

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners Meeting
5/9/17, PM

Attendance at Meeting

Jim Detro - JD (BOCC)
Andy Hover - AD (BOCC)
Chris Branch- CB (BOCC)
Marianne Williams - MW -Board of Health
Steve Varrelman - SV - Board of Health
Patrick Plum -PP - Mayor of Tonasket, Board of Health
Lauri Jones - LJ -Community Health Director
Carol Bagley - CB- OCPublic Health
JJ Bellinger - JB -OCPublic H Health
Dr. John McCathy - Health Officer
Sen Linda Parlett - LB -ex state senator, executive director North Central Accountable -Community of Health
B Tenzin Jenison - TJ - Okanogan Behavioral HealthCare
Lisa Apple - LA -Chief Compliance Officer Okanogan Behavioral Healthcare

1:30 Board of Health Meeting

This is a paraphrasing of conversations by one of several volunteer citizen note takers and published on the website of Represent Okanogan County (ROC.) Any writer's comments or explanations are in italics. For officially approved minutes of Board of Commissioner meetings, normally published at a later date, see www.okanogancounty.org.

Summary:

Linda Parlett was invited by Lauri Jones, the Community Health Director to present the new integrated managed care model mandated by the state. There will be 9 accountable communities within the state. It will integrate behavioral health needs with medical needs in providing holistic care for medicaid clients. All counties in the state will be required to participate by January 2020. The commissioners will make the decision to participate early. Chelan, Douglas and Grant counties have begun the process. Okanogan county opted to wait mainly because there are not enough beds in the county and not enough child needs available. At the moment Okanogan county has a relationship with Spokane where there is security with the beds available. The state has not been able to provide many answers to the concerns of providers and others charged with managing this transition. The state is concerned that most counties will wait until 2020 to begin the transition. They are offering cash incentives to counties willing to begin the process as early as possible. They are referred to as mid -

adopters. Okanogan county would be able to become a mid - adopter by implementing the program by January, 2019 and receive \$585,000. The behavioral health providers are very concerned about this transition. There is already difficulty trying to meet the needs of their clients.

JD - Since it's mandated we should probably take the bribe.

TJ - \$500,000 is just not that much. The medicaid rates are really low in Okanogan County.

State Auditor Entrance Conference - 2016 Audit

Attendance:

Chris Branch- CB (BOCC)

Andy Hover - AH (BOCC)

Kathleen Lince, CFE Assistant Audit Manager

Steven Gadd, MBA, CMA - Audit Lead.

A handout was provided that the presenters went over with the commissioners.

The audit will take place this week and next.

Human Resources

Debbie Hilts - HR Coordinator

Tanya Craig - HR Director

Carry over business from this morning. Closed session because it is regarding union negotiations.