

INFORMAL SESSION
Board of Commissioners

Conference Room
Fenton House

March 22, 2010 2:00 p.m.

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., Laura Tschabold, Pat Anderson, Michael McNickle,
Anne Larson, Terri Watson.

* = items forwarded to agenda.

Kathy called the meeting to order.

Personnel:

* Extend temporary employment of two Community Corrections staff: Duane Terry and Richard McKenna.

Public Health Program Reports:

Community Health Forums - Mike McNickle, Terri Watson, and Anne Larson discussed plans for community health forums that will involve both public and private partners and will be an initial step in developing a community health plan, which will include a clearing house for assessments and data collection. He said the Board of Health is excited about the potential for the program. Written information provided by Mike is attached to the minutes.

Dental Program - Mike said the health promotion team has been working on a dental program for about a year and has developed an interesting collaboration with Love, Inc., and Adec. Adec will donate dental chairs for use in the public health clinic, the Willamina School-Based Clinic, and the Newberg clinic. A newly formed Yamhill County Dental Society has approximately 12 dentists who will accept referrals from the clinic and provide dental care at either reduced cost or no cost, depending on the type of work required, and a grant from Spirit Mountain will help pay for supplies.

Willamina School-Based Clinic - Mike said staff is available one day a week to talk with at-risk youth on any subject and to make age-appropriate referrals as needed.

Newberg Clinic - Mike said the Newberg clinic is open two days a week, 11:00 to 1:00, and so far staff has worked with students on a variety of health issues.

Health & Human Services - Chris Johnson discussed three topics with the Board.

1. Hospital Preparedness Program. Chris stated that the multi-agency coordinating group recently offered a training event, but it was not well attended by the targeted participants. Following additional discussion, the consensus was that Chris would encourage more information-sharing regarding the need for participation and the goals to be achieved.

2. Adult Mental Health Initiative. Chris stated the legislature has provided funds to the state for residential development to house clients. However, there are significant cost and siting issues. Chris stated that although the plan is vague at this point, the state will finalize a plan and contractual decisions will be made. He said Yamhill County will submit a letter of intent to participate.

3. Justice Administration Grant. Chris described the difficulties law enforcement faces when dealing with certain types of aberrant behavior that does not rise to the level of needing either hospitalization or jail. He stated it is important to provide mental health consultation tools to law enforcement in these situations. Chris described the goal of a two-year program that he hopes will begin in October, 2010. HHS would provide a funding match of approximately \$30,000 a year to provide a pool of money for use in situations when jail or hospitalization is not the answer, and to provide consultation with mental health providers for law enforcement officers regarding the everyday situations they encounter.

Information Systems - Murray Paolo presented two items for the agenda.

* A list of computer equipment for disposal and a list of equipment for sale on the internet.

* Mountain Top East - lease renewal with ODOT. Murray stated the current lease is almost 5 years old and will expire on June 30, 2010. Murray said this location is a key site in the radio system. The commissioners expressed the need for obtaining a more long-term lease. Murray will pursue that option with ODOT.

Courthouse Security grant funds - Laura Tschabold stated the county must obligate the funds it receives from an efficiency grant award by this time next year and she has been meeting with the State Department of Administrative Services, Brian Dunn, and Phil McCollister to decide the scope of courthouse HVAC issues. She said they are working on an intergovernmental agreement with DAS, but meanwhile she is trying to confirm whether the county will be allowed to contract with the state for federal funding.

Additional Agenda Items:

- * Abacus Program - two contracts relating to Project ABLE.
- * Homelessness Committee appointment.
- * Purchase of new patrol cars.
- * Public hearing for Community Development Block Grant for Head Start to renovate its current facility.

Note: Mary said she will out this week on vacation.

Leslie noted she will be out on Monday, March 29.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Carol Ann White
Secretary