



**Local Government Advisory Committee
Room 473, Human Services Building, Salem
September 11, 2009
Minutes**

Attending:

Tricia Baxter	DHS, Transformation Initiative
Cindy Becker	Clackamas County Department of Human Services
Randy Blackburn	DHS, Transformation Initiative
Rod Calkins	Marion County Health Department
Margaret Carter	DHS, Deputy Director of Human Service Programs
Morgan Cowling	Association of Oregon Counties
Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown	Conference of Local Health Officials
Ron Dodge	Polk County Commissioner
Tina Edlund	DHS, Oregon Health Authority
Bobby Green, Sr.	Association of County Mental Health Programs
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
Mike Lamon	DHS, Transformation Initiative
Linda Modrell	Benton County Commissioner
Judy Mohr-Peterson	DHS, Division of Medical Assistance Programs
Jim Neely	DHS, Administrative Services Division
Gina Nikkel	Association of County Mental Health Programs
Reed Ritchie	Oregon Assoc. of Community Corrections Directors
Clyde Saiki	DHS, Deputy Director of Operations
Mary Shortall	Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services
John Swanson	DHS, Budget, Planning and Analysis
James Toews	DHS, Seniors and People with Disabilities Division

Welcome and Introductions

Chuck Hurliman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roundtable introduction were made. The minutes from the June meeting were approved and there were no additions to the agenda; however the order presented will change.

Director's Report – Clyde Saiki

Clyde discussed what HB 2009 will do to the department and introduced Margaret Carter to LGAC.

Margaret Carter briefly discussed her role with DHS and HB 2009. She is excited to be with DHS and is looking forward to the opportunity of working with our partners to deliver services to the most vulnerable citizens in the state.

DHS is preparing for the interim committee meetings and the ways and means subcommittee meetings at the end of this month through the first part of October. We are asking for 14 grants. We are closely tracking the appeals of the tax initiatives that were passed during the last session. Should these tax initiatives be repealed, DHS would suffer significant cuts.

There have been a couple of staff changes at DHS: Jim Neely, formerly CAF Field Services is now the Chief Administrative Officer for Administrative Services; Jim Edge, Assistant Director of the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) has decided to retire and today is his last day in the office, and Judy Mohr-Peterson has accepted the appointment as Deputy Director of DMAP.

SB 163 passed in 2007 allows the sharing of client information without the client's consent. There is discussion of introducing a bill that will fix the original bill.

The MMIS system is still having some issues. The auto enrollment function has not been working, but the fix is scheduled to go into production next week. It will roll out by county beginning with Malheur and Polk counties. Another issue is disenrollment function and the fix for this will also go into production next week.

H1N1 Update/Report on H1N1 Summit – Mel Kohn

Public Health Division is continuing to prepare for a large number of people contracting the H1N1 virus. The good news is likely that the vaccine will only require one injection instead of two for adults and should be available in early October. We are working at putting together a communications plan for public notification and information. The Public Health Division is collecting immunization plans from each county. These plans will differ from county to county. Other resources will be available to the counties from the state.

Linda Modrell asked that the county commissioner be able to see the survey.

Many counties have a business continuity plan, which is what DHS is using as a guide if a large number of staff are out sick.

Action Item:

Mel Kohn will get the survey to Morgan Cowling to forward to County Commissioners.

Mary Shortall asked for clarification on the vaccine priority as it relates to the definition of a health care provider.

James Toews said that issue is being discussed in the Seniors and People with Disabilities Division to clarify those definitions. Mel Kohn said that Public Health is also having discussions on the definition and it remains in flux at this time.

Mel encouraged the counties to do whatever it takes to get the systems moving, the funds received from the federal government will be going out in the September 15 contract amendments, please make sure your county is ready when the vaccine becomes available.

HB 2009 Update – Tina Edlund

Tina Edlund introduced herself and gave a brief background.

HB 2009 created the Oregon Health Authority and the separation of health functions from DHS into the Health Authority and also brings in several outside agencies such as the Office of Private Health Partnerships, the High Risk Pool, the Oregon Prescription Drug Program and the Office of Health Policy, the Public Health Division, The Addictions and Mental Health Division, the Public Employees Benefit Board and the Oregon Educators Benefit Board.

The Governor appointment the members of the Board and we anticipate their confirmation on October 1, 2009. We anticipate the first meeting as early as the second week of October, but will let LGAC know.

The Board will appoint the members to the Purchasers Committee and the Workforce Committee. If you have names you would like to nominate for the purchasers or workforce committees, please contact Tina Edlund at (503) 947-2342 or email tina.d.edlund@state.or.us.

A brief update on the Healthy Kids Program was given by Judy Mohr-Peterson. A letter will be sent out next week to the same community stakeholder groups to see if they would be willing to assist DHS again in collecting names for the opening of the Oregon Health Plan.

The information has been sent to CMS for permission to open the Oregon Health Plan.

DHS Transformation Initiative, Partnership Theme – Mike Lamon, Tricia Baxter, Morgan Cowling and Clyde Saiki

Based on the roadmap developed by our consultant, there are two initiative tracks called (Partnership Theme) PT01 and PT02. There are 450 organizations that could possibly be DHS partners. PT01 is Policy Councils and PT02 is Streamlining Process and Reducing Administrative Burdens. The purpose of the policy councils is to provide a venue for county commissioners and local governments have access to DHS decision makers to have input at the development stage of new policies. There will be governance forums and policy forums. We

will be working with AOC Human Services Committee for which county commissioners would be on the governance forums. We are proposing they would meet quarterly with LGAC meeting seven times per year and no meeting in December.

The other element is policy councils that would have access to their peers in DHS. This group would utilize existing groups such as O4AD, AAAs and SPD; AOCMHP and AMH; and CLHO and PHD. We will be conducting a baseline electronic survey sent to select county commissioners and local county program directors in the next month or so. The idea was to not create new meetings, but to utilize those groups that already exist.

PT02 Streamlining Processes and Reducing Administrative Burden is the second piece. We are working with four pilot counties Coos, Clackamas, Crook and Klamath (PT02A) and the goal is to work with those counties to develop a questionnaire that will be used statewide to baseline services and identify areas that are burdensome or have administrative barriers. We will be going to Klamath County on Monday. Once the four counties have vetted the survey, it will be presented to the steering committee and O4AD, CLHO and AOCMHP. That survey will then be used statewide to get a baseline to determine where we can do some process improvement. This is a long process.

The PT02B is for quick hits that will reduce administrative burdens. This process looks at obvious processes that can be eliminated.

Topics for Next Meeting:

Update on OHP Standard Rollout and Healthy Kids

Update on Division Transformation Initiatives link to counties

Update on the new Addictions Commission