



**Local Government Advisory Committee  
Special Ad Hoc Meeting, HSB 137 A-B, Salem  
July 17, 2009  
Minutes**

**Attending:**

Morgan Cowling	Association of Oregon Counties
Gordon Fultz	Association of Oregon Counties
Bobby Green, Sr.	Association of Community Mental Health Programs
Richard Harris	DHS, Addictions and Mental Health Division
Tony Howell	League of Oregon Cities
Kelsey Lewis	Association of Oregon Counties
Gina Nikkel	Association of Community Mental Health Programs
Jim Scherzinger	DHS, Deputy Director of Finance
Kevin Stufflebean	Coos County Commissioner
Sandy Wood	DHS, Division of Medical Assistance Programs

**Via Conference Call:**

Cindy Becker	Clackamas County Health and Human Services
Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown	Conference of Local Health Officials
Erinn Kelley-Siel	DHS, Children, Adults and Families Division
Jim Neely	DHS, Children, Adults and Families Division
Clyde Saiki	DHS, Deputy Director of Operations

**HB 2009 Update:**

DHS is considering three tracks when looking at creating the Oregon Health Authority:

- 1) Technical track
- 2) Organizational track
- 3) Policy track

The Department has two years to have two separate agencies in place but there will be milestones that will have to be met before then, for example, the budget process for the 2011-13 biennium begins in six months.

The Oregon Health Policy Board members will be appointed by the Governor. The Board will begin their work around health care reform and policy in the State of Oregon.

During the transition period Bruce will continue as director of DHS and has been designated by the Governor to lead the HB 2009 transition effort. We will set up a project management team that will drive the process for transition. We have already begun mapping out existing structure in DHS. The project management team will be working on the transition with a project leader and a full-time project manager.

Cabinet will be heavily involved as well as an external stakeholders group. The stakeholder group will include representatives from LFO, AOC, DAS, Legislators and other stakeholders. This will be a high level group and will have input in the process. The stakeholder involvement on the technical side has not been sorted out. The stakeholder group will be related to the transition and would only exist for two years.

There may be some shared services between the two state agencies around infrastructure. There must be a strong connection between the two agencies. Over the next two years there will be some transition of governance to discuss joint issues. Communication is crucial and decisions will not be made in a vacuum.

The stakeholder group would be at the high level and the existing partnership groups would be at the program level. We do not want to create more structure if it already exists.

LGAC will be a helpful in an advisory capacity; a sounding board for ideas and things not previously considered.

Bruce Goldberg will hire someone to begin dealing with all of the policy issues and committees involved with HB 2009.

**Next Steps:**

AOC and other associations will develop a strategy and principles of where to focus engagement with the state prior to the next LGAC meeting in September.