

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**September 18, 2019**

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Alex Tardif.

**Board Discussion:**

The Board of Commissioners met with Jamie Carr and Samantha Dolynuik Rosenlund, recommended applicants to join the Columbia County Fair Board. Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the application of Jamie Carr and the application of Samantha Dolynuik Rosenlund. The motion carried unanimously.

**Media Coordination Policy:**

Karen Kane discussed the draft Media Coordination Policy with the board. The policy establishes a centralized function through which to funnel traditional and social media requests. The policy identifies the county's media liaison as a centralized point of contact for facilitating and providing service and information to reporters, writers, bloggers, and other news personnel and for posting to social media accounts. Commissioner Tardif asked how the policy related to other Columbia County elected officials. Sarah Hanson replied that other elected officials are not required to go through the board for media relations. Karen noted that she is always available to help other elected and does work with them when her help is requested. A few details in the policy were clarified and will be added to the final. Commissioner Heimuller asked where the framework for the policy derived, Karen replied that she had written it for another public agency and modified it for Columbia County. Commissioner Heimuller said that he needed to spend more time reviewing the policy and will bring back a highlighted version with any questions.

**Columbia County Hotline:**

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, met with the Board to revisit a proposed hotline policy. The Board packet included a draft contract with Litehouse, a draft policy and a draft letter to staff. Sarah reminded the Board that this initially came up in 2017 as a best practice recommendation following the Corrections forensic audit. The Board discussed the issue that held them back from moving forward in 2017; the complaint process. After discussion about the purpose of the hotline the Board asked Sarah to provide an updated scope of work so that the project can move forward. Commissioner Tardif will contact Louise Kallstrom to update her on the matter.

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**Executive Session:**

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2)(f) exempt records and 192.660(2)(d) bargaining. Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

**Public Health:**

**Dental care services.** Commissioner Heimuller discussed the shortage of oral care Medicaid accepting providers in Columbia County. Commissioner Heimuller said there was discussion at the Columbia Pacific CCO board meeting about increasing access to care in Columbia County for those on the Oregon Health Plan.

**Contract with Columbia Health Services for public health services.** Michael Paul reviewed a meeting proposal for 10/24/19 with CHS leadership to discuss preventive health care services and nurse home visiting services at the Gable Road property. Discussion about utilization, rent, and access to care followed. BOC approved unanimously to meet with CHS on 10/24 and directed County Counsel to draft a request for proposal for additional providers to respond.

**Program element 27-4.** Michael Paul introduced an amendment to the County's intergovernmental agreement with Oregon Health Authority. Discussion followed about an increase of approximately \$15,000 to support a needle exchange program using a van from Clatsop County. The BOC agreed to review a draft IGA with Clatsop to use the funding from OHA to support the program.

**Program element 51.** Michael Paul reviewed two components of funding for public health modernization. Discussion followed about program element 51 with the BOC: funding for the regional partnership project and governance. Michael Paul discussed the regional partnership goals and the goal to prevent and treat sexually transmitted infections. Discussion followed about the work plan and use of the funds.

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