

**Minutes for the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, OR 97214
Tuesday, May 15, 2012**

Budget Work Session #4

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Judy Shiprack, and Diane McKeel present.

Also present were Jenny M. Morf, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

BWS-4 Health Dept. w/CBAC. Presenters: Lillian Shirley, Health Department Director; Wendy Lear, Business Services, Health Department; Amy Anderson, Chair, Health Department Citizen Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC); Vanetta Abdellatif, Integrated Clinical Services Director; Loreen Nichols, Community Health Services Director.

Ms. Shirley spoke about the Health Department's (HD) mission, vision, values and guiding budget principles. She reviewed their community partners and essentials of public health services.

Ms. Anderson spoke on behalf of CBAC about their work. She reviewed the major changes and recommendations, concerns and emerging issues and key issues for the FY 2013 budget.

Ms. Shirley discussed the HD's organizational structure and span of control, which is currently one manager to eleven employees. She gave a budget overview that shows their total proposed budget for FY 2013 is \$160,231,941. The budget includes Community Health Services, Corrections Health, Health & Social Justice, Health Officer, Integrated Clinical Services, Business Services, and the Director's Office. Net FTEs are 996.70, which has decreased by 8.24 from FY 2012.

Ms. Lear gave the FY 2013 Proposed Budget Program Offer Overview including spending by category, budget by funding source, and spoke about significant changes from FY 2012, including additions, reductions, program cuts from the General, State and Federal Funds, and, General Fund by type and division;

Ms. Abdellatif spoke about clinical system changes, corrections health and multicare dental.

Ms. Shirley discussed the department's issues, risks, challenges and accomplishments and the State impacts including health care transformation, early learning council, and the formation of the Coordinated Care Organization (CCO).

Ms. Nichols provided an overview of the Early Childhood Services program for FY 2013. She discussed maintained services, cuts, partnerships, and changes to the program.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments.

The Commissioners asked questions requiring follow-up by the departments after the meeting. The following inquiries were made:

Commissioner Kafoury asked with respect to the FTE that were eliminated in any program, how many of those positions were vacant and how many were current employees.

Commissioner Kafoury requested to move \$802,015 funding from the Health Department to General Fund Contingency, earmarked for the capital construction necessary to open the Southeast Health Clinic pending approval of construction plans.

Commissioners Kafoury, Shiprack and McKeel asked what the articulated rationale for proposed cuts to Federal prevention funding is and what has the Deputy Director of the State Public Health Division said about the importance of prevention and the impacts of Federal cuts on local communities.

Commissioner Shiprack asked for the Health Department to follow up with the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council regarding reentry planning for individuals coming out of jails. Issues addressed should include: partnerships, focusing more upstream, exploring what drives people back into the jails (including whether inmates with serious health issues who have been released into the community end up back in jail at least in part in relation to the health issues, or lack treatment when outside jail), and what efforts the County and other partners engage in to get inmates enrolled in Medicaid upon release.

Commissioner Shiprack asked how many days inmates spend in the hospital. She requested to be provided with as much detail as possible, and the sources of the data. She also asked whether the public safety data warehouse, Decision Support System-Justice (DSS-J) is tracking this data.

Commissioner Kafoury said that the Board recently received an e-mail describing an issue regarding Eligibility Specialists. She asked for the Health Department to provide background on and respond to the issues raised in that e-mail.

Commissioner McKeel asked with respect to Communities Putting Prevention to Work, what the projects of the 30 community partners are. She asked to be provided with details for the projects that will continue, even in the absence of Federal funding and to be provided with the evaluation mentioned during the Work Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or video at:

http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3

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