

**COLUMBIA RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MEETING MINUTES  
EAST WENATCHEE, WA  
8/9/2018**

**Members Present** - Commissioners Cindy Carter, Rob Coffman, Kevin Overbay, Dan Sutton, Chris Branch, Terry Thompson

**Staff Present** - Bruce Buckles, Debbie Peterson, Tammy Harvey, Erin Nelson, Diane Tribble, Jill Dempsey

**Guests** - Christine Johnson, Union Employee Representative

**Meeting** – Cindy Carter called the Columbia River Council of Governments (COG) meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

**Public Comment**- None

**Minutes** – Kevin Overbay moved to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2018 meeting. Dan Sutton seconded, and the motion carried.

**Budget & Expenditures**- Expenditures were reviewed for June, 2018. Rob Coffman made a motion to approve the expenditures for Checks # 65406-65561, DD 14394-DD 14511, PRT 6-18, DRS 11, DRS 12. Terry Thompson seconded. After questions were discussed concerning the Wenatchee office lease and contracted services of Northwest Justice Project, the motion carried.

**Personnel Update**- Handout in packet was reviewed.

**Executive Director's Report** – Bruce Buckles provided information on the following topics: handout concerning cyber security/HIPAA concerns; the exit interview from the recent Office of the State Auditor was distributed. There were no findings or recommendations and AACCW received an A+ rating; current union negotiations underway; and Darrell Dickeson is providing technical assistance to NAMI, an important organization representing mental health issues, services and family supports that is struggling to remain solvent. There was a discussion about a large percentage of incarcerated people with mental health diagnoses with limited, more appropriate alternatives. Parkside has yet to begin operations and Bruce offered his help if needed. There was also a discussion about vulnerable adults and the need to provide resource information to law enforcement, coroners, and emergency room personnel. Kevin Overbay will facilitate an opportunity for AACCW to meet with the local law enforcement group to provide a presentation. AACCW is willing to attend any such meeting throughout the six counties to share this important information. There was a discussion about POA's and guardianships. AACCW will be hosting a state-wide Guardianship Conference in Wenatchee on March 22, 2019. The Commissioners are invited to attend this meeting.

Kevin Overbay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm. Dan Sutton seconded, and motion carried.