

ORIGINAL

MID-COLUMBIA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, June 24, 2014, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Board Room, 1113 Kelly Avenue, The Dalles, Oregon

2014 Board of Directors:

Gilliam County: \*Mike Weimer, Steve Shaffer, Denise Ball  
Hood River County: \*Maui Meyer, Les Perkins, Mark Zanmiller.  
Sherman County: \*Michael Smith, Cliff Jett, Tom McCoy  
Wasco County: \*Rod Runyon, Scott Hege, Carolyn Wood  
Wheeler County: \*Anne Mitchell, Chris Perry, Jack Lorts  
(\*denotes Executive Committee Members)

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A Roll Call and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Michael Smith, Chair.

Present: Michael Smith, Maui Meyer, Denise Ball, Michael Weimar, Steve Shaffer, Tom McCoy, Rod Runyon, Scott Hege, and Anne Mitchell (via conference call).

Absent: Mark Zanmiller, Les Perkins, Cliff Jett, Carolyn Wood, Chris Perry, and Jack Lorts.

Staff: John Arens, Executive Director; Dan Schwanz, Transportation Director; Tine Meriwether, Executive Assistant.

Guests: There were no guests.

B. Approval of May 27, 2014 Board Minutes.

Denise Ball moved, seconded by Steve Shaffer, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed by the following vote:

**AYES: Smith, Meyer, Ball, Weimar, Shaffer, McCoy, Runyon, Hege, Mitchell (9)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

**ABSENT: Zanmiller, Perkins, Jett, Wood, Perry, Lorts, (6)**

**OPEN AGENDA**

There was no public comment.

**ACTION ITEMS**

A. Approval of HIPAA Policy Statement.

John Arens presented the Staff Memorandum provided in the Board packet.

Tom McCoy moved, seconded by Denise Ball, to approve the HIPAA Policy Statement. The motion passed by the following vote:

**AYES:** Smith, Meyer, Ball, Weimar, Shaffer, McCoy, Runyon, Hege, Mitchell (9)  
**NAYS:** None (0)  
**ABSENT:** Zanmiller, Perkins, Jett, Wood, Perry, Lorts, (6)

B. Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Contract.

Arens presented the Staff Memorandum as provided in the Board packet. He noted that staff has been in communication with the Board since last February regarding the upcoming contracts with Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. (GOBHI) for non-emergent medical transportation through MCCOG's Transportation Network. Because of the increase in the service area, additional staff have been hired to handle the increase in volume.

There was a discussion regarding CCO's for the Eastern portion of the state. Dan Schwanz stated that in a meeting held earlier today, it was explained that client information will come from GOBHI and reimbursements will come from MODA. The Transportation Network's responsibility will remain the same as the contract we have with the State. GOBHI will provide us with the client list of those eligible to receive NEMT transportation.

Maui Meyer moved, seconded by Steve Shaffer, to approve the NEMT contract as presented.

Discussion:

Arens noted there will be a revision to page 27 in the pricing box with regards to "one-way trips" the example shown will need to add one more "stop" to more clearly represent three trips. Also, reference to the OAR is incorrect. He stated the statues referenced are in draft format and currently under final revision at the state level. However, they do not affect the content of the contract and will be corrected once the OAR's are finalized. Tom McCoy pointed out an error on page 8; there is no section (3) as mentioned in the document.

Rod Runyon asked about the \$20K commitment for ride software. Arens stated a separate agreement will be made to address and approve the purchase of the software. Chair Smith reiterated that the NEMT contract does not obligate us to purchase the software.

There was further discussion regarding the current \$53 amount charged per ride, and the increase in client eligibility. Schwanz stated the goal is to reduce the \$53 dollar amount. Arens reported that as of January 1, 2015, the state is expected to increase ridership eligibility. Schwanz stated that riders increased by 30% between January and March. Initially, the state had said the 30% increase would take place over a 2 year period.

With regards to the PacificSource contract negotiations, Schwanz reported the contract may come forward after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Following discussion, the question was called and the motion to approve the NEMT contract passed by the following vote:

**AYES:** Smith, Meyer, Ball, Weimar, Shaffer, McCoy, Runyon, Hege, Mitchell (9)  
**NAYS:** None (0)  
**ABSENT:** Zanmiller, Perkins, Jett, Wood, Perry, Lorts, (6)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660 2(I)**

The Board went into Executive Session as authorized under ORS 192.660 2 (I) to discuss:

- A. Executive Director's Performance Review.

The Board came out of Executive Session. The Board will meet again July 22, 2014 to review Goal Setting.

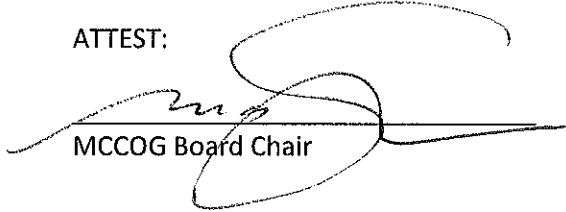
**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the MCCOG Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Tine Meriwether, Executive Assistant

ATTEST:

  
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MCCOG Board Chair