



Management Update Minutes

Monday, February 25, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Silverton Conference Room

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Sam Brentano, Commissioner Colm Willis, John Lattimer, Jan Fritz, Jane Vetto, Brian Nicholas, Cary Moller, Katrina Rothenberger, Kaileigh Westermann, Barb Young, Lisa Trauernicht, Jolene Kelley, and Joanna Ritchie as Recorder.

John Lattimer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Review Public Health Accreditation

- Cary Moller, Katrina Rothenberger, Lyndsie Schwarz

Summary of presentation:

- Preparing for the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) reaccreditation for Health and Human Services Public Health Division;
- Accreditation lasts for five years;
- Marion County Health and Human Services Department was the first in Oregon to become nationally accredited;
- Benefits of accreditation include providing services that meet national standards, and a continuous commitment to quality service and improvement;
- Seeking board support;
- Application is due by March 31, 2019:
 - Other documentation, such as policies and work products, will be submitted within eight weeks; and
 - Once the application is accepted, a four hour site visit will be conducted.
- This is a national accreditation; the state conducts reviews every three years as well.

Board discussion:

- Mr. Lattimer inquired if there is a need for the accreditation committee to meet with the board and Ms. Rothenberger stated she did not believe so;
- The commissioners wanted to know how many counties in Oregon are accredited;
- Ms. Rothenberger replied possibly a dozen:
 - There is a cost associated with the accreditation;

- It takes a lot of staff time;
- In certain counties the Public Health Administrator would most likely be the person to perform the work;
- PHAB would like a separate person aside from the administrator to perform the work;
- Marion County has a dedicated accreditation person:
 - Makes the county a competitive employer;
 - There is a workforce development plan;
 - Accreditation may be a requirement in the future; and
 - Makes the county more competitive for funding opportunities.
- The commissioners asked if there are weaknesses or problems that need to be addressed prior to the accreditation board's site visit;
- Ms. Rothenberger stated they have been preparing for over the last year and have self-identified issues for improvement; and
- The board directed Ms. Moller to provide a letter in support to Mr. Lattimer for the board's signature.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Public Works – Brian Nicholas, Kaileigh Westermann

- SB 445 – Invasive Species Council
 - The bill would make changes to the Oregon Invasive Species Council structure and provide key funding for initiatives;
 - There are currently 18 members on the council;
 - The council is housed within the Oregon Department of Agriculture;
 - Currently representation is non-geographical;
 - The bill would add four members based on geography;
 - Funded by state's General Fund:
 - Since 2001 the council has received approximately \$450,000 for all coordination, control, and education; and
 - Bill proposes adding \$250,000 per biennium to support these activities.
 - The role of the council is on coordination:
 - How to control and prevent invasive species from entering pathways and how it affects agriculture and forestry;
 - Resources for the public and other agencies on education; and
 - Marion County uses this resource through the noxious weed program.
 - The board directed Ms. Westermann to work with Ms. Young on preparing a letter of support for their signature.

COMMUNICATIONS

Update

- Jolene Kelley
- Ms. Kelley gave a brief update of upcoming scheduled events, articles, and items related to the State of the County.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATE:

Sam Brentano:

- Attended the Association of O&C Counties Board meeting:
 - This was the first meeting with the expanded board;
 - Opportunity for every county to have a member representative;
 - Provided historical information of board and purpose;
 - Discussed new bill for funding; and
 - Gave an update on pending litigation.

Colm Willis:

- Attended the Community Leaders Roundtable with Congressman Schrader:
 - Many agencies represented;
 - Army Corps of Engineers is looking to change the design of the mixing tower;
 - Draw down the lake to a natural level similar to winter levels.
 - A new environmental impact statement will be released in June; and
 - Congressman Schrader seems to be concerned with the impact to the agricultural industry.
- Attended the SEDCOR Ag Breakfast.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Joanna Ritchie**

Reviewed by: *Cindy Johnson*