



# Management Update summary Minutes

**Monday, April 18, 2016, 9:00 am**

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 5232, Silverton Conference Room

## ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Sam Brentano, and Janet Carlson (by telephone), and John Lattimer, Jan Fritz, Gloria Roy, Lisa Miller, Cary Moller, Rod Calkins, Barb Young and Kenna West as recorder.

John Lattimer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## INFORMATIONAL

### **Review of Annual Volunteer Services Report/Awards Recognition**

#### *Summary of Presentation:*

- Review 2015 Volunteer Report:
  - \$2.8 million dollars in volunteer services provided to county.
- Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony scheduled for Board Session on April 20, 2016:
  - 17 Nominees;
  - Certificate of Appreciation for volunteers;
  - Plaques for winners;
  - Flowers for all nominees; and
  - Jolene Kelley will be available for photographs of the volunteers.

### **Response to Adult Foster Home Closures Update**

#### *Summary of Presentation:*

- Update on the Adult Foster Home situation:
  - Rates changed January 1, 2016;
  - Attended bargaining with Adult Foster Home providers. Some were represented by SEIU and some were not; and
  - Those not represented by SEIU are the group threatening to close their group homes.
- Marion County serves 117 people in adult foster homes:
  - 5 homes are closing and 32 individuals have been given notice of homes closing;
  - One of the home providers has an interest in converting it to a supported housing unit which would allow congregate living but would not have 24-hour care;
  - CAPS is doing an incredible job locating alternate homes for the 32 displaced individuals;
  - Prior to changes 86% of providers were paid at the highest care percentage.;
  - After changes only 8% of providers paid at the highest care percentage; and
  - Because the funds are not available for those with the highest needs, it is those with the highest needs who are being evicted.

- Marion County has been meeting with OHA to specifically strategize for placement:
  - 19 individuals have confirmed placements;
  - 10 individuals have tentative placements; and
  - 2 individuals have significant needs and the State will have to do a statewide search to find housing:
    - These individuals have life-threatening conditions and must have proper monitoring and care.
- There is a shift in the ideology surrounding adult foster homes:
  - Adult foster homes are considered a long term housing strategy for individuals who cannot successfully live in the community;
  - Future – reconsider our residential service system and how we address the needs of the individuals who are currently served;
  - Adult foster home is a lesser level of structure than residential treatment homes which are 24 hour staffed;
  - When moving from hospital to community there is a step-down toward independence. Foster homes were part of that step-down;
  - The current ideology is that adult foster homes are a long-term care leave and are no longer a step toward independence; and
  - State envisions individuals to move from the hospital to licensed residential treatment homes and facilities and then take the very large step from the homes to the community. It is expected to be a brief intervention and return to the community.

*Summary of Discussion:*

- Discussion of the difference between nursing homes and adult foster homes;
- Marion County has been impressive in its work to place those be displaced but there are no beds available;
- There is the hope that none of the displaced individuals will be returned to the State Hospital;
- The USDOJ has been pushing for individuals to leave the hospitals in a timely Manner, but with no beds available there has been difficulty moving people out of the hospital.

**Discuss Request to Transfer Ambulance Service Area #7**

*Summary of Presentation:*

- Received a 60-day notice from Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District that they want to vacate and transfer their ambulance service area franchise to Lyons Fire District;
- Lyons Fire District has provided almost all of the transport as Idanha-Detroit has rebuilt parts of its service and they are willing to accept the ambulance service;
- The community passed a levy to fund some emergency response, which some community members believed was to support an emergency medical technician to staff the ambulance one shift all week;
- Idanha-Detroit has not missed a call and has been a first responder to every call for a couple of years;
- The assessment is that they cannot sustain the ambulance and the committee agrees with this assessment;
- Idanha-Detroit's Fire Board changed with the last election and the majority of the new Board is in favor of discontinuing their ambulance transport;

