



AGENDA: SPECIAL SESSION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020

WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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9:00 a.m.	CALL TO ORDER Items without a designated appointment may be rearranged to make the best use of time. Other matters may be discussed as deemed appropriate by the Board. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda
9:00 a.m.	COVID-19 in Wasco County
9:30 a.m.	Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) Conferring with Legal Counsel
	ADJOURN

If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with: ORS 192.660(2)(a) – Employment of Public Officers, Employees & Agents, ORS 192.660(2)(b) – Discipline of Public Officers & Employees, ORS 192.660(2)(d) – Labor Negotiator Consultations, ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Property Transactions, ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, ORS 192.660(2)(g) – Trade Negotiations, ORS 192.660(2)(h) – Conferring with Legal Counsel regarding litigation, ORS 192.660(2)(i) – Performance Evaluations of Public Officers & Employees, ORS 192.660(2)(j) – Public Investments, ORS 192.660(2)(m) – Security Programs, ORS 192.660(2)(n) – Labor Negotiations



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PRESENT: Scott Hege, Chair
Kathy Schwartz, Vice-Chair
Steve Kramer, County Commissioner

STAFF: Kathy Clark, Executive Assistant
Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer

Agenda Item – COVID-19 in Wasco County

Chair Hege opened the session at 9:00 a.m.

Public Health Officer Dr. Mimi McDonell reported that Wasco County is at 96 cases, Sherman County is at 3 cases and Gilliam County has its first case. She stated that in the first 3 months of the pandemic, Wasco County had 24 cases; from June 28th to July 4th there have been 27 new cases. She said North Central Public Health District and community partners continue to work hard to make sure people are safe. They continue to work to ensure there is adequate quarantine and isolation space for those who need it. She praised the work done by Dr. Ashley Thompson, a tree doctor, in organizing information and pushing it out to the orchardists. She said that while there are certainly still concerns, the orchardists have done a great job.

NCPHD Interim Executive Director Shellie Campbell said that they are hiring more staff to focus on response – a nurse, a community health specialist and a disease investigator. These are temporary, 1-year positions; one has already been filled. NCPHD has reached out to One Community Health, The Next Door, MCMC and Bridges to Health to take on more weekend coverage to help alleviate the load on NCPHD staff. These community partners have come to the table with enthusiasm; they hope to have a plan in place in the next week.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked about the workplace outbreak report that will be made public today. Dr. McDonell responded that OHA has determined that when there is a congregate workplace outbreak of 5 or more, that information will be published. Locally, we have had 3 such outbreaks – Azure Standard in Sherman County, Polehn Farms and Orchard View Farms in Wasco County. She stated that each is under 10

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and they are keeping a close eye on all 3.

Vice- Chair Schwartz asked if they are still testing workers in those places. Dr. McDonell replied that instead of testing the entire workforce, they go in as soon as possible and test close contacts at the workplace. Owners and managers are helping with that.

Commissioner Kramer asked about the hospitalization rate. Dr. McDonell said that she cannot provide the local numbers, those are provided statewide. She added that our current capacity is excellent.

MCMC Community Outreach Coordinator reported that there are currently 2 positive cases at MCMC. Bed capacity and staffing are good. They monitor that closely.

Chair Hege asked about contact tracing capacity and if we are seeing larger numbers of positive cases in the 20-30 year old group. Dr. McDonell said that they are hiring more contact tracers but have been able to meet the benchmark of 24 hour contact for positive cases. She said that they tend to see more cases in the 40s and 50s age range but we are on the trend of seeing certain ethnic groups disproportionately affected. They are reaching out to offer support to those populations.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked what it means to be on the watch list. Dr. McDonell said that it is related to the uptick of cases and the concerns around challenges with contact tracing. She said that it is too soon to know if the mask mandate will make a difference; we were down as a state yesterday. People appear to be quite compliant and she is hoping for the best for Wasco County.

Chair Hege said that the implication of being on the watch list is that we are under a microscope. The State sees concerning numbers and is watching. If it continues to be poor or worsens, the guidelines could change for our county. For instance, in-house dining could be restricted. There are question marks; everyone wants to see the trends going down.

Vice-Chair Schwartz said that if we see a continued increase in cases and have to go back a bit, she hopes that the State would help us dive into the data to inform what gets rolled back. We would want to know where we are seeing the problems.

Chair Hege said that that is what has happened in places like Union County; the State worked with them. Hopefully, mask-wearing will be helpful.

Chair Hege asked about the number of recovered cases in Wasco County; it seems we have a lot of patients still not recovered. He asked if that is normal. Dr. McDonell explained that initially, OHA was in charge of determining what is "recovered"

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which was 60 days from the onset of illness among other criteria. In May, OHA stopped doing that research and so our numbers froze where they were. NCPHD is working on that at least for people who are 60 days out with no continuing symptoms.

Chair Hege asked what Dr. McDonell thinks about going back to meeting in person. He noted that some have but it does not seem safe. Dr. McDonell responded that she thinks meetings should stay virtual. Ms. Campbell said that if meetings are in person they should only be done with social distancing and masks. Dr. McDonell commented that people's ability to judge distance is not always accurate.

