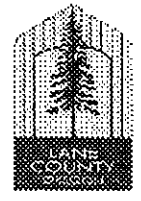


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AGENDA DATE: October 20, 2004
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services
PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh



AGENDA TITLE: ORDER _____ / IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING ONE FULL TIME (1.0 FTE) MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST POSITION FOR MENTAL HEALTH COORDINATION SERVICES EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2004 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

I. MOTION

ORDER _____ / In the Matter of Establishing One Full Time (1.0 FTE) Mental Health Specialist for Mental Health Coordination Services effective November 1, 2004 in the Department of Health & Human Services.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Effective January 1, 2005, LaneCare, Lane County's Managed Mental Health Organization, will receive funds from the Department of Human Services Oregon Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) to provide intensive community based child and adolescent mental health services. In order to coordinate these additional mental health services, a new mental health specialist position must be established.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

LaneCare employed a Mental Health Specialist as a Child Care Coordinator for 6 years. During the budget reductions of FY 2001-2003 this position was eliminated and the responsibilities were shifted to the remaining Adult Care Coordinators.

In January 2005, LaneCare will contract with OMHAS to manage an expanded mental health benefit program for children and adolescents. This program, Integrated Services Array (ISA), is a range of services, which are intensive, individualized home, and community-based services for children and adolescents with severe mental or emotional disorders whose needs cannot be adequately addressed in traditional settings. These services will

include psychiatric residential and psychiatric day treatment. Currently the state of Oregon contracts directly with providers to provide these services. Beginning in January 2005, the State will contract directly with the Managed Mental Health Organizations to manage these intensive individualized community based services locally. Lane County will be responsible for developing and implementing a system for the Integrated Services Array (ISA) that provides cost effective, comprehensive and individualized care to children and their families. Funds for the Integrated Services Array will be incorporated into the capitation rate that LaneCare receives on a monthly basis.

B. Analysis

The MHO contract amendment beginning January 1, 2005 will require that LaneCare is able to provide specific functions including system coordination and support, facilitation of access to appropriate services, review and authorization of service plans, credentialing of providers, and implementation of evidence-based practices. These functions are to be provided by a Community Care Coordinator. This new position is critical to a successful coordinated implementation of system improvements and to LaneCare meeting contractual obligations and needs to be in place on January 1, 2005. Total yearly cost for this position will be \$59,000. LaneCare will receive approximately an additional \$2,376,000 annually for these intensive services. \$176,000 (8%) will be allocated for administrative expenses. Lane County has been informed by OMHAS that this contract amendment will be forwarded to the County on December 1, 2004 for an effective beginning date of January 1, 2005.

An administrative transfer from Materials and Service line item will occur to fund this position in November and December. When the contract amendment for Integrated Services Array is received, these new funds will be appropriated.

Alternative / Options

1. To establish one full time (1.0 FTE) Mental Health Specialist position effective November 1, 2004 in the Department of Health & Human Services. This will allow LaneCare to be fully staffed to implement the Integrated Services Array program.
2. Not to establish one full time (1.0 FTE) Mental Health Specialist position effective November 1, 2004 in the Department of Health & Human Services. Without this new position, LaneCare will not be staffed in a timely manner to commence this new Integrated Services Array program for children and adolescents with severe mental and emotional disorders.

C. Recommendation

To approve the motion stated above.

D. Timing

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

IV. IMPLEMENTATION / FOLLOW-UP

Upon Board approval, Lane County Human Resources will create a position number and post this position.

V. ATTACHMENT

Board Order

Admin \ Marcia \ LaneCare Board Orders – Child Care Coordinator

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION) IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING ONE FULL TIME (1.0
AND ORDER:) FTE) MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST POSITION FOR
) MENTAL HEALTH COORDINATION SERVICES EFFECTIVE
) NOVEMBER 1, 2004 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &
) HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services will contract with Lane County beginning January 1, 2005 to manage an intensive community based mental health program for children and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, this new program, Integrated Services Array (ISA) will require a Community Care Coordinator to provide system coordination and facilitate access to appropriate mental health services for children and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, LaneCare, the Managed Mental Health Organization requires a Mental Health Specialist position to provide staffing for this new program; and

WHEREAS, An administrative transfer from Materials and Service line item will occur to fund this position in November and December.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners establish one full time (1.0 FTE) Mental Health Specialist position for mental health coordination services effective November 1, 2004 in the Department of Health & Human Services.

DATED this ____ day of October 2004

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 10/11/04 lane county
J. Handman
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL