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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 APPROPRIATING \$63,024 IN REVENUE AND EXPENSE IN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A 1.0 FTE PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES/PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES. (FUND 286)

I. MOTION

Order _____ / In The Matter Of Appropriating \$63,024 in Revenue and Expense in Health and Human Services to Establish a 1.0 FTE Public Health Educator Position in the Department of Health and Human Services/Public Health Services. (Fund 286)

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Lane County has been awarded two grants within the Public Health Services, a Division of the Department of Health and Human Services. In order to fulfill the activities of the grants, staff must be hired.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background and Analysis

Lane County Public Health has recently been awarded two grants from the Oregon Department of Human Services. The first is a small grant for Early Childhood Cavities Prevention (ECCP) and the second is for promotion of Physical Activity and Nutrition (PAN). The ECCP grant is to improve the oral health of pregnant women and young children in Lane County Public Health's service area through community collaboration, preventive treatment, and education services and activities. Maternal Child Health (MCH) nurses will ensure that Medicaid-eligible pregnant women who seek services from Lane County Public Health will be

enrolled with a Dental Managed Care Organization. In addition, staff will provide oral health education and dental referrals and work with Medicaid-eligible pregnant women to help each establish a dental home, where they are able to receive continued dental service.

MCH nurses will also provide Oral Health Screening and Dental Risk Assessment for children who are served by the MCH Program. A Public Health Educator will work with local dentists and primary care providers regarding knowledge and present practice in providing preventive dental care and oral health treatment for pregnant women and children up to the age of two.

The Physical Activity and Nutrition (PAN) grant is to promote worksite health promotion interventions at four large Lane County workplaces; and to facilitate a community partnership that implements a community-based nutrition or physical activity intervention. For the portion of the county worksite health promotion intervention, public health staff has met with the Lane County Risk and Benefits Manager to strategize how the Public Health Educator can provide a resource to Lane County toward a worksite health promotion program.

The cost of the Public Health Educator position for fiscal year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 is \$48,024. The ECCP grant will fund 0.2 FTE of the 1.0 FTE Public Health Educator position. The PAN grant will fund 0.5 FTE of the 1.0 FTE Public Health Educator position. Additionally, Lane County Public Health went through a strategic planning process in the Fall of 2004. One of the goals identified within the strategic planning process was a fiscal sustainability component and the need to establish a position for Resource Development. Staff understands this is crucial to sustaining a viable financial future for public health services. Therefore, by utilizing lapsing personnel expenses within the public health programs, 0.3 FTE of the 1.0 FTE Public Health Educator position will be dedicated to resource development work. The remaining funding will pay for materials and services to support the position.

B. Alternatives / Options

1. To approve the order thereby establishing the 1.0 FTE Public Health Educator position in the Department of Health and Human Services. This will allow Lane County to provide oral health prevention services to pregnant women and children up to age two within Public Health services; provide Lane County a worksite health promotion program; and provide resource for ongoing strategic planning work for Lane County Public Health.
2. Not to approve the order thereby not establishing the 1.0 FTE Public Health Educator, returning the grant funds to the Oregon Department of Human Services.

C. Recommendation

To approve number one above.

D. Timing

Upon Board approval, establish position and move forward with hiring procedures, since funds were provided as of July 1, 2005 and services need to be provided.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP

Upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners, the department will work with Human Resources to fill the position.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION AND ORDER:) IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING \$63,024 IN REVENUE AND
) EXPENSE IN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A
) 1.0 FTE PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR POSITION IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES/PUBLIC
HEALTH SERVICES. (FUND 286)

WHEREAS, Lane County Public Health has received a grant to provide a worksite health promotion program; and

WHEREAS, Lane County Public Health has determined that ongoing strategic planning is a priority for the department; and

WHEREAS, Lane County Public Health has received a grant to provide oral health prevention services to pregnant women and children up to age two;

WHEREAS, as in order to accomplish these objectives a 1.0 FTE Public Health Educator position must be created in Public Health

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners appropriate \$63,024 in Revenue and Expense; and further

ORDERED that a 1.0 FTE Public Health Educator Position be created in the Department of Health & Human Services/Public Health Services.

DATED this ____ day of September 2005.

Anna Morrison, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 9/20/05 lane county
J. Laidlaw
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

September 27, 2005 Agenda Item

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