

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
January 18, 2011
Multnomah Building, Commissioners Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, Oregon**

BOARD BRIEFINGS

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Loretta Smith, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present.

B-1 Informational Board Briefing on the 2011 State Legislative Agenda. Presenters: Nancy Bennett and Claudia Black, Co-Directors, Government Relations.

Introductions were made by Ms. Bennett who said this Briefing would include an overview of the 2011 State Legislature, expected budget issues, and recommendations for the 2011 Multnomah County Legislative Agenda. Input was received from County departments and Commissioners' offices on which key policy issues were of the greatest concern. The 2011 legislative agenda reflects working in partnership with state leaders to find new and more efficient ways to deliver services and seek opportunities to solve problems at the local level. Ms. Black reviewed the leadership and committee structure of the 2011 Legislature.

Ms. Bennett and Ms. Black reviewed the State Budget, including anticipated shortfalls which will be released when Session starts Feb. 1, 2011. They reviewed the Legislative Priorities for 2011, including public safety and corrections, gang funding, juvenile services, bail bond processes, human trafficking, and court facilities. Priorities for Health and Human Services are seniors and people with disabilities; health care integration and reform; and, affordable housing. Community Services' priorities are Elections and Transportation. They discussed revenue stability, the proposal to lift pre-emptions, and the importance of preserving the County's portion of shared state revenue.

Ms. Bennett said that she and Ms. Black would like to return to the Board after the Session is under way to discuss the types of Economic Development issues that are of highest priority to the County.

The Board thanked them for their report.

B-2 Informational Board Briefing on Mental Health & Addictions Services System of Care and Funding Sources. Presenters: Kathy Tinkle, DCHS Interim Director; Karl Brimmer, Mental Health Director; Health Dept.; and Kathleen Treb, DCJ

Introductions were made by Ms. Tinkle who said she would make a brief overview about the System of Care and then she and the other speakers would talk about the different areas and levels where they are expecting cuts from the State. The System of Care for

Mental Health and Addiction Services includes four areas: Prevention and Early Intervention; Community Based Treatment; Intensive/Residential Treatment; and, Safety Net/Crisis Services areas. The dollars and percentages of the MHADS budget that are derived from the County general fund total \$16 mil or 17%; Oregon Health Plan totals \$42 million or 45%; and, the State General Fund totals \$35 million or 38% of the total MHASD budget. The second handout is a spreadsheet that includes more detailed information and background resource information on specific program offers.

Mr. Brimner discussed the specific programs and potential impact by percentage, dollars and level. He discussed those areas that are mandated, such as Emergency Hold, which are services that must be provided by Statute, regardless of funding cuts. He reviewed the three major initiatives including: kids wraparound services; crisis assessment and treatment; and integrated health care and integrating services in our community. State general fund dollars are specific in terms of service programs. It is hoped that the Legislators will give the County more flexibility to determine where the cuts are made.

Ms. Treb spoke about the mental health programs funded in DCJ. Of the \$14 million budgeted in addictions and mental health, \$8.8 million is from the County's general fund, and only \$3.7 million is from state funds for adult and juvenile services. They evaluate funding cut impacts by incremental percentages. They don't fund parallel services. They are the only program in the State that serves the highest risk patients, which are the persistently mentally ill on supervision. They fund 100% at Luke Dorf Center. They also provide evaluations, mostly court mandated.

Vanetta Abdellatif represented the Health Department in Ms. Shirley's absence. They provide adjunct services to medical visits that are not duplicative of services provided by DCHS. Primarily, they cover pharmacy and screening services in the jails.

The Board thanked the presenters for their report.

Ms. Tinkle closed by stating that staff will follow up on providing a detailed report that reflects administrative versus direct services dollars for DCHS and Mental Health. They will list the OHP cuts and what those cuts mean where co-mingled with general funds and what options are suggested.

Chair Cogen and the Commissioners thanked all the presenters for attending and participating in this Briefing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m

Submitted by:

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