County Assessor Jill Amery asked how long the virus can stay in the air and accumulate in enclosed workspaces. She asked if we should be doing anything differently. Dr. McDonell replied that the virus spreads person to person but there are aerosolized particles. In the same way that you can smell bacon rooms away, those particles travel and can stay in the air. This is about mitigating risk; if you can work remotely, you should.

Commissioner Kramer asked if all that are being tested are showing symptoms or are some not. Dr. McDonell replied that they do come across some positive asymptomatic cases but that is the minority. The increased numbers in Wasco County are higher; that is not just a result of more testing.

Tawnya Williams asked about the upcoming school year. Ms. Campbell responded that guidance is coming from the State for plans that have to be developed by school districts. The plans will be very detailed. Claire Rannit is taking the lead and Public Health will be part of the review process. Plans must be submitted by August 15th and will include a disease component and a positive test response. This is just in the beginning stages.

Chair Hege asked if there are any predictions about opening the schools normally. Dr. McDonell replied that it won't be normal. Ms. Campbell added that there are a variety of options being considered.

Dr. McDonell asked how the supply chain for PPE is for MCMC. Ms. Boen answered that MCMC is not getting 100% of their allotment; they are getting approximately 70% of what they received pre-COVID. They are working with vendors outside of their usual supply chain. This is especially critical with the mandate for universal masking.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked if MCMC is up to 100% of normal elective procedures. Ms. Boen replied that they are not; they are slowly increasing based on access to PPE. Numbers are better but not at 100%.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked if there are still laid-off workers at MCMC. Ms. Boen

replied that they have turned on a lot of their services. She said that she does not know if everyone has been called back but a large percentage have been.

Ms. Williams asked if the goal is to test everyone, with or without symptoms. Dr. McDonell replied that they are not planning to test everyone. The goal is to get all symptomatic people and their close contacts tested in addition to regular testing of some higher risk populations such as the residents and staff of long term care facilities.

Forest Service Area Manager Lynn Burditt reported that Celilo Park and Rufus Landing are now open. Last Thursday, Oregon Parks and Rec have removed closures at Bridal Veil and Crown Point but it is a soft opening – not being advertised. The group is still working on a strategy to open Multnomah Falls lodge. If it is opened, we will see an influx that will travel farther east.

COVID GRANT FUNDING

Wasco County Emergency Manager Sheridan McClellan reviewed the memo included in the Board Packet. He said that he would like a decision today as our stock of PPE has been depleted and they would like to get those orders in as soon as possible.

Commissioner Kramer asked if the funds are in-hand now. Finance Director Mike Middleton said that they are.

Chair Hege asked Mr. Stone to weigh in. Mr. Stone said that there are a thousand different things we could spend these funds on. Replenishing PPE is certainly one of the important items – it is challenging and needs to be done. This recommended use of the funds is as good as several other options.

Commissioner Kramer commented that we need to get in the supply chain as soon as possible.

{{{Commissioner Kramer moved to approve the expenditure of COVID-19 relief funding as recommended by the Emergency Manager. Vice-Chair Schwartz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.}}}

Chair Hege encouraged businesses to visit the MCEDD website for more information on grant opportunities.

Chair Hege explained the procedure for the Executive Session and recessed the Regular Session at 9:52 a.m.

The Regular Session resumed at 10:29 a.m.

*****The Board was in consensus to direct staff to move forward with plans for mediation.*****

Chair Hege adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Summary of Actions

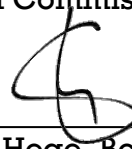
MOTIONS

- **To approve the expenditure of COVID-19 relief funding as recommended by the Emergency Manager.**

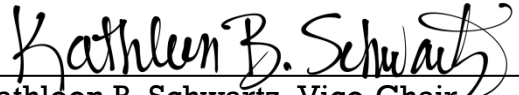
CONSENSUS

- **To direct staff to move forward with plans for mediation.**


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Healthcare Coalition COVID-19 Supplemental funding

Oregon received additional COVID-19 Supplemental funding from the office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR). Oregon received \$1,386,861.

The purpose of the funding is to support the urgent preparedness and response needs of hospitals, health systems, and health care workers on the front lines of this pandemic; to include emergency medical personnel. This supplement is intended to support hospitals and other related health care entities to prepare to identify, isolate, assess, transport, and treat patients with COVID-19 or persons under investigation (PUIs) for COVID-19, and to prepare for future special pathogen disease outbreaks. The allocation for the HCCs is \$1,258,438. The funding base to each HCC region was \$100,000 and the remaining funds were distributed by population. The following are the awards per HCC region.

- Region 1 \$360,625
- Region 2 \$206,501
- Region 3 \$176,115
- Region 5 \$140,606
- Region 6 \$107,445 (Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam)
- Region 7 \$143,857
- Region 9 \$123,290

Region 6 was further broken down by County by majority vote from Region 6 Healthcare Coalition. Region 6 amount was divided by three and the remaining third was split between Sherman and Gilliam, due to having a smaller population. Wasco County's portion is \$35,815.

