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AGENDA DATE: August 4, 2004

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services

PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh

AGENDA TITLE: ESTABLISHING ONE FULL TIME (1.0 FTE) MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATE POSITION AND APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$60,405 IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2004-2005 IN FUND 286 FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004



I. MOTION

ORDER / In the Matter of Establishing One Full Time (1.0 FTE) Mental Health Associate Position and Appropriate an Additional \$60,405 in Revenue and Expenditures for FY 2004-2005 in Fund 286 for Mental Health Services effective July 1, 2004.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Lane County Mental Health and the Department of Human Services Oregon Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) have established a new program for transition of mental health clients. In order to provide mental health services, a new mental health associate position must be established and funds appropriated for the new position.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

Lane County Mental Health co-manages an Enhanced Care Facility (ECF) with Eugene Rehabilitation and Specialty Care. This is a 16 bed facility for patients who have serious, persistent mental illness and have a significant medical condition. Patients served in this program are primarily Lane County residents. Over the last fiscal year, in coordination with OMHAS, Lane County has established a new program of transition for these ECF patients by creating community residential resources (e.g. foster homes) and providing outreach mental health services to these patients. This has allowed the patients to remain living in their community and transition to a less restrictive and more cost effective living arrangement. The new outreach program has been named Extended Care Outreach Services (ECOS).

For this fiscal year 2004-2005, The OMHAS authorized new funds for services for four additional slots in Lane County. These four additional slots bring the total to nine community slots being served in the ECOs program. The per diem rate for each of these patients is \$62.87. Though these slots may not always be full all the time, the additional revenue anticipated from these four additional slots could be in the \$85,000 to \$90,000 range. Lane County's responsibility for this program is limited to the mental health outreach services. Housing is provided through a direct contract between OMHAS and the residential provider.

B. Analysis

Lane County Mental Health is requesting that a new Mental Health Associate position be created to assist in managing this new pool of clients. Without this additional Mental Health Associate position, the Extended Care Outreach Services program will have to rely on extra help hires. Relying on extra help creates a problem of continuity of care in staffing and stability in this new program. It is anticipated that the work demands for these new patients are substantial enough to require a 1.0 FTE staff member.

C. Alternative / Options

1. To increase appropriations in revenues and expenditures in the Department of Health & Human Services and establish one full time (1.0 FTE) Mental Health Associate position. This will allow Lane County Mental Health to provide Mental Health services for the new Extended Care Outreach program.
2. Not to increase appropriations in revenues and expenditures in the Department of Health & Human Services and establish one full time (1.0 FTE) Mental Health Associate position. This will require Lane County Mental Health to hire extra help to meet the mental health needs of these new patients. This will not allow for continuity of care and could result in less staffing stability for this new program.

D. Recommendation

To approve the motion stated above.

E. Timing

This position will be established as soon as possible after Board approval.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION / FOLLOW-UP

Upon Board approval, revenues and expenditures will be increased in Health & Human Services and Lane County Human Resources will create a position number and post this position.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION AND ORDER:) IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING ONE FULL TIME (1.0 FTE) MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATE POSITION AND) APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$60,405 IN REVENUE) AND EXPENDITURES FOR FY2004-2005 IN FUND 286 FOR) MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004

WHEREAS, Lane County Mental Health and the Department of Human Services, Oregon Mental Health and Addiction Services have established a new program for transition of mental health clients, the Extended Care Outreach Services; and

WHEREAS, for the fiscal year 2004-2005, the Department of Human Services has authorized grant additional funds for four new slots for this program; and


WHEREAS, Lane County Mental Health requires a Mental Health Associate position to provide staffing for this new program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners may appropriate dedicated grant funds as per ORS 294.326(3);

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners establish one full time (1.0 FTE) Mental Health Associate position, and appropriates an additional \$60,405 in revenue and expenditures for FY2004-2005 in the Health & Human Services Fund for mental health services effective July 1, 2004.

DATED this ____ day of August 2004

Bobby Green, Sr., Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 7/19/04 lane county

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