adjust their grievances, or
effectively to recommend such action, if in connection therewith, the exercise of such
authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of
independent judgement.

**45.16. Temporary Employee**

A non-regular employee. The County agrees to notify the Association when
any temporary employee has worked three (3) months.