

Local Government Advisory Committee
Room 473, Human Services Building, Salem
April 10, 2009
Minutes

Attending:

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| Cindy Becker | Clackamas County Health and Human Services |
| Randy Blackburn | Administrative Services Division |
| Jeanette Burkett | Seniors and People with Disabilities Division |
| Janet Carlson | Marion County Commissioner |
| Cathy Cooper | Seniors and People with Disabilities Division |
| 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 |
| Gordon Fultz | Association of Oregon Counties |
| Bobby Green, Sr. | AOCMHP |
| Bill Hall | Lincoln County Commissioner |
| Richard Harris | Addictions and Mental Health Division |
| John Hartner | Oregon Association of Community Corrections |
| Tony Howell | League of Oregon Cities |
| Chuck Hurliman | Tillamook County Commissioner |
| Chris Johnson | Yamhill County Health and Human Services |
| Katy King | Public Health Division |
| George Kloeppe | Lane County Council of Governments |
| Linda Modrell | Benton County Commissioner |
| Judy Mohr-Peterson | Budget and Policy Analysis |
| Gina Nikkel | AOCMHP |
| Clyde Saiki | Deputy Director |
| Mary Shortall | Multnomah County Area Aging |
| Kevin Stufflebean | Coos County Commissioner |
| John Swanson | Budget and Policy Analysis |
| Ryan Vogt | Children, Adults and Families Division |
| Gillian Wesenberg | Douglas Co Commission on Children and Families |
| Sandy Wood | Division of Medical Assistance Programs |

Welcome and Introductions

Chuck Hurliman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were approved and there were no additions to the agenda.

Budget Report – John Swanson

DHS is midway through the presentations to Ways and Means with Seniors and People with Disabilities Division starting on April 15. DHS is working on the rebalance which is scheduled for the end of April or early May, with the reshoot set for mid-May.

John Swanson also discussed the LFO required budget reduction option at 30% of the agency's essential budget level. The reduction list was produced using the new federal match rate. A more detailed document of the impact these cuts would have on people, as well as the economic impact in lost jobs is currently being worked on.

Action Item:

Gina Nikkel requested the fact sheets for the 30% reduction and the resulting economic loss by county be emailed to LGAC. (Note: The fact sheets referred to have not been developed.)

Overview of Budget Reductions, Community Corrections – John Hartner

The reductions for Community Corrections were anticipated to be at \$12.5 million. This amount was reduced to \$7 million. Most counties managed the reduction in typical ways with elimination of vacant positions, reduction in some treatment contracts and some county lay offs. A 30% reduction would result in 6-7 institutions closed with more people under supervision, fewer services for mental health and addictions services and additional crime in the communities.

Direct Contracting Bills – Gina Nikkel

HB 2736 and HB 2989 have been introduced in the Legislature and one of the bills would allow DHS to contract outside the local mental health authorities, which DHS already does with addictions. This would make it difficult for the counties to manage the whole system. The bills may be dead, but Gina requested LGAC to keep watch.

Richard Harris went on record to say that DHS opposes both of these bills.

Mental Health System Redesign – Richard Harris

The intent of the mental health system redesign is to bring together an integrated delivery system, and integrated management and funding systems to include Medicaid and non-Medicaid eligible funds and Medicaid and non-Medicaid eligible individuals for health care, addictions and mental health. AMH is developing on a demonstration project for an integrated delivery system. Service integration is already happening in many communities. Richard will report back to the Ways and Means Committee.

Topics for Next Meeting:

Caseload projections – Judy Mohr-Peterson

Legislative Update –

Will the current biennium budget stay balanced? – Clyde Saiki

Security Breach to the DHS System Update – Clyde Saiki