

**Local Government Advisory Committee
Room 473, Human Services Building, Salem
December 8, 2006
Minutes**

ATTENDING

Susan Allan	DHS – Public Health Division
Ben Boswell	Wallowa County Commissioner
Janet Carlson	Marion County Commissioner
Marsha Clark	Oregon Commission on Children and Families
Cathy Cooper	DHS – Seniors and People with Disabilities Division
Joe Corsiglia	Columbia County Commissioner
Bill Crowell	DHS – Office of Information Systems
Gary DiCenzo	Clackamas County Human Services
Ron Dodge	Polk County Commissioner
Jeremy Emerson	DHS – Contracts and Procurement
Cara Fischer	Association of Oregon Counties
David Foster	Oregon Housing and Community Services
Ramona Foley	DHS – Children, Adults and Families Division
Gordon Fultz	Association of Oregon Counties
Bruce Goldberg	DHS – Director (via conference call)
Bill Hall	Lincoln County Commissioner
John Hartner	Oregon Association of Community Corrections
Tony Howell	League of Oregon Cities
Cathy Iles	DHS – Finance and Policy Analysis
Chris Johnson	Yamhill County Health and Human Services
Erinn Kelley-Siel	Governor’s Office
Linda Modrell	Benton County Commissioner
Bob Nikkel	DHS –Addiction and Mental Health Division
Gina Nikkel	Assoc. of OR Community Mental Health Programs
Fariborz Pakseresht	DHS – Administrative Services Division
Debra Patterson	Oregon Juvenile Department Directors’ Association
Anne Paltier	Conference of Local Health Officials
Jeannie Phillips	DHS – Division of Medical Assistance Programs
Lynn Read	DHS – Division of Medical Assistance Programs
Clyde Saiki	DHS – Deputy Director
Jim Sellers	DHS – Office of Communications
Mickey Serice	DHS – Children, Adults and Families Division
Mary Shortall	Multnomah County Aging & Disability Services
Stephanie Smythe	Department of Justice
Larry Young	Department of Justice

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Linda Modrell called the meeting to order and roundtable introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA

The minutes from November 2006 were reviewed and approved.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additions to the agenda.

Gordon Fultz made special presentations on behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties to Erinn Kelley-Siel (Governor's Office), Clyde Saiki (DHS), Stephanie Smythe (DOJ), and Larry Young (DOJ) for their work on the contract negotiations.

Ben Boswell discussed the formalized agreement between the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) with a Memorandum of Understanding.

Fariborz Pakseresht also presented certificates of appreciation to Gordon Fultz, Scott Parker and Dan Olson for their hard work on the contract negotiations.

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET – Erinn Kelley-Siel

On the Governor's website (<http://www.oregon.gov/Gov/index.shtml>) is both a short budget brief as well as the detailed budget document. The Governor's Recommended Budget recognizes the opportunity to do new things in Oregon and is optimistic that the legislature will approve it. This budget makes a significant investment increases the Human Service budget by 26-27%.

A section in the budget is dedicated to health with an investment in OHP Standard, Public Health and children's health care. Some of the investments in public health will shore up the emergency medical system, trauma system, school-based health centers and the assurance of clean water.

The Governor has made significant investments in respect to children and families focused on children in foster care as well as investments in alcohol and drug treatment, intervention and prevention targeted to children and families who are at risk of entering the child welfare system or are already in the system. Also in the Governor's budget are investments in the Commission on Children and Families system, juvenile crime prevention, alcohol and drug prevention with a youth substance abuse prevention initiative that will expand community coalitions and implement the evidence-based Strengthening Families Program.

Mental health investments are targeted at the community level with more crisis intervention, more supported housing, employment opportunities and funding to start pilot projects for local jails to better transition people with mental health issues back into communities. There are investments in more community placements in mental health and the State Hospital Master Plan.

There are investments proposed in the Governor's Recommended Budget for the East Program taking it statewide to serve more young adults with early intervention along with investments in the infrastructure for AAA equity and for local county A&D to bring them up to per capita funding levels.

There is more investment in domestic violence services, and at least \$2 million for five new drug courts with the priority for drug courts that serve families working on reunification as well as support for existing courts.

There was discussion about the DHS rate setting process and the work being done by the current actuary. Bruce told the group the DHS has a POP which would allow the department to bring the actuary work in house rather than contracting it out. Chris shared that other states are trying to actuarially understand outcomes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Clyde Saiki

E-Board and rebalance went very smoothly and quickly. Regarding the special appropriation for caseload, DHS will not need all the additional money – approximately 9.8 million less than was set aside.

The E-Board decided to continue the current funding level for the Older American's Act Family Caregiver Program through the end of the biennium.

Added funding for DHS to contract with a company SpeakWrite, which is an internet-based transcription service for caseworkers to dictate narrative by calling into the service and with a return email with the completed narrative within 1 -2 hours. The caseworker can then download the narrative directly into our case narrative systems. DHS will be contracting with SpeakWrite through the end of the biennium.

