

MINUTES

LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lane Council of Governments
Buford Room
859 Willamette, 5th Floor
Eugene, OR 97401

April 28, 2011

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Councilor Chris Pryor (Eugene), Chair	Board Member Steve Recca (Fern Ridge Library)
Commissioner Faye Stewart (Lane County)	Mayor Dave Brunscheon (Junction City)
Mayor Phil Brubaker (Florence)	Board Member Alan Laisure (SD 52)
Mayor Sharon Hobart-Hardin (Veneta)	Commissioner Rich Cunningham (EWEB)
Councilor Jeff Gowing (Cottage Grove)	Board Member Sherry Duerst-Higgins (Lane ESD)
Board Member Al King (SD 19)	Board Member Tony McCown (LCC)
Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)	Mayor Judy Volta (Coburg)
Mayor Bill George (Lowell)	Board Member Jim Torrey (SD 4J)
Board Member Mike Dubick (LTD)	Board Member Greg James (Willamalane)
Councilor Mike Anderson (Creswell)	

Absent

City of Springfield Representative	City of Westfir Representative
EPUD Representative	Western Lane Ambulance District Representative
Port of Siuslaw Representative	River Road Parks District
Siuslaw Valley Fire District Representative	McKenzie SD 68 Representative

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Board Member Mike Dubick (LTD)

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None.

GUEST

Cathy Hamilton, Verb Marketing +

LCOG STAFF

George Kloeppe, Colene Doll, Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool, Kay Metzger, Jamon Kent, Ann Mortenson

CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Introductions. Chairperson Chris Pryor called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG), Board of Directors, to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone and thanked members for their flexibility in the change of venue for the meeting. He then invited representatives to introduce themselves and share news of important topics in their respective jurisdictions. A quorum was present.
2. Requests for Additions to the Agenda. None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Comments from the Public. None.

REPORTS

4. Reports from the Chair and Executive Committee. Chairperson Pryor referred to Agenda support material entitled "Report of the Executive Committee". The Committee had met twice, on March 9 and April 14, 2011, since the last Board meeting. He said the Committee had made appointments to the Budget and Audit Committees and confirmed members for the Economic Committee. He invited questions about the Report and there were none. Finally, he said the Committee had done great work but would need help on certain items, which would be brought to the Board for consideration.
5. Advisory Council Reports. Mr. Kloepfel referred to Agenda support material entitled "Advisory Council Reports". He said because of the weather-cancelled meeting in February it had been a long period, so the Report contained two Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) reports and two Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT) reports. There were also reports from the Senior Services Advisory Council, the Disability Services Advisory Council and the Lane Economic Committee. He said there had been a great deal of activity as summarized in the Report. There were no questions or comments.
6. Report from the Executive Director. Mr. Kloepfel reported on information contained in Agenda support material entitled "Comments from the Executive Director". He indicated the June 23 meeting location would be at EWEB and the September 22 meeting would be hosted by Willamalane Park & Recreation District. As there was no designation for the December 8 meeting, he solicited invitations.

Mr. Kloepfel offered condolences on behalf of LCOG to Officer Kilcullen's family and friends.

He reported that the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board, made appointments to the Audit and Budget Committees. Mayor Brubaker, Commissioner Cunningham and Director James to the Audit Committee and Mark Shives, Joann Ernst, Jon Hiltbrand, Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Tony McCown, Sherry Duerst-Higgins to the Budget Committee. Reports from these Committees to be discussed later in the meeting.

From the February Director's Report, he brought attention to the 2-1-1 Information System Report. He said the Board and the Regional Managers heard presentation a year ago and were enthusiastic with the idea of local governments and general-purpose governments providing financial assistance. LCOG was authorized to serve as collection agent for contributions. Response was positive and solicitation yielded over \$18,000 for United Way. Memos had been sent to the County and 12 cities reminding of financial support needed for FY 2011-12. A 2-1-1- Quarterly Report from United Way was attached.

Regarding upcoming events, Mr. Kloeppe said an important event; the “Certification Review” of LCOG and the Central Lane MPO by the US Department of Transportation would be conducted on June 6-8. A Legislative Forum, sponsored by LCOG and S&DS scheduled for April 30 at the Hilyard Community Center to discuss senior and disability issues. Lastly, on May 19 a recognition event entitled “Age Knows No Limit” scheduled at the Willamalane Adult Activity Center honoring Seniors that had made particular contributions to the well being of the community. S&DS had participated in this event for several years. Attendance was encouraged.

