

**COLUMBIA RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON
3/10/2016**

Members Present – *Commissioners Cindy Carter, Sheilah Kennedy, John Marshall, Steve Jenkins, Rob Coffman, Ron Walter*

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

Guests – Betty Rae Adams, Staff Representative

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

Public Comment – None

Minutes – Sheilah Kennedy moved to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2016 meeting as submitted. Steve Jenkins seconded, and the motion carried.

Budget & Expenditures – Expenditures were reviewed. Rob Coffman moved to approve the expenditures for Checks 60878-60999, DD 11207-DD 11304, EFT 1, DRS 1 & 2, EFT 1, AMEX 1, ESD 4, LnI 4. Ron Walter seconded. After a question was answered about a payment to Correctional Industries, a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Quarterly Reports- Quarterly reports were reviewed and departmental information was shared.

Proposal- Tammy Harvey presented the need to purchase one to two vehicles for the Mental Health Ombuds programs due to the extensive travel throughout seven counties. John Marshall made a motion that one to two vehicles be purchased for the Mental Health Ombuds program expending no more than \$27,000.00. Steve Jenkins seconded and the motion carried.

Personnel Update- The part time position for Health Home Care Coordinator was not filled and there are questions regarding continued funding for this program. Tammy Harvey announced that there is a current opening for a Case Aide in Moses Lake and a new full time position in the Wenatchee office for a combined fiscal and contract department person.

Executive Director's Report – Bruce Buckles reported on Alzheimer Advocacy Day and Senior Lobby trips to Olympia that were well attended by AACCW staff and representatives. Josh Hamilton discussed the DSHS mandated need to upgrade computer systems. Twenty systems need to be upgraded and eleven new systems were purchased. Bruce Buckles continues to be involved with the Accountable Community of Health (ACH). He discussed the constant changes for Case Management services.

Proposal- A new position of Director of Nursing Services was proposed for Debbie Peterson who is the current Care Coordination & Nursing Manager/RN in the Omak office. A 5% salary increase was requested for this position. Sheilah Kennedy made a motion to approve the request for the new position of Director of Medical Services with a 5% salary increase for Debbie Peterson. Steve Jenkins seconded and the motion carried.

Executive Session-The Board entered into executive session at 2:30 pm and reconvened at 2:39 pm.

Cindy Carter adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.