

**COLUMBIA RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON
4/7/2016**

Members Present – *Commissioners Cindy Carter, Sheilah Kennedy, John Marshall, Steve Jenkins (via conference call), Rob Coffman, Ron Walter*

Staff Present – *Bruce Buckles, Tammy Harvey, Diane Tribble, Ken Sterner, Josh Hamilton, Jill Dempsey*

Guests – Chris Johnson, Staff Representative

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

Public Comment – None

Minutes – Ron Walter moved to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2016 meeting as submitted. Sheilah Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried.

Budget & Expenditures – Expenditures were reviewed. Rob Coffman moved to approve the expenditures for Checks 61000-61126, DD 11305-DD 11404, EFTPS 2, DRS 3 & 4, EFT 2, AMEX 2. Ron Walter seconded. After a question was answered about a payment to NCI Data, a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Personnel Update- Deborah Deines accepted the position of Assistant Mental Health Ombuds I P/T in East Wenatchee effective 3/10/16. Glenda Agostini-Miranda accepted the position of Case Aide in Moses Lake effective 3/28/16.

Executive Director's Report –Ken Sterner reported on the Behavioral Health Ombuds program that will include Ombuds services for Substance Abuse service recipients and changes to the counties to be served under a proposed contract. Josh Hamilton provided an update on computer system upgrades currently underway. Diane Tribble reported on upcoming Alzheimer training and Alzheimer Walks. Bruce Buckles continues to be involved with the Accountable Community of Health (ACH). He announced the Annual Senior Center Conference to be held on April 27, 2016. Bruce will present information on elder fraud. An invitation with the agenda will be forwarded to the council members when finalized.

Resolution 16-01: to authorize a 2% cost of living adjustment for all agency employees. Current contract language from July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015 rolled into contract term July 1, 2015-June 30, 2018, with wage openers consistent with DSHS/ALTA standards in 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. Sheilah Kennedy moved to approve Resolution 16-01. John Marshall seconded, and the motion carried.

Executive Session-None

Cindy Carter adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.