

**COLUMBIA RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
EAST WENATCHEE, WA
4/13/2017**

Members Present- Commissioners Cindy Carter, Rob Coffman, Roger Hartwig, Kevin Overbay, Dan Sutton, Chris Branch

Staff Present- Bruce Buckles, Ken Sterner, Diane Tribble, Jill Dempsey

Guests- Tom Cash, Union Representative, Chris Johnson, Staff Representative; Stephanie Alexander, Legal Counsel.

Meeting- Cindy Carter called the Columbia River Council of Governments (COG) meeting to order at 1:39 pm.

Minutes- Rob Coffman moved to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2017 meeting as submitted. Kevin Overbay seconded, and the motion carried.

Budget & Expenditures- Expenditures were reviewed for February, 2017. Rob Coffman made a motion to approve the expenditures for Checks 63127-63260, DD 12568-DD 12677, PRT1-17. Roger Hartwig seconded, and the motion carried.

Advisory Committee Terms- There are two (2) openings for Adams County, one (1) opening in Okanogan County and one (1) opening in Lincoln County on the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee recommend the approval of Dale Lathrop from Lincoln County for a three year term on the committee. Rob Coffman made a motion to appoint Dale Lathrop to the Advisory Committee. Kevin Overbay seconded, and the motion carried.

Personnel Update- Diane Robeck accepted the RN part-time position in Omak effective 3/21/17. Meagan Williams accepted the Contract / Fiscal Specialist I position in East Wenatchee, effective 3/27/17. A discussion ensued about challenges statewide in hiring nurses. Bruce reported that he is working with the state in obtaining more funds to increase wages.

Executive Director's Report- Bruce Buckles reported that the North Central Washington Accountable Community of Health (NCWACH) is working through challenges and moving forward with anticipated funding from the Health Care Authority (HCA) and office space and administrative support from Chelan/Douglas Department of Health (CDDOH). He gave an update on the Medicaid Transformation Project (1115 Waiver) and the need to hire two new employees for this program; the need for long term care facilities and Adult Day Care services in addition to homecare services to meet the needs of seniors; the upcoming Guardianship Forum to be held on May 12th in Wenatchee; and Alzheimer Walks.

Executive Session- Per RCW 42.30.110 Executive Sessions, the board entered into executive session at 2:10 pm to discuss potential litigation with legal counsel representing the agency.

The board reconvened at 2:42 pm and no actions were taken.

Cindy Carter adjourned the meeting at 2:42 pm.