

**COLUMBIA RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
EAST WENATCHEE, WA
2/02/2017**

Members Present- Commissioners Cindy Carter, Rob Coffman, Roger Hartwig, Kevin Overbay

Staff Present- Bruce Buckles, Val Graber, Erin Nelson, Diane Tribble, Josh Hamilton, Jill Dempsey

Guests- Tom Cash, Union Representative and Chris Johnson, Staff Representative

Meeting- Cindy Carter called the Columbia River Council of Governments (COG) meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

Public Comment- None

Minutes- Cindy Carter moved to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2016 meeting as submitted. Rob Coffman seconded, and the motion carried.

Budget & Expenditures- Expenditures were reviewed for November and December, 2016. Rob Coffman made a motion to approve the expenditures for Checks 62241-62391, DD 12248-DD 12351, EFTPS 11, DRS 21 & 22, EFT 11 and Checks 62392-62542, DD 12352-DD 12460 (VOID DD 12446, CK#S 62455, 63001-63006), EFTPS 12 & 13, DRS 23 & 24, EFT 13. Roger Hartwig seconded, and the motion carried.

Resolution 17-01- To grant authorization to sign on the Agency's bank account to: Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner; Bruce Buckles, Executive Director; Valerie Graber, Chief Operating Officer; Erin Nelson, Director of Contracts and Ombuds; and Ken Sterner, Director of Business Operations. A motion to approve Resolution 17-01 was made by Rob Coffman. Kevin Overbay seconded, and the motion carried.

COG 2017 Meeting Schedule- There was discussion concerning changes to the 2017 meeting schedule due to conflicts with some members attending county legislative meetings in Olympia. Kevin Overbay made a motion that the March through June meetings be changed to the second Thursday of the month as follows: March 9, 2017, April 13, 2017, May 11, 2017 and June 8, 2017. Rob Coffman seconded, and the motion carried.

Contract signature Authorization update- Due to changes in Commissioners, an updated Contractor Signature authorization form needed to be updated. Cindy Carter and Kevin Overbay signed this authorization.

Personnel Update- AnDee Desrosier accepted the Community Services Specialist position in Omak, effective 12/05/16. Kaitlyn Nielson accepted the Case Manager position in Moses Lake, effective 12/19/16. Rachel Evans resigned from the position of Contract Specialist I in East Wenatchee, effective 12/30/16. Tawn Thompson resigned from the part time Health Home Care Coordinator position in Omak, effective 12/31/16. Kathleen Thompson resigned from the part time Registered Nurse position, effective 1/4/17. Joy Timm accepted the part time Health Home Care Coordinator position in Omak effective 1/18/17. Gloria Rios resigned from the position of Case Aide in Moses Lake, effective, 1/20/17. Jose Hernandez accepted the Case Manager position in East Wenatchee, effective 1/23/17.

Executive Director's Report- Bruce Buckles shared a chart with the 65+ populations by County in Washington State depicting changes and predicted changes from years 2000-2030, an update and budget for the Accountable Community of Health (ACH), and he discussed the challenges rural

communities face in providing nursing home care for those in need of this level of care. Bruce has received a request by a staff member to hang a picture of the president of the United States in the Agency's lobby. There was no objection to this request by the COG members. Val Graber gave an overview of Case Management services for approximately 1,700 people living in the AACCW six-county region on Medicaid who desire to remain in their own homes with homecare services. She also discussed upcoming changes with the 1115 Waiver program. Diane Tribble gave an overview of non-Medicaid services provided to the community and Family Caregivers through the Information and Assistance Department. Josh Hamilton gave a report on his role and activities as the Information Technology Coordinator to maintain efficiency and security for the Agency employees and clients. Erin Nelson provided an overview of the Long Term Care and Behavioral Health Ombuds programs.

Executive Session- None

Cindy Carter adjourned the meeting at 2:37 pm.