

**Local Government Advisory Committee
Room 473, Human Services Building, Salem
June 13, 2008
Minutes**

ATTENDING

Ben Boswell	Wallowa County Commissioner
Kevin Campbell	GOBHI/EOHSC
Janet Carlson	Marion County Commissioner
Marcia Clark	Commission on Children and Families
Bill Coulombe	DHS – Public Health Division
Morgan Cowling	Association of Oregon Counties
Ron Dodge	Polk County Commissioner
Linda Fleming	Conference of Local Health Officials
Gordon Fultz	Association of Oregon Counties
Bruce Goldberg	DHS – Director
Bill Hall	Lincoln County Commissioner
John Hartner	Oregon Association of Community Corrections
Chuck Hurliman	Tillamook County Commissioner
Chris Johnson	Yamhill County Health and Human Services
George Kloepfel	Lane Council of Governments
Bob Nikkel	DHS – Addictions and Mental Health Division
Gina Nikkel	Assoc. of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs
Clyde Saiki	DHS – Deputy Director
Mary Shortall	Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services
Kevin Stuffelbean	Coos County Commissioner
James Toews	DHS – Seniors and People with Disabilities Division
Patty Wentz	DHS – Director’s Office
Gillian Wesenberg	Douglas County Commission on Children and Families
Sandy Wood	Division of Medical Assistance Programs

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chuck Hurliman called the meeting to order and roundtable introductions were made. The minutes from the May meeting were approved and there were no additions to the agenda.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Bruce Goldberg

The Community Forums are completed and DHS is now creating their Agency Request Budget that will be delivered to the Governor’s Office by September 1, 2008. The Emergency Board will be meeting in June and we anticipate some fiscal

restraint from the Legislature due to the recent revenue forecast. DHS will not be asking for additional funding. The draft of the policy option packages will be posted on the DHS website in the next week or two and any feedback on the POPs needs to be received within a week after posting.

DHS is recruiting for a Public Health Director and a Children, Adults and Families Director.

CLHO CAPACITY ASSESSMENT – Linda Fleming/Morgan Cowling

Linda Fleming discussed the CLHO strategic planning session that resulted in the development of a list of priorities. The first priority was to do a capacity assessment of the local public health systems. Morgan Cowling of AOC partnered with CLHO to accomplish the assessment. A survey was sent to all 38 public health departments around the state with 100% response. The results of the survey show the local public health departments are spread too thin; they cannot do 100% of any area questioned.

Action Item:

A companion document is available that identifies in detail what the issues are for each region of the state and Linda Fleming will send a copy to DHS.

HOW DO WE MARKET A QUALITY HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM – Gordon Fultz

Gordon Fultz discussed some marketing ideas for a quality human services program such as the DHS “needs-based” budget. We also need to demonstrate to the Legislature the dynamics and hydraulics of the human services system, if funding is limited or reduced in one area how it will affect the entire system. We need to look into new resources for funding such as the beer and wine tax and the possibility of dedicating a portion of every dollar that goes to human services be dedicated to prevention, early intervention, and recovery.

The next step would be to come back in August and lay out how to begin to approach this idea.

TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE UPDATE, COUNTY SURVEYS – Fariborz Pakseresht

Fariborz briefly discussed what has been accomplished so far with Phase I of the Transformation Initiative with the completion of the benchmarking and baselining exercises. McKinsey is in the process of developing a DHS roadmap to the future. Phase II (implementation) will begin over the next month and take 12 to 18 months to complete.

ACUTE CARE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL ACCESS – Bob Nikkel

Bob Nikkel discussed some of the issues around access to acute care psychiatric facilities. Funding, staffing and availability of beds are just a few of the challenges. The lack of adequate funding for sub-acute facilities is also a major concern.

Bob Nikkel and Bruce Goldberg are working on policy option packages to address this issue and would welcome input.

The Governor's PSRB Siting Committee has held two meetings so far. Additional questions regarding PSRB and community notification can be sent to Bob Nikkel.

AOC HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Bill Hall

Next Thursday at Willamette University will be a State Leadership Summit on Homelessness. The Governor's Ending Homelessness Advisory Council has been working for the past year on developing a 10-year plan to ending homelessness.

The AOC Human Services Steering Committee meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. today. The agenda will include the Transformation Initiative, CLHO Capacity Assessment, and other items.

NEXT MEETING

Two New Initiatives – suggested by John Hartner

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Transformation for Mental Health – Madeline Olson

Oregon Health Fund Board – Barney Speight (suggested by Gina Nikkel)

Public Health Interim Director – Dr. Michael Skeels

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

*Senior Facilities Not Accepting or Dropping Medicaid/Medicare or Having to

Move a Person Further from Family – suggested by Chuck Hurliman

*Escalation of Hospital Costs, What is Causing This? – suggested by Chuck Hurliman

*First discussion at AOC, then bring forward to LGAC