

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, January 14, 2014**

BOARD BRIEFINGS

Acting Chair Marissa Madrigal convened the meeting at 10:07 a.m. with Vice-Chair Diane McKeel and Commissioners Liesl Wendt, Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present. Commissioner Judy Shiprack was excused.

Also attending were Jenny M. Madkour, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

B.1 Board Briefing on Health System Transformation and Corrections Health. Presenters: Joanne Fuller, COO & Interim Director - Health Department; Vanetta Abdellatif, Director - Integrated Clinical Services; and, Nancy Griffith, Director - Corrections Health.

Ms. Fuller provided the opening remarks and introductions.

Ms. Abdellatif said that October 2013 marked one year of full implementation of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems, which connect inmates to community partners improving continuity of care and, in the long-term, improving health outcomes and decreasing the health system's costs to care for inmates and justice-involved individuals. EHR allows Corrections Health to view notes and tests done by outside providers and allows other primary care providers, hospitals and emergency departments to see what care was provided in the jails. All partners conform to and follow the HIPAA laws relating to maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of all medical records.

Ms. Griffith explained that Corrections Health is responsible for providing medical, mental and dental care to the approximately 35,000 inmates who pass through Multnomah County's two adult jails and one juvenile detention center each year. A large number of inmates qualify for the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and jail is the primary place many inmates receive care and get mental and physical health assessments. The ACA provides opportunities for uninsured inmates to be enrolled in and access affordable health insurance (OHP or private insurance) once they are discharged from jail.

Ms. Abdellatif explained that this pro-active approach to providing health care and insurance to inmates, is vital and leads to decreased severity of medical needs and an opportunity for outside providers to bill Medicaid for services provided, instead of the County.

Ms. Fuller spoke about challenges, such as certain individuals' hesitation or refusal to enroll in coverage; also, currently the County can't bill Medicaid for care provided in jail.

Ms. Griffith spoke about successes, such as their partnership with Government Relations and the recent passage of House Bill 2087, requiring OHP to pay for inmates who are hospitalized for over 24 hours, who are covered by OHP. She also discussed opportunities in enrolling more individuals in the OHP and creating robust discharge planning.

Ms. Fuller spoke about Correction Health's next steps for 2014, such as continuing to strengthen their partnership with the Sheriff's Office, DCJ, the Mental Health and Addictions division of DCHS and community based organizations, other primary care providers and Federally Qualified Health Centers; ensuring inmates have access to health insurance; and continuing to improve the quality of EHR.

Acting Chair Madrigal requested that the Board be provided with more data about the County's suicide watch process.

Mses. Fuller, Adellatif and Griffith responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation and hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 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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