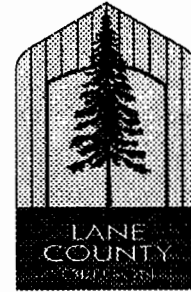


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AGENDA DATE: September 27, 2005
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services
PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh



AGENDA TITLE: ORDER / _____ IN THE MATTER OF ADDING AN ADDITIONAL 1.0 FTE PROGRAM SERVICES COORDINATOR I TO COORDINATE PREVENTION PROJECTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES. (34)

I. MOTION

Order / _____ In the Matter of Adding an Additional 1.0 FTE Program Services Coordinator I to Coordinate Prevention Projects in the Department of Health & Human Services.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

The Department of Health & Human Services will be receiving funding to support underage drinking prevention projects. Additional staff will be needed to provide the required services.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background/Analysis

Health & Human Services will be receiving additional funds from the state Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) to implement community-based underage drinking prevention strategies. This project is part of a grant received by OMHAS, and includes a partnership with Oregon Research Institute who will be providing evaluation of the statewide effort. The project is also in alignment with the currently approved Mental Health and Addictions Plan, which identifies underage drinking as one of the prevention priority areas.

Despite nationwide adoption of a 21-year-old minimum legal drinking age, alcohol remains readily available to youth. Thus, 95% of 12th graders, 85% of 10th graders, and 68% of 8th graders who participated in the 2002 Monitoring the Future survey reported that it is "fairly easy" or "very easy" to get alcohol. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) through their Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws program, recommends several strategies as

best practices to impact this problem. These include greater enforcement of underage drinking laws by local or state law enforcement agencies, targeting commercial sources of alcohol, adult provision of alcohol to minors, and parties where underage youth obtain alcohol. Because such strategies cannot be effective without public awareness and support, both the National Academy of Sciences and OJJDP recommend strategic media advocacy in support of these interventions.

Lane County's work with ORI on this project will build on existing community-based efforts through the Lane County Coalition to Prevent Substance Abuse, as well as supporting the implementation of strategies in specific communities in the county.

These additional state funds will support most of a full-time position, and the department will use funds currently budgeted for extra help staff to fund the balance. The annual cost of the 1.0 FTE Program Services I position is \$36,941 and the cost for benefits is \$27,166. H&HS hopes to establish this position effective October 1, 2005.

B. Alternatives/Options

1. To accept the motion creating a full time Program Services Coordinator I position.
2. Not to accept the motion. This will result in the lack of staff needed to support the prevention efforts called forth by the grant.

C. Recommendation

To approve number one above.

D. Timing

State grant funds will be awarded for the biennial period beginning July 1, 2005 and the department hopes to establish the position effective October 1, 2005. Therefore, efforts to establish the position and hire staff need to begin as soon as possible.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon action by the Board, H&HS staff will process the necessary paperwork to establish the position and allow for hiring of staff.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER:) IN THE MATTER OF ADDING AN ADDITIONAL 1.0 FTE
) PROGRAM SERVICES COORDINATOR I TO COORDINATE
) PREVENTION PROJECTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &
) HUMAN SERVICES. (34)

WHEREAS, Lane County has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Department of Human Services to operate a community mental health program which includes addiction prevention services; and

WHEREAS, Lane County Health & Human Services has been informed that the agreement will soon include funding for underage drinking prevention services; and

WHEREAS, the project is also in alignment with the currently approved Mental Health and Addictions Treatment Implementation Plan, which identifies underage drinking as one of the prevention priority areas; and,

WHEREAS, additional staff will be needed to support the prevention services; and

WHEREAS, appropriation of funds to support the services will be done through the supplemental budget adoption order;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Board of County Commissioners create a permanent 1.0 FTE Program Services Coordinator I position in the Department of Health & Human Services effective October 1, 2005.

DATED this _____ day of September, 2005.

Anna Morrison, Chair
Lane County Board Of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 9/15/05 Lane County
[Signature]
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

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