

**Local Government Advisory Committee
To the Department of Human Services
Room 473, Human Services Building, Salem
February 11, 2005**

Attending

Anne Peltier	Conference of Local Health Officials
Barry Kast	DHS-Assistant Director, Health Services
Ben Boswell	Wallowa County Board of Directors
Bill Crowell	DHS-Office of Information Services
Bill Wagner	Cascade West Council of Governments
Cathy Cooper	DHS-Seniors & People with Disabilities
Chris Johnson	Yamhill County Health and Human Services
Chuck Harliman	Tillamook County Commissioner
Cindy Becker	DHS-Deputy Director
Clyde Saiki	DHS-Chief Administrative Officer, Administrative Services
David Foster	Oregon Housing and Community Services
Gary Weeks	DHS-Director
Gillian Wesenberg	Douglas County Commission on Children and Families
Gina Firman	Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs
Irene Fischer-Davidson	Clackamas County Human Services
Jim Neely	DHS-Children, Adults & Families, Field Services
Joe Corsiglia	Columbia County Board of Commissioners
John Hartner	Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors
Linda Modrell	Benton County Board of Commissioners
Patty O'Sullivan	DHS-Legislative Coordinator, Director's Office
Ramona Foley	DHS-Children, Adults & Families
Robert Furlow	Douglas County Health & Social Services
Ron Dodge	Polk County Health & Social Services
Sharon Guidera	Association of Mental Health Program Directors
Tony Howell	League of Oregon Cities
Vic Todd	DHS-Assistant Director, Finance & Policy Analysis

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ben Boswell called the meeting to order and roundtable introductions were made. The January 14, 2005 minutes were accepted with corrections.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Gary Weeks reported that a settlement has been reached between the Parry Center and SEIU. Both parties worked hard. Striking workers are back to work.

A decision was made to complete the closure of the Adolescent Center at the State Hospital. There are 16 clients over the age of 13 and under the age of 30. Out of the 16, 12 will go to the Farm Home operated by Trillium, and four will go to other kinds of placements. March 1st is the target date to have the children moved into the Farm Home.

DHS has been in front of Ways & Means since February 3rd. We are working thru three phases of the budget review process.

Weeks reported that the Department was required to develop a 10% cut list. This is in addition to the cuts already recommended in the Governor's Budget. The prioritized list of 10% cuts is on the website. Phase I will be completed by March 1. Phase II will begin on March 1 and run until May. Phase III is projected to begin in May.

VETERAN'S/NATIONAL GUARD

Gina Firman reported that Congresswoman Darlene Hooley has been having a series of meetings on the Veteran's coming home from Iraq. There are several that have come home and 700 that are due to come home in March. The National Guard feels they are not ready for some of the problems they are seeing so Barry Kast and Firman have been attending these meetings. The main problem they are seeing in other states where more troops have come back is the need for severe crisis intervention and suicide prevention. Kast and Firman have been working together with OMHAS.

MESSAGE UPDATE

Ben Boswell reminded everyone that we need to be on the same page sending the same message that we support the Governor's proposed budget. AOC Legislative Committee will be considering the Governor's proposed budget.

Cindy asked when you say AOC does that include Community Mental Health Director's, or would they take a separate vote? Gina said they support whatever the Commissioners vote on. The message is that we are partners and we are supportive.

PRESENTATION ON SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER PROGRAM

Barry Kast stated that one of the goals of public health and the department in general is to make access available to people who need care. This is a vital part of the safety net of services particularly for adolescents. The program was cut three years ago and then restored during the last session. It is included in the Governor's budget for expansion to five additional counties.

Bob Nystrom and Anne Johnston conducted a presentation on school based health centers. Nystrom discussed data collection, funding, provided services and spoke about community involvement by the schools, hospitals, local practitioners, grants and fundraisers. Nystrom also mentioned billing and fee collection which helps with about 32% of their average operating budget.

The school-based health center is a primary care operation within a school setting or on school grounds, sometimes referred to as a "doc in a box." A major focus of school based health centers is prevention.

The center has a primary care practitioner and a fairly rich staffing pattern in some of the centers. The centers offer a predictable array of services and are not done in isolation, but done in full partnership with a wide variety of partners in a community setting. Some centers are used for dual purpose and are actually open to the community for community based care in the evenings but we usually separate those populations from service because one of the real clear access issues for especially adolescent health is their feeling they can access a confidential setting.

A map of where the centers are in what counties was distributed.

UPDATE ON OSH MASTER PLAN

Bob Nikkel reported that a request for proposals was issued two months ago. Two nationally recognized architectural engineer firms made a bid on Phase I which is a \$120,000 general planning process that would require a report to be submitted to the Legislature on May 15th. A letter has been sent to one of the firms saying they would like to proceed to negotiate a contract. The process will get started quickly. In the meantime a temporary project manager will be hired who will be stationed out at the State Hospital. A small steering committee will be formed to work with the Architectural Engineer. Stakeholders will be involved as quickly as possible. Phase II if funded by the Legislature, (there is a policy option package in the Governor's recommended budget) is a more detailed extensive planning process.

GORDON'S REPORT

Gordon Fultz reported on the attempt to participate in the phases of the Ways & Means process. Counties somehow are prohibited from being seen in front of the subcommittee for Phase I. AOC has been asked by several members of Ways & Means as to why they are not getting the local side of the presentation, not that DHS is not presenting, but AOC is not at the table to talk about the impact of the proposed cuts and or budget on the local level. AOC has gone to leadership in every way possible to beg that AOC be allowed to present and is told that is in Phase II. Phase II is the public testimony. AOC has asked to be sure the agency will be allowed to talk about the local side as best they can in their presentation of the services.

COUNTY CONTRACTS UPDATE

Clyde Saiki and Gordon Fultz provided an update on the County Contracts process. Saiki, Fultz, Patrick Henry (legal counsel for Multnomah County), and Larry Young (DOJ) have been working on new language for the boilerplate. The goal is to get the new language to county counsels for review in March. Saiki and Fultz reported that this has been a collaborative process and substantial progress has been made.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ways and Means
Devolution – Gordon
Report on Children’s Initiative Contract Process
Federal Budget

NEXT MEETING

Date: March 11, 2005
Time: 9:00 – Noon
Location: Room 473, Human Services Building

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