

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Staff Presentation Worksheet

Presentation Date: October 26, 2010 Time: 3:00 pm Length: 30 Minutes

Presentation Title: Point of Dispensing – Memorandum of Understanding

Department: Emergency Management & Health and Housing and Human Services,
Community Health

Presenters: Nancy Bush and Larry MacDaniels

POLICY QUESTION: Clackamas County Emergency Management (CEM) and Health, Housing and Human Services' Division of Community Health are currently working together to formalize agreements between Clackamas County and public schools that have agreed to be Points of Dispensing (PODs) during public health and other emergencies. With assistance and input from Clackamas County legal counsel a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was developed and distributed to the schools that have agreed or showed interest in becoming PODS. The policy question today is for the BCC to review the MOU and agree to sign those that have been returned to us so that we will have MOUs in place if there is a disaster and a POD is needed.

ISSUE & BACKGROUND: Clackamas County Community Health has received federal grant funding through the state of Oregon for the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI). The CRI is a federally funded program located in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is designed to enhance preparedness in the nation's largest cities and metropolitan statistical areas where more than 50% of the U.S. population resides. Through CRI, state and large metropolitan public health departments have developed plans to respond to a large-scale bioterrorist event by dispensing antibiotics to the entire population of an identified metropolitan statistical area (MSA) within 48 hours. As a part of the CRI each of the local jurisdictions that are members of the initiative are mandated to plan for PODs, which is where the jurisdiction will dispense medications to the general public during a public health event.

In addition to use of the facilities for PODs Clackamas County has expanded the MOU to include commodity distribution so that the county is in a better position to distribute food, water, blankets, and other items in a large-scale event such as an earthquake.

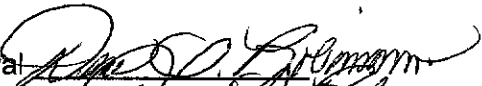
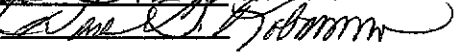
QUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION: The BCC is being asked to sign the MOUs for Oregon Trail School District, West Linn-Wilsonville School District, and Lake Oswego School District.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE: Option 1) Approve the school MOUs for emergency events. 2) Do not approve the MOUs, which may jeopardize CRI federal funding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Emergency Management and H3S recommend that the BCC approve and sign the MOUs with the participating schools.

SUBMITTED BY: Nancy Bush, Assistant Director, Department of Emergency Management.

Division Director/Head Approval 
Department Director/Head Approval 
County Administrator Approval _____

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