This grant does not require an in-kind match and must be used solely for COVID-19 purposes. Region 6 Healthcare Coalition (specifically Wasco County partners) voted to utilize said funding toward restocking Personal Protection Equipment stockpile, specifically N-95, PAPR, gloves, medical gowns etc. and toward needed equipment to prepare for medical surge.

Attached enclosures include the Healthcare Preparedness Program Budget Spreadsheet (Enclosure 1) and Work plan (Enclosure 2).

Very respectfully,



Sheridan McClellan, Emergency Manager
Wasco County Emergency Management
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(Enclosure 1) Healthcare Preparedness Program Budget Spreadsheet

(Enclosure 2) Work plan

HEALTHCARE PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM - BUDGET COVID SUPP 2



General Information:

HPP Region:

Region 6

Agreement #:

Awardee: Wasco County Emergency Management

Date: 25-Jun-20

Address: 511 Washington Street, Suite 102

Duns #: 84415959

City, State and Zip: The Dalles, OR 97058

Budget Preparer Name: Sheridan McClellan

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Authorized Signer Name: Mike Middleton

Phone: 541-506-2770

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HPP COVID SUPP 2 Award Year: 06/01/20-06/30/21

Budget Details:

CAPABILITIES & OBJECTIVES			EXPENDITURE CATEGORY:								TOTALS
			Personal Services	Travel - Instate	Travel-Out-of-State	Capital Equipment	Supplies	Contracts	Other	Indirect	
Capability 1:	Foundation for Health Care and Medical Readiness	Specific Activity and Use:									
C1.O1	Establish and Operationalize a Health Care Coalition										\$0.00
C1.O2	Identify Risk and Needs										\$0.00
C1.O3	Develop a Health Care Coalition Preparedness Plan										\$0.00
C1.O4	Train and Prepare the Health Care and Medical Workforce										\$0.00
C1.O5	Ensure Preparedness is Sustainable										\$0.00
Sub-total:			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capability 2:	Health Care and Medical Response Coordination	Specific Use:									
C2.O1	Develop and Coordinate Health Care Organization and Health Care Coalition Response Plans										\$0.00
C2.O2	Utilize Information Sharing Procedures and Platforms										\$0.00
C2.O3	Coordinate Response Strategy, Resources, and Communications										\$0.00
Sub-total:			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capability 3:	Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery	Specific Use:									
C3.O1	Identify Essential Functions for Health Care Delivery										\$0.00
C3.O2	Plan for Continuity of Operations										\$0.00
C3.O3	Maintain Access to Non-Personnel Resources during an Emergency										\$0.00
C3.O4	Develop Strategies to Protect Health Care Information Systems and Networks										\$0.00
C3.O5	Protect Responders' Safety and Health	PPE for Medical Providers and First Responders					\$25,815.00				\$25,815.00
C3.O6	Plan for and Coordinate Health Care Evacuation and Relocation										\$0.00
C3.O7	Coordinate Health Care Delivery System Recovery										\$0.00
Sub-total:			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,815.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,815.00
Capability 4:	Medical Surge	Specific Use:									
C4.O1	Plan for a Medical Surge	Equipment required for Surge Capability					\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00
C4.O2	Respond to a Medical Surge										\$0.00
Sub-total:			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Grand Total			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,815.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,815.00

Capabilities and Expenditure Category definitions on next page. Please round all budgets to the nearest dollar. Questions: please contact your Liaison or Jill Snyder at 971-673-0714.

C = Capability
O = Objective

Wasco County HPP COVID-19 Work Plan

PROJECT DETAILS:

Wasco County Emergency Management needs to replenish Region 6 Health Care Coalitions Emergency PPE supply cache for Wasco County agencies that were used for COVID-19 Response, purchase additional PPE and supplies for first responders and equipment needed to prepare for Medical Surge capacity.

CAPABILITY 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery

OBJECTIVE C3.05.: Protect Responders's Safety and Health

With the purchase of this PPE, Region 6 Health Care Coalition's Emergency PPE Supply cache in Wasco County will be replenished, in an effort to protect first responders dealing with potentially contagious situations within our County and mutual aid response areas. Each responder will be trained to properly use the equipment that will be provided to them. Having the Emergency PPE cache replenished and proper PPE for our first responders will help ensure that our responders will be able to continue to respond to calls involving potentially deadly contagion .

CAPABILITY 4: Medical Surge

OBJECTIVE C4.01.: Plan for Medical Surge

With the purchase of this equipment, we will work towards enabling our region to respond to a medical surge event off site when the our Hospital is beyond capacity.

MILESTONES:

Wasco County plans on purchasing the supplies for the Region 6 Healthcare Coalition members located in Wasco County as soon as the application has been approved. Once the equipment and PPE has been received first responders and hospital staff will be trained on proper wear of PPE and setting up equipment for Medical Surge.