

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION MINUTES

January 17, 2018

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Henry Heimuller. Commissioner Tardif was attending a NACo Conference out of town.

Commissioner Magruder called the meeting to order.

MEETING WITH CLATSOP COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR:

Michael Paul, Public Health Administrator, introduced Michael McNickle, Clatsop County Public Health Director. The Board thanked Mr. McNickle for visiting and for lending support. Commissioner Magruder asked about public health in Clatsop. Mr. McNickle talked about the organizational structure, budget, and generally about the relationship with the Oregon Health Authority. He described an overall operating budget in excess of \$400,000.

Michael Paul provided a summary of the relationship with the Public Health Foundation of Columbia County. He explained that the Public Health Foundation has acted as the Local Public Health Authority for the County since the dissolution of the Health District, and that the County will take on the role of the Local Public Health Authority as of 2/1/18. He described general fund contributions to the Public Health Foundation of Columbia County for the different programs.

Michael Paul asked Mr. McNickle for general comments about the pros and cons of the different departmental structures in Oregon. Mr. McNickle talked about experience in different departments in Oregon, and the costs of completing the clinical work. He talked about the state grants and the programs that pay for themselves versus the programs that require general fund support.

Michael Paul asked about the Communicable Disease program and number of FTE, as well as costs. Mr. McNickle provided information about special funding requests, outbreaks, needle exchange, harm reduction, and constant surveillance.

Michael Paul and Commissioner Heimuller asked about the environmental health program and pros and cons of having that program at the county versus at a non-profit organization. Mr. McNickle described the number of facilities, the fee schedule, and the cost of travel, as well as the time to inspect facilities. He mentioned that the national Environmental Health Association recommends no more than 250 inspections per year for 1 FTE Registered Environmental Health Specialist. Commissioner Heimuller asked more about revenue. Mr. McNickle stated that they do have some net income, but not a large amount leftover after paying for fleet, supervisor and state fees. He also recommended a time study.

Michael Paul asked about Clatsop County's health officer. Mr. McNickle explained the contract with Dr. Thomas Duncan and his duties and discussed the triennial review process and OHA's review of standing orders. Michael Paul asked about whether Mr.

McNickle thought there could be a conflict of interest if Columbia County were to hire an employee of the Public Health Foundation of Columbia County to serve as the Health Officer. Commissioner Heimuller stated that he thought the Foundation provided primary care services in addition to required public health services. Discussion continued at length about whether there was any conflict of interest and continued into a discussion about whether an intergovernmental agreement between Clatsop and Columbia could be an interim resolution.

Mr. McNickle discussed the immunization program costs of being a Vaccine for Children (VFC) provider. He also reviewed the administrative costs and the costs of nurses and an immunization coordinator. Commissioner Magruder asked about the requirements for adult immunizations and Mr. McNickle talked about directing adults to providers and the LPHA responsibilities of making immunizations available but that there is no requirement for the LPHA to be a provider of immunizations.

Michael Paul asked about the Tobacco program and meeting the program element requirements. Mr. McNickle stated that they have .6 FTE. He also mentioned a new tobacco retail licensing process they will use to support the program.

Discussion was held on outreach, website, communication with public, public health advisory board, and a complaint process.

FIELD WORKER SAFETY:

This matter was carried over to the 1.24.18 Work Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(f):

This matter was carried over to the 1.24.18 Work Session.

BRIEFING ON MERIWETHER & BAINBRIDGE ENFORCEMENT CASES:

This matter was carried over to the 1.24.18 Work Session.

UPPER NEHALEM WSC AGREEMENT - APIARY RD CULVERT:

This matter was carried over to the 1.24.18 Work Session.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PUBLIC RECORDS FEE:

This matter was carried over to the 1.24.18 Work Session.

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There was no Executive Session held.

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 17th day of January, 2018.

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By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Chair

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner