

**Local Government Advisory Committee
Room 473, Human Services Building, Salem
February 8, 2008
Minutes**

ATTENDING

Trisha Baxter	DHS – Office of Payment Accuracy and Recovery
Ben Boswell	Wallowa County Commissioner
Max Brown	DHS – Office of Federal Financial Policy
Janet Carlson	Marion County Commissioner
Joe Corsiglia	Columbia County Commissioner
Bill Coulombe	DHS – Public Health Division
Pricilla Cuddy	DHS – Transformation Initiative Team
Gary DiCenzo	Clackamas County Department of Human Services
Ron Dodge	Polk County Commissioner
David Foster	DHS – Transition Initiative Team
Gordon Fultz	Association of Oregon Counties
Sharon Guidera	Association of Mental Health Programs
Bill Hall	Lincoln County Commissioner
John Hartner	Oregon Association of Community Corrections
Tony Howell	League of Oregon Cities
Chuck Hurliman	Tillamook County Commissioner
Chris Johnson	Yamhill County Health and Human Services
Marilyn Miller	Oregon Commission on Children and Families
Linda Modrell via phone	Benton County Commissioner
Jim Neely	DHS – Children, Adults and Families Division
Sue Nelson	DHS – Administrative Services
Bob Nikkel	DHS – Addictions and Mental Health Division
Fariborz Pakseresht	DHS – Transformation Initiative Team
Clyde Saiki	DSH – Deputy Director
Mary Shortall	Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services
Michael Stickler	DHS – Office of Federal Financial Policy
Julie Strauss	DHS – Office of Federal Financial Policy
John Swanson	DHS – Office of Budget, Projection and Analysis
James Toews	DHS – Seniors and People with Disabilities Division
Bill Wagner	Cascades West Council of Governments
Gilliam Wesenberg	Coalition for Local Co. Comm. on Children & Families
Sandy Wood	Division of Medical Assistance Programs

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chuck Hurliman called the meeting to order and explained to LGAC the meetings will now be recorded digitally and those recordings will be available on the DHS website for anyone who wants to listen to them. The minutes will be reduced to summary with action items. Roundtable introductions were made.

Minutes from the January 2008 and November 2007 meetings were approved. There were no additions to the agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Clyde Saiki

DHS Rebalance Report – John Swanson

John Swanson discussed the DHS rebalance report that will be presented to the Legislature next week. The report is available on the DHS website.

DHS TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE PROGRESS REPORT – Fariborz Pakseresht & David Foster

Fariborz Pakseresht discussed the Child Welfare Staffing Study currently underway by McKinsey. The staffing study is about 95% completed. This report is due by the end of February. Phase I of the Transformation Initiative will be completed by mid-June. An RFP for Phase II, the implementation phase is being drafted.

David Foster discussed the department-wide initiatives based on discussions with the executive staff of DHS. LGAC engaged in this same exercise at the December 2007 meeting. There were many consistencies between the two groups.

UPDATE ON DHS AUDITS TO COUNTIES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDERS – Trisha Baxter

Trisha Baxter discussed the process which DHS uses for auditing Medicaid providers. A workgroup is being formed to do discuss specific issues around audits and they will work in partnership with providers.

PSRB FACILITY PLACEMENT – Bob Nikkel

Bob Nikkel discussed additional PSRB placements. DHS is working on policy planning for the next 10 years. A workgroup will be formed by DHS in collaboration with law enforcement, sheriff's association, district attorneys and county commissioners to discuss equitable placement and notification issues. More information will be coming.

Bob also mentioned the Oregon Advocacy Center has filed a lawsuit against the city of Milwaukie citing discrimination in housing.

Action Item:

Bob Nikkel will send out a list of definitions and statistics of PSRB releases to LGAC.

AOC HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Bill Hall

AOC Human Services Committee will be meeting at 12:30 p.m. today. Discussion will be on Medicaid audits, PSRB homes, Legislative special session and measure 40's fiscal impacts. Gina Nikkel will have an update on activities of the Oregon Health Fund Board.

Additional Comments/Discussion:

The question was asked if there were regulations on air quality or HVAC for senior assisted living/nursing home facilities.

There are requirements on the physical facility. Adult foster care must be inspected by a local authority.

Action Item:

Clyde Saiki will get the hotline number to report abuses and forward it to LGAC.

Chuck Hurliman commented that DHS should have a cross-relationship with county incident command teams before the state has another emergency. Clyde has been in contact with Mike Harryman, DHS Emergency Preparedness regarding this issue.

NEXT MEETING

Settlement Audit – requested by Ben Boswell

February Session – Clyde Saiki

PSRB Community Update – requested by Gary DiCenzo

Initiative Process Update – requested by Chuck Hurliman

National Association of Counties Conference and Human Services Steering Committee Resolutions – Janet Carlson

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Public Health Interim Director – Dr. Michael Skeels

Update on the Approach to Congressional Delegation – suggested by Tony Howell

SB 5520 Budget Notes – Clyde Saiki

Health Fund Board – Barney Speight (Spring 2008)