

**Local Government Advisory Committee  
Room 473, Human Services Building, Salem  
January 9, 2009  
Minutes**

**Attending:**

Rod Calkins	Marion County Health Department
Janet Carlson	Marion County Commissioner
Marsha Clark	Oregon Commission on Children and Families
Morgan Cowling	Association of Oregon Counties
Ron Dodge	Polk County Commissioner
Linda Fleming	Conference of Local Health Officials
Gordon Fultz	Association of Oregon Counties
Bobby Green, Sr.	Association of Oregon Mental Health Programs
Bruce Goldberg	DHS, Director
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	Yamhill County Health and Human Services
George Kloeppe	Lane Council of Governments
Mel Kohn	DHS, Public Health Division
Jim Neely	DHS, Children, Adults and Families Division
Gina Nikkel	Association of Oregon Mental Health Programs
Clyde Saiki	DHS, Deputy Director
Jim Scherzinger	DHS, Deputy Director of Finance
Mary Shortall	Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services
Kevin Stufflebean	Coos County Commissioner
John Swanson	DHS, Budget and Policy Analysis
James Toews	DHS, Seniors and People with Disabilities Division
Gillian Wesenberg	Douglas County Commission on Children and Families
Sandy Wood	DHS, Division of Medical Assistance Programs

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chuck Hurliman welcomed everyone to the meeting and roundtable introductions were made. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. There were no additions to the agenda.

### **Director's Report – Bruce Goldberg**

The national unemployment rate for December is 7.2%, in Oregon the rate is 8.1%. The Legislature will be looking at a revenue forecast of about \$1 billion under what is need for the current service level in the state. In order to maintain health and human services, a federal stimulus package is needed. We anticipate \$75 – \$150 billion will come to health and human services programs around the country. An increase in the Medicaid FMAP percentage to the state would amount to about \$1 billion. That would free up \$1 billion in General Fund.

The Governor's commitment to human services is the funding for human services stays with human services regardless of any additional funding from the federal government. He would also like to see a human services reserve fund.

### **Action Item:**

Mary Shortall will send Diana a document from EcoNW on the economy to forward to LGAC.

### **Budget Discussion – Jim Scherzinger/John Swanson**

John Swanson discussed the way reductions were made in Addictions and Mental Health for the current biennium in conjunction with the counties. A similar process can be utilized to determine potential cut to the 2009-11 budget.

Bruce proposed looking at 10 and 20% reduction. Mel Kohn (Public Health), James Toews (Seniors and People with Disabilities) and Richard Harris (Addictions and Mental Health) were named as point persons for the coordination of each group. Each group will report back at the next LGAC meeting. Clyde will track the groups. Start with the Essential Budget Level and then determine what 10% and 20%.

The LGAC representatives for the three program areas are Linda Fleming on public health, Mary Shortall on seniors and Gina Nikkel for mental health. Linda Fleming requested having information on dollars from DHS in advance of meeting with the individual groups. They will check in at the next LGAC meeting on parameters.

### **Topics for Next Meeting:**

Recap individual budget reduction meetings and discuss parameters –