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AGENDA DATE: January 23, 2008
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services
PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh



AGENDA TITLE: ORDER IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF .25 FTE PROGRAM SERVICES COORDINATOR 1 AND APPROPRIATING REVENUE AND EXPENSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,351 IN FUND 286, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES.

I. MOTION

ORDER _____ / In the Matter of Authorizing an Increase of .25 FTE Program Services Coordinator 1 and Appropriating Revenue and Expense in the Amount of \$6,351 in Fund 286, Department of Health & Human Services.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

This order seeks to increase a Program Services Coordinator 1 in Health & Human Services' Community Prevention and Health Promotion from a .75 FTE to a 1.0 FTE to permit for additional outreach in the suicide prevention program.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

The Board Order adopting the FY 08 Public Health Financial Assistance Award from the State of Oregon/DHS (BO 07-6-27-3) included \$77,000 for FY 08 for Suicide Prevention (PE 35) and \$84,000 was added to the FY 07 financial assistance award via amendment 4, effective 20 October, 2006.

The Board declared October 11, 2007 as "Stop a Suicide" Day, via BO 07-11-7-10.

Lane County Health & Human Services/Community Prevention and Health Promotion was chosen as one of only four trial sites in Oregon to support the development and implementation of statewide youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies. Oregon is one of only 14 States sponsoring youth suicide prevention programs.

B. Policy Issues

None, please see Item D, below.

C. Board Goals

Meets Board objectives of providing high quality health services to Lane County residents.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

The funding for all costs associated with Lane County's increased suicide prevention outreach will be borne by the Oregon Health Division's Suicide Prevention Project, which receives funding from the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act (P.L. 108-355), named in memory of Oregon Senator Gordon Smith's son, who committed suicide in September, 2003.

The Garrett Lee Smith Act has provided an initial three-year grant to the State of Oregon. In the first eighteen months of implementation, the funding has not been utilized in its entirety and the federal agency directing the pilot program has permitted the carryover of the unused funds, making them available for expenditure during the remaining grant period. The DHS suicide prevention coordinator has notified Health & Human services that the grant makes specific provision for the increase of the prevention coordinators to full-time status, by means of these carryover funds.

Lane County's portion of these carryover funds, though not yet received via an amendment to the Public Health Financial Assistance Award, will fund the requested .25 FTE increase for both the remainder of FY 08 (estimated to be \$6,351) and all of FY 09.

E. Analysis

Both suicide and depression are significant health issues in Lane County. Although suicide is the eighth leading cause of death in the U.S., in Lane County it is the second leading cause of death for youth aged 15-24.

The suicide prevention techniques being tried by the State of Oregon and Lane County represent "pilot" programs. Fully supporting this pilot project by increasing the prevention coordinator to full-time, by transferring his other duties to a previously three-quarter time PSC, will both enable him to fully implement the project goals and will allow the granting agency to more appropriately evaluate the effectiveness of the project, as a whole.

F. Alternatives / Options

1. To accept the proposed increase in FTE to position #47920 in Fund 286.
2. To refer this matter for additional consideration.

IV. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

If approved, the FTE increase would be implemented effective 28 January, 2008.

VI. RECOMMENDATION

To approve option number 1, above.

VII. FOLLOW-UP

Health & Human Services will analyze the feasibility of seeking out-year funding from DHS and other sources to support this and other prevention programs.

VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order
Organization Chart

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION)
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WHEREAS, Lane County government seeks to ensure the health and safety of all residents; and

WHEREAS, the suicide death rate in Oregon consistently ranks in the highest tenth percentile in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with suicide works against prevention education and programming by discouraging those at-risk from seeking life-saving help; and

WHEREAS, the application of community-based suicide prevention programs has been recognized by the National Foundation for Suicide Prevention as an effective deterrent; and

WHEREAS, the requested FTE increase will be funded entirely by grant revenue from the Oregon Department of Human Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the addition of .25 FTE Program Services Coordinator 1 and approve the appropriation of \$6,351 in additional revenue and expense in Fund 286, Department of Health & Human Services for FY 07-08.

DATED this _____ day of January, 2008.

Faye Stewart, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 1-11-08 Lane County
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