

MINUTES
INFORMAL WORK SESSION
April 7, 2009 9:00 a.m.

Service Team Budget Presentations
Oval Office, Fenton House

PRESENT: Leslie Lewis, Kathy George, and Mary P. Stern.

Staff: John Krawczyk, Becky Weaver, Nancy Reed, Laura Tschabold, Chris Johnson, Paul Kushner, Allan Mandell, Craig Hinrichs, Keith Urban, Mike McNickle.

Guests: Michael Green, Budget Committee member.

Leslie reconvened the meeting.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES TEAM (Fund 16)

Chris Johnson stated that over 90% of his budget is from state and federal funding, which is not very solid at this point. He said that he wouldn't know much until the co-chairs grapple with the GRB and the legislature decides what to do about replacement funding. Paul Kushner stated that although the budget shows the same total number of positions as last year, there have been staffing changes within the different divisions.

The Board discussed a recommendation by the Yamhill County Board of Health to increase fees in Public Health. Leslie expressed concern about increasing restaurant inspection fees, given the economic situation. Chris stated that his costs have gone up and he feels that the fee increase is fair. He added that his budget is based on the increased fee structure. He said that Mike McNickle will be doing a study of inspection costs and Paul will be taking a close look at administrative fees in the clinic as well.

Chris stated that the legislature is considering a bill that would require a provider tax to the hospitals, with the revenue to be used for Medicaid match funds in order to increase Medicaid revenue. He said that if the bill passes, it would take almost a year and a half to get full funding, so he would want to consider investing some fund balance to bridge the gap. He said that if it doesn't pass, it would create significant holes in the budget presented today. Leslie stated that it is upsetting that the state didn't address this long-standing problem of insufficient Medicaid match funds when it had a good budget in 2007-09. Chris said that the state places higher priority on a fully-funded state hospital than on crisis services.

He said that grant funding was lost for two positions relating to Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, but he may get those two positions back because of the success Yamhill County has had with that program. He said that he would use fund balance to continue staffing for the meth grant if necessary.

He discussed the federal stimulus package and pointed out that because this is one-time money, there will be a massive hole in the 2011-13 biennium.

The group discussed JAG funding in the amount of approximately \$33,000 available to the county for public safety. John K mentioned that the Board had already heard a proposal from the Sheriff's Office to use the money to fix a software incompatibility between Vision and Eagle. He said

that the Board would like to hear if there are any proposals for the grant funds from other departments. Chris suggested getting more information about the parameters, since he'd been under the impression that it was mostly limited to drug enforcement or drug treatment and had assumed that the Sheriff would join with McMinnville and Newberg to fund YCINT. The Board agreed to have Laura research the grant requirements and send the information out to department heads, with proposals due to the Board by April 18.

John K reviewed the proposal to restructure the service teams, noting that it would have no effect on the HHS team, but would affect the HHS tabloid narrative, which would need to be written as a whole rather than for individual divisions. He said that he would e-mail a tabloid model to all department heads.

The meeting recessed at 10:37 a.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary