



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Management Update Minutes

**Monday, June 8, 2020, 9:00 a.m.**

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem  
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Boardroom

## ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Colm Willis, Sam Brentano, Laurie Steele, Tamra Goettsch, Bruce Armstrong, Ann Potter, Cydney Nestor, Carl Cramer, Barb Young, Lisa Trauernicht, Crystal Spenner, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Colm Willis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Review Request for Support for Willamette Behavioral Health Facility**

- Cydney Nestor

#### ***Summary of presentation:***

- United Healthcare wants to build a facility in Wilsonville, Oregon that is a free standing psychiatric inpatient facility for adolescents and adults:
  - Would offer intensive outpatient services for a wide variety of services.
- They run the Cedar Hills facility in Beaverton;
- It is a for-profit organization;
- The email included letters of support, but the letters didn't come from CCO's, community mental health providers, or full commissioner boards;
- Concerns:
  - This facility is not attached to a hospital;
  - There is an aging population in Willamette Valley with severe mental health issues;
  - They stated they will accept all insurance, but that doesn't usually happen; and
  - Making a statement that Oregon needs more acute care beds, but Ms. Nestor does not agree with that assessment.
- Investments needs to be made in community based outpatient care:
  - Intensive outpatient programs; and
  - Programs for long-term care.
- Staff recommends that the commissioners do not write a letter of support; and
- Marion County does not have the same issues that the Portland/Metro Area has.

## **Discuss Owner Surrender Services Provided by Marion County Dog Services for Dog with Dangerous Behaviors and Fee Schedule Change**

- Tamra Goettsch, Ann Potter

### ***Summary of presentation:***

- Historically, Marion County Dog Shelter does not take in owner surrenders for dogs that are dangerous to the community;
- They are taken to the Humane Society, or are encouraged to work with their local veterinarian clinic;
- Community Services/Dog Shelter has been working with Behavioral Health in an effort to reduce suicide:
  - There have been cases that individuals that commit suicide have surrendered their animals beforehand.
- Believes that this is an important issue;
- Does not believe that there would be any code amendments attached to the new fee schedule;
- Staff recommends a fee of \$100 for unlicensed dogs:
  - A fee of \$65 for licensed dogs.
- For a community safety standpoint, this fee schedule would be very beneficial; and
- Health and Human Services can provide training for Dog Shelter employees to help with responding to someone who is thinking about suicide.

### ***Board discussion:***

- Marion County does not offer emotional support animal interaction:
  - There are other programs within the community that offer this option.
- The commissioners do not want staff to ask individuals if they are suicidal.

### **COVID-19 Update:**

#### ***Summary of presentation:***

- The commissioners sent the Phase 2 letter to the governor's office on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>:
  - It was accepted without changes on Sunday; and
  - Will find out on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> if Marion County will open on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Total COVID-19 cases in Marion County are 1,055, and presumptive cases are 1,030:
  - The county is documenting the contact tracer follow-up:
    - They are at 94.9 percent follow-up rate.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

Reviewed by: *Joanna Ritchie*