

BOARD OF HEALTH

May 4, 2011

9:00 a.m.

Harris Hall Main Floor

Commissioner Faye Stewart presided with Commissioners Jay Bozievich, Rob Handy, Sid Leiken and Pete Sorenson present. County Administrator Liane Richardson, County Counsel Stephen Vorhes and Recording Secretary Melissa Zimmer were also present.

1. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS #**

None.

3. **COMMISSIONERS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR OTHER ISSUES AND REMONSTRANCE**

None.

4. REPORT/Semi-Annual Board of Health.

Rob Rockstroh, Health and Human Services, discussed his semi-annual Board of Health Report. He noted that it is a required state document for Public Health and Environmental Health. (Copy in file).

Sorenson recalled at the Budget Meeting there was interest expressed on the topic of revenue enhancements but the Budget Committee only has authority to recommend to the Board these requests. He indicated there was interest on the Board of having a work session about what kind of fees or revenue could be generated since social services and human services cuts are within the whole arena of health. He asked if anyone had ideas how the revenue enhancement generation would take place.

Rockstroh responded that he doesn't have an issue with funding the Federally Qualified Health Center. He said they can self-fund. He noted that Steve Manela, Human Service Commissioner, had done research on this.

Manela explained that the Human Services Commission about 18 months ago completed work on a Human Services Plan that looked at the future of Human Services in Lane County and provided three different scenarios. He said some of the discussion has been what they want the system to look like in the future and how they would fund it. He said they are at a discussion of a jurisdictional budget process. He said part of the reason they need more human services is because the economy is still recovering. He said the governments are discussing what they can do within their means. He indicated the city is

waiting for the May election for schools and the income tax and that is a big factor in how the city will look at other kinds of revenues. He said they haven't looked at the solid waste fees. He said there are critical basic needs for food and shelter for some of their residents and they need to figure out a solution to approach it. He said they are trying to be creative.

Handy said this should be brought back to the Board for a work session. He commented that community health and public safety is their top priority. He asked what is happening with animal licensing.

Karen Gaffney, Health and Human Services, reported they have seen a large spike in licensing revenue. She said it was due to publicity and people deciding to come into compliance and license their dogs.

Bozievich indicated that he did not hear positive things about LCAS going door to door for licensing. He asked what data base was being utilized for the door to door search.

Gaffney responded that the focus of their door to door campaign is to focus on code compliance. She said the code requires that people who have a dog at least six months old needs to have a rabies shot and be licensed in Lane County. She noted the walking lists are generated in a few ways. She said sometimes an officer will find a dog that isn't licensed and will let the owner know they need to do it within ten days. She said they have a flag that goes to the compliance officer to see if that person follows through. She added if they don't send the fee then the officer will knock on their door and let them know they are not in the data base and if they don't buy a license they will be given a ticket. She said their database system is called Pet Track and it keeps track of all of the animals in their care as well as the licensing system. She added they have a data base of reports of rabies vaccinations to them. She said when it was first put into place; it was in response to the 2003 Community Task Force Report that a part of the rabies reporting was put into place so the County could follow up on dog licenses.

Bozievich indicated that he heard there were not enough police following up on property crimes but they are going door to door for dog licenses. He commented that he knows it is different funding, but the public doesn't see it that way.

Stewart noted for the Budget, they heard testimony from the Buckley House and the Egan Warming Center stating they don't have enough money for homeless housing. His understanding is the items have been funded in the past with Human Services Commission funding. He asked if they recommend the cuts from the Budget.

Rockstroh recalled what the Board heard last night was a combination of the Human Services Commission cuts and Health and Human Services cuts overall. With regard to the Buckley House, it was part of the old Sheriff's levy. He said when Measures 47 and 50 passed; the levy was rolled into the general fund. He said they have cut themselves internally. He commented that if they go with Option 3 he will have zero dollars. He said the Board heard if they don't get funding it will close their sobering station and

significantly impact their detox clinic. He reported that the Buckley House helps the Eugene Police Department, Sheriff's Office and hospitals. He noted there is a \$200,000 gap within the HSC.

Richardson reported in her budget she is proposing \$498,000 be eliminated from HSC funding. She explained that was funding the County picked up that was historically the city's portion of HSC funding. She noted the detoxification contracts are in the additional \$2.5 million that were in Alternative 2. She added it is not in the proposed budget.

Stewart said historically they have cut HSC budgets in the past, but in this proposal they are asked to take general fund money being cut from other areas and supplement cuts that are taking place in the HSC budget. He didn't think citizens understand that when they go from \$4 million in HSC to \$3 million in HSC funds, it was for funds coming from other areas during the RFP process.

Handy said they have a letter from the Public Health Advisory Committee recommending that the Board support amendments to HB 2188. He asked about the timing of this and if the Legislative Committee was taking this up.

Stewart recalled that they discussed this at the last meeting and had a lengthy discussion at the Board about this item. He said they originally took an oppose position to the bill because HR thought it was going to impact the health insurance rates and raise the County's costs. Rockstroh came back to say if they support the bill it would reduce their share of insurance costs. He added there were additional changes to the bill. He noted it is a fairness issue and they don't believe the bill has improved. He said Rockstroh is recommending remaining neutral.

Handy thought it had to do with the integrated pest management. He asked if this was something that was active. He wanted a follow up.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. Approval of Minutes:

April 15, 2009, Joint Board of Health/BCC, 1:30 p.m.

May 6, 2009, Board of Health, 9:00 a.m.

May 20, 2009, Board of Health, 3:30 p.m.

June 9, 2010, Board of Health, Following HACSA

MOTION: to approve the Consent Calendar.

Handy MOVED, Leiken SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION as per ORS 192.660**

None.

There being no further business, Commissioner Stewart adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Melissa Zimmer
Recording Secretary