- Fire Chief clarified that only a couple of transports actually fit the basic life support they Provide:
  - Basic life support means that if the person is not warm, pink and undamaged then he/she cannot be transported; and
  - Anything other than that is advanced life support and would be provided by Lyons anyway.
- Other than “moth-balling” the Idanha-Detroit ambulance, things would proceed as they have been for years;
- Marion County process for response:
  - The letter received has two aspects with one being early termination of the franchise which can be done by the franchise unilaterally and the second being a provision of 60 days notice for transfer; and
  - The Board now must set a due date for other ambulance service providers to put in an application if they want to run the franchise.
- Transfer of the franchise if a more flexible and presumes the Board will be involved. It is not subject to a 90 day notice provision.

*Summary of Discussion:*

- Other jurisdictions who could be interested in providing the service include Gates, Mills City, Santiam Hospital and Woodburn:
  - However, most others who have discussed the service don’t believe it is financially viable on its own but, rather, is only viable as an extension of something else.
- There was discussion regarding how to encourage continuance of basic support and response because this area is quite remote and there many possibilities of injury;
- The current options regarding transport when needed include:
  - stabilization of the person and wait for Lyons to arrive then Lyons will transport to the hospital; or
  - Idanha-Detroit can load the person in and start driving towards Lyons to meet their transport and transfer the patient:
    - This intercept is not utilized often as it takes more time to unload, transfer and reload and risks more injury in the process.

**Linn County Sick Time Legal Action**

*Summary of Presentation:*

- Received an email from Linn County regarding their sick leave law suit;
- Marion County may be above the threshold as the mandate is less than or equal to what Marion County provides; and
- Approximately 20 counties impacted who could participate.

*Summary of Discussion:*

- Staff was directed to have risk review the matter and determine if Marion County is above or below the threshold.

**Commissioners Committee Assignments and Update**

- **Commissioner Brentano**
  - Stayton breakfast meeting;
  - Transportation Meeting at AOC;

- MWACT – discussed widening of i-5 from Kuebler to Delaney and Cordon/Hwy 22 interchange;
- Oregon Garden;
- Marion County Park Commission – Auburn Park neighbors were upset because of the problems with odors and rats due to the lack of upkeep:
  - Public Works will provide the Commissioners with a list of priorities which will be discussed and then brought to the Board.
- O&C Meeting in Roseburg; and
- Trust Land meeting coming up on April 22, 2016.
- **Commissioner Cameron**
  - Washington DC Trip was very productive and covered the following:
    - Findings regarding broadband;
    - Opportunity to draw our own service district that could be eligible for a grant;
    - Department of Justice visit - Just released a grant for transitional housing which we may want to take a look at but it is for operations;
    - US Forest Service – purpose was to see if they would fix Title III as an administrative fix;
    - Department of Labor – This was the InCite meeting and involved a discussion of the change from 30% of the in-school youth getting the money to now where 70% of out-school youth getting the money;
    - USDA – There was a stress on loans for sewer grants and would like to work closely with local legislators regarding these matters including funds:
      - There was a \$1.9 million and \$1 million grant here in Oregon last year.
    - Lunch with Walden; and
    - Merkley, Wyden & Schrader all discussed Title III;
    - Thanked them for the Flat Grants in the Canyon.
  - Saturday in Detroit – DLBRA Meeting and Foundation Meeting:
    - The city doesn't seem to be involved in the discussion; and
    - Commissioner will be on the next city council meeting agenda as a Commissioner and committee member to discuss the city's involvement with these projects.
  - Meeting on Thursday with Keizer Mayor Clark:
    - Homeless Task Force and buildable lands; and
    - Working with City of Salem on the Urban Growth Boundary.
- **Commissioner Carlson**
  - In San Diego last week:
    - Good conference; and
    - Will have a debrief meeting soon to determine next steps.
  - Reviewing the InCite conflict of interest clause to make certain the proposed policy mirrors the state policy.

Adjourned at 10:10 am  
 COMPLETED BY: **Kenna West**  
 Reviewed by: Sarra Sparks