DHS PERFORMANCE MEASURES – Cathy Iles

As a follow up conversation, Cathy discussed ideas for the next step in the performance measure process in preparation for the legislative session. The key performance measures are still high level and what is missing are the measures for managing and decision making that lead into those key performance measures. There needs to be a conversation with county partners to describe the county pieces

that link to DHS key performance measures to tell the full story to the legislature. The intent is to present a shared State and County system with common definitions and outcomes.

Cathy suggested a subcommittee to help coordinate these efforts consisting of LGAC and DHS representatives. The subcommittee can refine key performance measures with help from partners. Short-term group volunteers are: Ben Boswell, Janet Carlson, Gina Nikkel and Anne Peltier. Longer term group volunteers are: Janet Carlson, Ben Boswell, Chris Johnson and Anne Peltier.

Action Item:

Mary Shortall will send information or web link with Multnomah County performance measures to Diana Woods to forward to LGAC.

DHS LEGISLATIVE CONCEPTS – Patty O’Sullivan

DHS has 38 legislative concepts this session. Normally agencies submit a first draft to Legislative Counsel and get one back with 14 days to make changes. This year, DHS had four concepts with no second draft; however the first drafts look fairly good. Two other concepts are not in as good a shape. One is the TANF reauthorization that goes with the TANF POP that was not what we wanted. There will be amendments out prior to the bill. The other one is use of Abuse and Neglect Records. DHS needs the authority to use this information beyond their specific programs. This is a long-term project and there is no POP at this time.

The list of DHS legislative concepts is attached.

PANDORA, PANDEMIC FLU EXERCISE REPORT – Dr. Susan Allan

The first draft of the after action report is complete, and the final report is due on December 15, 2006. Every local public health department participated, most of the hospitals, and more than half of the emergency managers participated. Integration at the community level was better than at the state level. The information flow between DHS and the Office of Emergency Management was not perfect and communication between Salem and Portland had problems. Communication was an issue but results were better than expected. The local level had fewer complexities due to the smaller size of their communities. The State was overwhelmed by the overall magnitude of the exercise and didn’t deal as effectively as anticipated. Currently there is not a good system to accurately reflect real time data of injuries, deaths, and hospitalizations. The information templates were good and the local/state practice on messaging has substantially improved. DHS is making major steps at the state level and having a state level crisis communication plan. What is missing is the integration down into the

communities. The statewide online database on available hospital beds was not used as effectively as it could have been. The gaps mentioned are very serious, which now become the next steps.

There was a very small component at the state level and some communities had a component on vulnerable populations. Some of the communities did a good job, while others have not done anything to date. Advisories went out in other languages, which went well.

Each county did a local assessment that is more relevant to the specific county than the state report that is more overall. Tony Howell mentioned that Linn County is implementing a number of ongoing public health/maintenance tasks, i.e. having their maintenance staff wipe down phones and door knobs, to mitigate the impact of flu season.

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Leadership Team could develop a course summary of the critical points and provide to each county to inform the commissioners as part of the follow-up to the exercise.

WEST NILE VIRUS – Dr. Susan Allan

West Nile is here in Oregon. It is spread by a specific type of mosquitoes that feeds both on birds and people. Not all mosquitoes feed on both. Oregon has had 70 reported cases with one death. 85% of people infected either have no symptoms or believe they have a mild case of the flu and are not diagnosed. The best recommendations to reduce the risk of infection are to use insect repellent, wear long sleeve shirts, and eliminating the puddles where mosquitoes spawn. The primary intervention is public education. The DHS website has excellent information on West Nile Virus.

LGAC MEETING SCHEDULE DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION

During the upcoming legislative session, DHS Cabinet meetings will be moved to Friday mornings, LGAC meetings will be moved to 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE UPDATE – Bob Nikkel

DHS is holding up on moving forward with the rate for children's intensive treatment services. DHS has been able to collect supplemental information, sort through data more carefully and added over 500 kids that had not been counted into the rate setting process. Overall it is a reduction of about \$1 million. For some MHOs it is a dramatic reduction while others actually get an increase. Bob Nikkel wants to recalculate the rate for October, November, and December of 2006. DHS held off Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for rates

until the last minute and got the best possible rate for now. DHS is working on bringing the actuarial

AOC HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Janet Carlson

The meeting to be held this afternoon will debrief on what was approved at the November Conference. The discussion will be about the presentation to the legislature committee on the proposal for this Monday. Agreement was reached in Eugene on the beer and wine or malt beverage recovery fee to support principles, focused on treatment and prevention along with the comprehensive view of it.

NEXT MEETING

Pain Commission as it relates to prescription drugs (Oxycontin) and the tension between pain relief and addiction.

Performance Measures (pending), report on work group progress.

Treatment Effectiveness – Karen Wheeler

Community Placement (front end piece) – Bob Nikkel

Clarification on transition back to Medicaid/Social Security Services SB963

(Clyde Saiki will talk to Bob Nikkel for next month, otherwise table until Feb.)

Children’s Investment in the State (future agenda item) – David Foster

Briefing on Info 2-1-1 (future agenda item) – David Foster

Adjourned at 12:00 pm

The next LGAC meeting is January 12, 2007 (10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)