

**Local Government Advisory Committee**  
**Room 473, Human Services Building, Salem**  
**February 13, 2009**  
**Minutes**

**Attending:**

Rod Calkins	Marion County Health Department
Connie Carley	Commission on Children and Families
Janet Carlson	Marion County Commissioner
Cathy Cooper	DHS, Senior and People with Disabilities Division
Bill Coulombe	DHS, Public Health Division
Morgan Cowling	Association of Oregon Counties
Ron Dodge	Polk County Commissioner
Gordon Fultz	Association of Oregon Counties
Bruce Goldberg	DHS, Director
Bobby Green	Association of Community Mental Health Programs
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 Kloepfel	Lane Council of Governments
Linda Modrell	Benton County Commissioner
Jim Neely	DHS, Children, Adults and Families Division
Jeanny Phillips	DHS, Division of Medical Assistant Programs
Clyde Saiki	DHS, Deputy Director
Mary Shortall	Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services
Gillian Wesenberg	Douglas County Commission on Children and Families

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chuck Hurliman welcomed everyone to the meeting and roundtable introductions were made. The minutes from the last meeting were approved with the correction to the date (2009). A brief update on MMIS was added to the agenda.

**Director's Report/Legislative Update – Bruce Goldberg**

The next revenue forecast will be out on February 20, 2009 and it is likely to show the state is down anywhere from \$500 million to \$1 billion for the 2007-09 biennium. The federal stimulus bill should be signed next week which may help with the current biennia.

The stimulus bill will increase the Medicaid match rate retroactive to October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010 and will provide across the board 6.2 percent increase in match with an unemployment adjustment. This increase would help with the agency's deficit.

Over the past eight months, DHS has reduced the agency deficit by \$94 million with hiring freezes and supply cuts. In December, \$21 million of cuts in services were taken. Vocational Rehabilitation services, the JOBS program and TANF benefits were reduced.

The Legislature may have to use some of the rainy day fund as well as program reductions to all agencies in order to help with the state deficit.

Bruce discussed a draft report on how cuts to DHS programs affect each county. The final report on specifics by county will be out no later than Monday.

**Action Item:**

DHS Economic Effect on Communities report will be sent out to LGAC when it becomes final.

**MMIS Update – Clyde Saiki**

Progress is being made with the MMIS system. Currently the three biggest issues are eligibility, plan of care for seniors, and claims processing. A focus group is working specifically on the adult foster home issue. The target date for fixes on the three major areas listed above is March 1, 2009. Other MMIS issues that arise can be sent to Clyde.

**Recap Budget Reduction Meetings and Discuss Parameters – Richard Harris/Bill Coulombe/Cathy Cooper**

Richard Harris discussed the Addictions and Mental Health work group findings. The group focused on cuts to the 2007-09 budget and followed the same format for 2009-11. The group decided to identify specific core services and protect those services. They will be meeting again in a couple of weeks to discuss prioritizing services.

Bill Coulombe discussed the Public Health work group findings. The five major principles identified were to avoid diluting programs, not to cut general fund programs if those programs could be funded in another way, conserve the local flexibility to respond to local health needs, preserve the core public health functions, and preserve programs that have a statewide impact.

Cathy Cooper discussed the Seniors and People with Disabilities work group findings. For the 2009-11 budget reduction of \$234 million, developmental disabilities takes a \$45 million cut and aged and people with physical disabilities takes about \$189 million in cuts. With the developmental disabilities work group, part of the planning is to meet quarterly to review and adjust budgets in order to stay on top of it and continue planning throughout the biennium. The aged and people with physical disabilities cuts are catastrophic. DHS is working closely with the O4AD for options and will meet again in the next week or two to discuss the long-range future.

All of the groups will continue meeting throughout the budget reduction process. The county partners of each group have not yet reported back to their respective county commissioners or associations.

**Topics for Next Meeting:**

Budget Reduction Meetings Update -

Stimulus Package Update and How Other States Are Doing -

Legislative Update -

Updates on Other Entities: (at some point, suggested by Gordon Fultz)

- Commission on Children and Families
- Corrections
- League of Oregon Cities