



MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

February 26, 2025
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Courthouse Square
Commissioners Boardroom
Salem, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Danielle Bethell, Chair

Chair Bethell called the meeting to order at 1:33PM

Chair Bethell, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Cameron, CAO Fritz, DCAO Eppley, Senior Health and Human Services Director Mathews, Business Services Department Director Goettsch, Risk Manager White were present.

2. Health and Human Services Department Updates

Ryan Mathews

a. BHRN Funding

Ryan Mathews explained the anticipated reduction in BHRN funding from the State of Oregon from approximately \$3.1M per year down to \$875K per year. This will likely result in reductions in service and the department is determining how to make adjustments to staffing and funding to accommodate the reduction. The Board wanted additional information so that they could understand how the BHRN funding is currently allocated so that they can provide direction on how to resource the department for the 2025-26 budget process.

b. Opioid Settlement Funding

Ryan Mathews

Ryan Mathews provided an update on resources available through the Opioid Settlement funding the County will receive annually through FY 2039. The Board had questions regarding how the state of Oregon mandates services and provides funding for activities that HHS is responsible for so that they can provide direction on how to allocate the Opioid funding in this coming and future budgets.

3. Business Services Department Update

Tamra Goetsch
William White

a. General Liability Policy

Tamra and William provided several quotes for general liability insurance coverage to the Board for discussion. The Board provided direction and wanted to add additional coverage to the policy for Medical Malpractice to help cover nurse positions at the Jail and future Stabilization Center, and for HHS medical service providers and nurses. The resulting policy premium will result in a savings for the County of more than \$200K per year for the next two-years. A contract will be brought to the Board or Jan for signature.

4. Adjourn

Chair Bethell adjourned the meeting at 2:31PM.