

**Local Government Advisory Committee
Room 473, Human Services Building, Salem
May 8, 2009
Minutes**

Attending:

Randy Blackburn	Administrative Services Division
Rod Calkins	Marion County Health Department
Morgan Cowling	Association of Oregon Counties
Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown	Conference of Local Health Officials
Ron Dodge	Polk County Commissioner
Linda Fleming	Conference of Local Health Officials
Bruce Goldberg	Director, DHS
Bill Hall	Lincoln County Commissioner
Richard Harris	Addictions and Mental Health Division, DHS
John Hartner	Association of Community Corrections
Tony Howell	League of Oregon Cities
Chuck Hurliman	Tillamook County Commissioner
Chris Johnson	Yamhill County Health & Human Services
George Kloepfel	Lane Council of Governments
Mel Kohn	Public Health Department, DHS
Patrick McIntire	Budget and Policy Analysis, DHS
Linda Modrell	Benton County Commissioner
Jim Neely	Children, Adults and Families Division
Laurie Price	Federal Financial Policy Analysis, DHS
Len Ray	Addictions and Mental Health Division, DHS
Clyde Saiki	Deputy Director of Operations, DHS
Mary Shortall	Multnomah County Area Agencies on Aging
James Toews	Seniors and People with Disabilities Division, DHS
Gillian Wesenberg	Douglas Co. Comm. on Children and Families
Sandy Wood	Division of Medical Assistance Programs, DHS

Welcome and Introductions

Chuck Hurliman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. An update on the Integration Project was added to the agenda.

Director's Report – Bruce Goldberg, DHS

The revenue forecast is due out on May 15 and is unlikely to be better than previous forecasts. The state budget is likely to include a combination of revenue raising measures and probably a 10-15% reduction.

DHS just finished our rebalance of the 2007-09 budget and are balanced through the end of the biennium. We are now in the process of reshoot for the 2009-11 budget based on the spring caseload forecast.

Legislative Update – Clyde Saiki, DHS

HB 2009 creates the Health Authority is effective on July 1, 2009 and SB 856 gives us two years to take effect. We anticipate that one of these bills will pass and DHS will look very different.

Concern by the local health departments is that the focus is on health care and not realizing that part of what health departments do is also restaurant inspections, drinking water, radiation, swimming pools, etc.

Caseload Projections – Patrick McIntire, BPA

Patrick gave a summary of the biennial average forecast comparison and need forecast for the 2009-11 biennium. The results are about a 25% increase in caseloads across the board.

The detailed Spring 2009 Forecast document can be found on the DHS website at www.oregon.gov/DHS/data/forecasts/2009/spring_detail.pdf

Swine Flu Update – Mel Kohn, PHD

Chapter one of the swine flu is winding down, we will continue to see some outbreaks for the next month or so, but a decrease in numbers. Then in mid to late fall we will probably see an increase in cases. There is a lot of work to be done between now and the fall.

Public Health will debrief at the Agency Operations Center today and this should be the last day the command center will be running.

Prioritizing Services and Populations – Len Ray, AMH

The process DHS used to determine cuts of 8% in November is the same process we used in determining the potential 30% cut in services. DHS partners were asked to assist in identifying ways in which those cuts should be considered, if it becomes a reality.

Len gave a brief overview of the criteria for A&D and Adult Mental Health that the workgroup developed.

Security Breach to the DHS System Update – Clyde Saiki, DHS

The second week of April there was an intrusion into one of the DHS servers. The IP address was traced back to somewhere in Sweden. Once the intrusion was detected, we immediately shut the system down and moved all the applications to another server with

more security. Then an analysis was done to determine what damage was done by the intruder. The hacker was in the system for less than ten minutes.

This incident demonstrates the need for specific lines of communication between the state and the counties and protocol when something like this occurs. It would be helpful for counties to know who to call for each department.

MMIS Update – Clyde Saiki

MMIS has three critical issues, benefit coverage letters are being sent out to clients and this issue is being resolved. Enrollment information we give to the plans has started going out with only a couple of minor glitches. The third issue is the auto enrollment feature which we hope will be resolved in the next two weeks. There are still things to work through, but progress is being made.

It would be very helpful to have one person assigned to a major provider, so that provider only needs to contact one person.

Action Item:

Clyde agreed to send out a letter to AAA case managers regarding MMIS to give them hope that things are getting better.

Integration Demonstration Project Update – Richard Harris, AMH

AMH Reported back on the Integration Demonstration Project to the Ways and Means Committee on April 20, 2009.

A hearing is scheduled with the Senate Human Services and Rural Health Committee on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. on the implementation of pilot projects.

Topics for Next Meeting:

Revenue Forecast

Proposed Budget (most of the meeting)

MMIS Update