

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

ATTENDING

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| Cindy Becker | Clackamas County Department of Human Services |
| Randy Blackburn | DHS – Federal Financial Policy |
| Rod Calkins | Marion County Health Department |
| Georgena Carrow | DHS |
| Bill Coulombe | DHS – Public Health Division |
| Morgan Cowling | Association of Oregon Counties |
| Ari Eddinger | Student Intern (job shadowing Bruce Goldberg) |
| Bruce Goldberg | DHS – Director |
| DeAnna Hartwig | DHS – Seniors and People with Disabilities Division |
| Tony Howell | League of Oregon Cities |
| Chuck Hurliman | Tillamook County Commissioner |
| George Kloepfel | Lane Council of Governments |
| Linda Modrell | Benton County Commissioner |
| Sue Nelson | DHS – Administrative Services |
| Bob Nikkel | DHS – Addictions and Mental Health Division |
| Gina Nikkel | Assoc. of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs |
| Jeanny Phillips | DHS – Division of Medical Assistance Programs |
| Clyde Saiki | DHS – Deputy Director |
| Barney Speight | Oregon Health Fund Board |

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

DIRECTOR’S REPORT/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Bruce Goldberg

The issue of timber payments is still a major concern for both state and local governments.

Clyde Saiki gave an overview on the Timber Task Force. Draft recommendations from the Timber Task Force are on the Governor’s website and open for public comment until August 22, 2008. The Task Force will meet again in September to finalize the recommendations.

The economy is very volatile at this time and as it slows the demand for human services increases. DHS is seeing a decline in revenue and yet requests for services are up. Indications from the state economists over the next six months are that revenue should remain fairly flat, but the growing concern is less revenue for the next biennium.

OREGON HEALTH FUND BOARD – Barney Speight

The Oregon Health Fund Board was created by SB 329 and was charged to develop a comprehensive plan on how to contain annual increase in costs, expand coverage, improve health care systems and improve overall health of all Oregonians.

The Board working through six committees began with the Massachusetts Model of Health Reform as a framework. The Board concluded the Massachusetts Model is a feasible way of getting Oregon closer to a universal model. However without a reliable revenue stream to help pay the premiums for low to middle income people, the Massachusetts Model will not work.

A draft report from the Board will be completed by the end of August. A public comment period will be held during September where the Board will hold public hearings and meet with stakeholders. The report will be finalized in October and sent to the Governor and Legislature.

Barney Speight and Bruce Goldberg are invited to attend the AOCMHP meeting in Eugene on November 18-20, 2008. Gina Nikkel will send formal invitations.

HB 2175 USE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT INFORMATION – Georgena Carrow

Georgena discussed the department initiative to implement legislation that was passed last session concerning criminal background checks on our employees, providers and volunteers. ORS 409.025 and 409.027 authorizes DHS to also use abuse and neglect information when screening these applicants. A report on the implementation process will be presented to the Legislature.

A committee will develop recommendations for screening DHS employees, providers and persons licensed, certified, registered or otherwise regulated by DHS to provide care. DHS has been gathering best practices from other states to create an effective and workable fair system. The priority for DHS is to have an established system to effectively protect clients.

The department will establish an employment exclusion registry for the highest level of abusers. Lesser levels of abuse will be used in a screening process similar to the criminal records process that DHS already has in place.

TRANSFORMATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH – Bob Nikkel

Addictions and Mental Health Division has named their members to the Transformation Team. One of the two major projects is to streamline and improve recruitment and hiring practices at the Oregon State Hospital, particularly for doctors and nurses and also to improve the contracting processes at the central office. One issue for AMH will be to look at is siting for community facilities.

Bob also discussed the Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment (NIA Tx) Model. This model helps in getting people into treatment as quickly as possible.

AOC HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Morgan Cowling

The August meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be on September 12, 2008.

NEXT MEETING

Revenue Restructuring (discussion by Tim Nesbitt or Lane Shetterly) – suggested by Linda Modrell for either September or October

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Two New Initiatives – suggested by John Hartner

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