

**Local Government Advisory Committee  
Room 473, Human Services Building, Salem  
November 14, 2008  
Minutes**

**ATTENDING**

Ben Boswell	Wallowa County Commissioner
Rod Calkins	Marion County Health Department
Ron Dodge	Polk County Commissioner
Linda Fleming	Conference of Local Health Officials
Gordon Fultz	Association of Oregon Counties
Bill Hall	Lincoln County Commissioner
Richard Harris	DHS-Addictions and Mental Health Division
John Hartner	Oregon Association of Community Corrections
Tony Howell	League of Oregon Cities
Chuck Hurliman	Tillamook County Commissioner
Chris Johnson	Department of Human Services Polk County
Cathy Iles	DHS – Transformation Initiative Team
Mel Kohn	DHS – Public Health Division
George Kloeppe	Lane Council of Governments
Linda Modrell	Benton County Commissioner
Jim Neely	DHS – Children, Adults and Families Division
Gina Nikkel	Assoc. of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs
Clyde Saiki	DHS – Deputy Director
Mary Shortail	Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services
Micheal Stickler	DHS – Office of Federal Financial Policy
Ralph Summers	DHS – Addictions and Mental Health Division
Gillian Wesenberg	Douglas County Commission on Children and Families
Sandy Wood	DHS – Division of Medical Assistants Programs

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chuck Hurliman called the meeting to order and round table introductions were made. The minutes from the October meeting were approved with exception of correction under MMIS action item on second page, should read Chris Johnson and Tony Howell.

Amendment to agenda: table item number six on Revenue Restructuring Taskforce Report. The report is completed and will be sent to Clyde Saiki.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Clyde Saiki**

On November 19 the Revenue Forecast will be out and the early indication is a lower forecast than originally projected. The Governor's Recommended Budget will be released on December 1. Instructions from Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) are for a 20% reduction plan for next biennium in increments of 5%. Additionally, LFO requested a plan for a 5% reduction for the current biennium. The completed reduction plan is available on the DHS website.

The Governor has made it clear his priorities are for health coverage for children and investments in public health. These challenges can be seen as opportunities to look at different avenues for revenue such as a beer and wine tax, etc. While situations like this tend to make

people want to defend their specific areas, it is important that we are more united and look at the entire Human Services system. DHS will be looking to LGAC for input, support and guidance through these difficult times. DHS will wait for the revenue forecast to be released to strategize. The group presented an idea of having a committee review reduction plans before they are completed in order to give input. Concern was expressed about where cuts in programs will take place.

**Action Item:**

John Hartner requested that after the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) comes out, it would be helpful if DHS would show where we started with the needs-based budget and what of that remains in the GRB.

Fariborz Pakseresht has accepted a six month job rotation with the Oregon Youth Authority. In the interim DHS will continue moving forward with the Transformation Initiative.

**DHS KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES – Cathy Iles**

The emphasis on Key Performance measures for the agency and working closely with Legislative Fiscal Office to capture accuracy of investments in core services. The Key Performance measures are division specific and relate to the mission and goals of DHS. DHS has identified f High-Level Performance Indicators. They are: **Prevention**, people no longer needing services or staying at the same level of service as opposed to needing higher level or more services; **Access**, making sure that people have access to the services they need to be independent, healthy and safe; **Service Quality**, once client is receiving services we want to make sure they are appropriate, effective and high quality; and **Organizational Effectiveness**, is necessary to provide the above prevention, access and service quality as well as having the capacity and resources with strong client relationships. The detail is helpful in trouble shooting issues and challenges. Send comments to [cathy.f.iles@state.or.us](mailto:cathy.f.iles@state.or.us).

**RESULTS OF MMIS TRAINING DISCUSSION – Ralph Summers**

In response to questions from the last LGAC meeting regarding the new MMIS system, there are approximately 1400 people in residences in which Medicaid primarily pays for and is administered through AMH, these cases will be moved to the MMIS system and will be preauthorized through a plan of care. This action is to assure resources are being used to government guidelines. Rehabilitative services will also use part of MMIS system that does a prior authorizations.

**AOC CONFERENCE PREVIEW – Bill Hall/Gina Nikkel**

The annual AOC conference will be held November 18-21. The Human Services Steering Committee will be meeting the afternoon of November 18. Some of the agenda items are a discussion of the Governor's budget; an update on the development of the 10-year plan to end homelessness; a discussion with the Commission on Children and Families on leadership priorities, draft letters of support to the congressional leadership, reviewing the timber task force recommendations and legislative strategies for next year.

AOCMHP meets all day Wednesday where Bruce Goldberg will discuss the budget, the Transformation Initiative and the DHS direction; Barney Speight will talk about the Oregon Health Plan Board; Linda Rosenberg, Executive Director of National Counsel; Bob Nikkel will talk about integration and Jeremy Emerson will discuss the Medicaid Audit Committee.

Thursday, November 20 will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a one-hour panel on Public Health. Mary Lou Hendridge, Oregon Public Health Institute will discuss the importance to have a central point of accountability in the counties; Mel Kohn speaking on his perspective on public health, Jenny Leonard speaking about capacity assessment and future concerns of public health.

**TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- MMIS Update
- Transformation Initiative
- DHS Key Performance Measures
- Governor's Budget Recommendation
- Communication
- Measure 57 and the Effect on Drug and Alcohol

**NEXT LGAC MEETING:**

December 12, 2008