BUSINESS ITEMS

7. Consent Agenda. Chairperson Pryor noted that the Consent Agenda included only one item, the minutes of the December 9, 2010 Board meeting.

a. December 9, 2010 Minutes, Approve

Mayor Sharon Hobart-Hardin moved, seconded by Board Member Tony McCown, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion was adopted unanimously.

8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda. None

9. Senior and Disabled Services.

a. S&DS Program Year Highlights

Senior and Disabled Services Director Kay Metzger referred to Agenda support materials entitled “S&DS Annual Report”, “Health System Transformation Update”, “Update on Budget News for S&DS”, “Lane Integrated Health Consortium (LIHC)”, “Additional Town Hall Meetings on the State Budget”, and “S&DS Legislative Forum” and “Building Bridges”.

Board member Sherry Duerst-Higgins joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Ms. Metzger said that S&DS had been working with various agencies to provide seamless, efficient services to seniors.

Referring to page 5 of the “Annual Report” regarding economic activity, Ms. Metzger stated that approximately \$67 million was brought into Lane County as a direct result of the care authorizations for seniors and disabled persons through the public assistance programs that S&DS authorizes.

Ms. Metzger pointed out that S&DS had experienced a growth rate of approximately 100 new Medicaid clients per month over the past two years. During that same two-year period, the budget was cut by \$600,000, which created a challenge in providing services. She pointed out that the state government severely under-funds S&DS.

Ms. Metzger then referred to pages 8 and 9 of the “Annual Report” which showed the important local programs outside the Medicaid program, which help people stay in their own homes. She said these programs are heavily dependent on volunteers and charitable dollars.

On page 13 of the Report Ms. Metzger pointed out the work of the S&DS Adult Protective Services staff, which has worked closely with law enforcement and has referred ten abuse and neglect cases to law enforcement following investigation. She said such cases are very hard to prosecute.

Ms. Metzger discussed the “Health System Transformation Update” (HSTT). She said the HSTT had completed its work on a proposal by the Governor to create a coordinated care program intended to create the framework by which physical, mental, addiction and dental health services are delivered through Medicaid through one organization. As a result, draft bill HB 3650 was released. The role of S&DS has focused on building a bridge between the medical and social service fields.

Ms. Metzger spoke to the Governor’s proposed budget and stated that S&DS would have to provide better service with less money. Chairperson Pryor commented that 43.2% of LCOG’s budget was represented by senior services, so an impact on the S&DS budget has a large impact on LCOG.

10. Executive Management and Administration

**a. Communications Plan Update
Cathy Hamilton with Verb +**

Byron Vanderpool, Government Services Director, referred to Agenda support material entitled “Communications Plan Update”.

Cathy Hamilton spoke to the document entitled “LCOG Communications Audit Board Report”. Several suggestions were made. Ms. Hamilton indicated she would re-send via email a survey previously sent but not well responded to. She indicated she would bring a second draft of the Audit incorporating suggestions to the next Board meeting.

Chairperson Pryor thanked the Communications Committee and Ms. Hamilton for their work and said this was an important opportunity in which to do significant enhancement to LCOG’s value and the way people understand LCOG.

b. FY 2010-11 Revised Budget, LCOG Budget Committee

LCOG Budget Committee Chairperson and Board Member Tony McCown referred to Agenda support material entitled “Revised FY 2010-2011 Budget, Resolution 2011-01”. There were no questions.

Commissioner Rich Cunningham moved, seconded by Board Member Jim Torrey, to adopt Resolution 2011. The motion was adopted unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. **a. Audit Committee Composition, Auditor Selection**

Associate Director Bob Swank said a list of Committee members was listed on page 3 in Agenda item referred to as “Report of the Executive Committee”. He announced the firm of Pauly, Rogers & Company as the new Auditor. Mr. Swank invited questions and there were none.

b. Budget Committee Composition

Mr. Swank said the Budget Committee will meet the second Thursday in May to review the proposed budget for FY 2011-12 and invited members to attend. If approved, the budget will be distributed to Board members for review before the June Board meeting.

c. Third Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Kloeppe reported on information contained in Agenda support material entitled “Third Quarter Financial Report”. He said that LCOG is in a “good place” at the end of the first nine months of the fiscal year. LCOG continues to pursue the issue of building reserves. There were no questions.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business and no comments.

12. Adjournment

Chairperson Pryor adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

(Recorded by Ginger Morton)