

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
November 23, 2010
Multnomah Building, Commissioners Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR**

BOARD BRIEFINGS

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 10:06 a.m. with Vice-Chair Diane McKeel and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Barbara Willer and Judy Shiprack present.

B-1 Informational Board Briefing on DCHS Mental Health Accomplishments and Innovations. Presenters: Joanne Fuller, DCHS Director; Karl Brimner, MHASD Director; David Hidalgo & Joan Rice, MHASD.

Mr. Brimner made introductions and gave an overview of current innovations and accomplishments being made in the MHASD system. These include positive outcomes from the EASA (Early Assessment and Support Alliance) and Coordinated Diversion (jail and hospital diversion) programs; Verity Outreach and Engagement (VOE); Measurement of Mental Health Treatment Outcomes with ACORN (A Collaborative Outcomes Resource Network); and, Pay for Performance (P4P).

Mr. Hidalgo reviewed the goals and purpose of EASA; techniques instituted to support the patients and their families within the EASA model; the team approach used; ages targeted and eligibility criteria; and, the specific services being provided. He discussed VOE, which was designed to support the members with their recovery plan; and how the team works with members and hospitals to provide complex care coordination and ongoing support and monitor treatment engagement. Also discussed was ACORN, which is a client self-report outcomes management tool. Talk centered on the needs for and applications of this tool; how the tool is used by the clients; the results of the ACORN pilot; costs and benefits, and how the data is measured.

Ms. Rice reviewed P4P. She discussed the program's goals; performance incentives; areas of clinical focus and evaluation; impacts of these innovations; and, ensuring metrics are credible, valid and reliable.

Commissioner Shiprack asked that they return to the Board with more information on how mental health issues are being addressed in the jails. Commissioner Kafoury asked for more information on the costs related to individual illness as they go forward and the clients move back into the general population.

Ms. Fuller closed saying this presentation was in response to requests from the Board to discuss system changes and how they are addressing the challenges of meeting the needs of the clients in light of reduced funding. She said they will return to the Board again to discuss further developing program.

The Board thanked them for their presentation.

B-2 Board Briefing on the Findings of the 2009 Corrections Grand Jury Workgroup. Sponsor: Commissioner Shiprack. Presenter: Capt. Drew Brosh & Chief Deputy Mike Shults, MCSO.

Capt. Brosh briefed the Board on the jail bed costs report from the Corrections Grand Jury which indicated that the cost per bed per day for the County was \$180/day. A work group was formed to identify potential savings. They identified the factors that affect the costs of jail beds including number of facilities, beds, CPI, circuit court requirements, supervision practices, single/double bunking, classification and building cost. The findings show the cost per day per bed is \$157.12 at full capacity, including housing, direct costs, court, administrative, support, inmate programs, and medical costs.

Recommendations that were identified by the work group were reviewed, including: cost data that may be useful to SB 1145 "opt out" discussion; possibly using civilian staff in non-inmate supervision functions; continuing the sick leave monitoring program; continuing costing analysis with multi-departmental groups; proceeding with a comparison of jails outside the County; and, continuing to contract with the US Marshal. In conclusion he stated that the County Budget Office, LPSCC and MCSO will continue to work with its partners in developing a jail bed costing methodology that works for everyone.

The Board thanked him for his report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 pm.

Submitted by:
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