



Governance Forum
Room 473, Human Services Building, Salem
November 13, 2009
Minutes

Attending:

<p>Tammy Baney Tricia Baxter Randy Blackburn Margaret Carter Bill Coulombe Morgan Cowling Tina Edlund Amy Fauver Gordon Fultz Kathy George Bobby Green Sr. Bruce Goldberg Bill Hall Richard Harris Chuck Hurliman Mike Lamon Ann Lininger Eric Moore Jim Neely Gina Nikkel Lynn Read Clyde Saiki Jim Scherzinger Mary Shortall Kevin Stufflebean John Swanson James Toews Mark Webb (via phone) Sandy Wood</p>	<p>Deschutes County Commissioners Transformation Initiative, DHS Administrative Services Division, DHS Deputy Director of Human Services Programs, DHS Deputy Director, Public Health Division, DHS Association of Oregon Counties Deputy Director for Policy and Implementation, OHA Director of Legislative and Government Affairs, OHA Association of Oregon Counties Yamhill County Commissioner Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs Director, DHS Lincoln County Commissioner Assistant Director, Addictions and Mental Health Division, DHS Tillamook County Commissioner Transformation Initiative, DHS Clackamas County Commissioner Children, Adults and Families Division, DHS Chief Admin. Officer, Administrative Services Division, DHS Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs Division of Medical Assistance Programs, DHS Deputy Director of Operations, DHS Deputy Director of Finance, DHS Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services Coos County Commissioner Budget, Planning and Analysis, DHS Assistant Director, Seniors & People w/Disabilities Division, DHS Grant County Judge Division of Medical Assistance Programs, DHS</p>
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Welcome and Introductions

Gordon Fultz welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Governance Forum and explained the concept of the forum. Roundtable introductions were made.

Bruce Goldberg discussed the future of the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority. He briefly touched on the issue of health care reform.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will purchase health care for about 850,000 Oregonians through several avenues such as the Oregon Health Plan, the Public Employees Benefit Board, school district employees, the high risk pool, etc. OHA will be looking at new and better ways to provide insurance products for people. DHS and the counties will jointly investigate whether it would be beneficial for some (or possibly all) counties begin in the state insurance pool or continue in their existing arrangements.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oregon Health Authority will share many of the same clients. Many of our partners will continue to be partners to both agencies. Our goal is to move forward with the health agenda while also continuing with the transition into two agencies. Even though the program structure will be split into two entities, the business structure will be shared by both.

DHS has been working with AKT as a business process consultant. We plan to begin to map out our business processes over the next several months and make decisions on what processes to share and what to split. Our stakeholders/partners are part of the discussions and provide input with the transition. The completion of the transition should be in the next year. The Legislature establishes July 1, 2011 as the separation date.

There is an opportunity for the state and counties to strengthen and improve the way we work together.

Margaret Carter spoke about the making sure that CAF and SPD does not get lost in the transition. She will facilitate this transition and ensure the programs continue to deliver quality services and clients can access those services. Margaret assured everyone the delivery of services is paramount and we are listening to the concerns and will be transparent with our stakeholders and partners.

Tina Edlund discussed the organization of the Oregon Health Authority. There are two standing permanent committees: a citizen board and a public employers' purchasers committee.

Jim Scherzinger briefly discussed the AKT contract for clarification. The AKT contract is about the administrative structure of the two agencies. The process AKT is working on will be completed in six months.

Measures 66 & 67

John Swanson spoke about the potential of \$190 million in lost revenue should Measures 66 and 67 fail. John anticipates impact statements by county to be out soon.

DHS started with the 30% reduction list requested by the Legislative Fiscal Office prior to the last budget cycle. Since the reductions may not be effective until mid-way through the biennium, it works out to be more of a 15-18% reduction.

Richard Harris explained that for Addictions and Mental Health Division, there was a short time to work out the budget. They also looked at matching funds so the Medicaid match would not be lost.

Bill Coulombe said that the Public Health Division's general fund budget is less than 10%. Public Health will continue to work with CLHO and prioritize wherever general funds were being used.

Lynn Read said that the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) is very limited in choices for cuts. All of the money through DMAP has federal fund dollars attached and we must ensure we are not jeopardizing

an entire Medicaid program. Administrative actions would include rate reductions, benefit reductions and population reductions in order to meet the necessary cuts.

James Toews said there would be \$100 million in general fund reductions on top of the \$65 million reduction from the last legislative session. To get to the 10% rate cuts, SPD would have to cut providers, administration and staff.

Eric Moore said for the Children, Adults and Families Division the reduction, if the full list was taken, would greatly affect families, specifically for the JOBS program. Most cuts would be in the self sufficiency programs and TANF is at the tipping point. The amount of reductions would make it harder to keep families safe.

The biggest concern to all is this could be a prelude of things to come.

Next meeting

February 12, 2010 is the next scheduled meeting. Clyde Saiki, Morgan Cowling and Gordon Fultz will develop the agenda and it will be sent out a month in advance.