



Lincoln County Public Budget Hearing

Lincoln County Courthouse
225 West Olive Street
Room 108
Newport, OR 97365

May 22, 2023
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order and Introductions by Vice Chair Casey Miller.
Present were Kaety Jacobson, Lincoln County Commissioner, John Heath, Casey Miller, Lincoln County Commissioner, Claire Hall, Lincoln County Commissioner, Kathleen Kellay, Recorder, Ken Lipp, Public Information Officer

Lincoln County Department Presentations

2. **Lincoln County Health and Human Services (HHS) - Presented by Jayne Romero, Director, and Brandi Reid, HHS Account Analyst**
Director Romero presented the HHS Budget proposal. She informed the committee that HHS has 29 internal departments. Its purpose is to foster the health and wellbeing of the citizens of the county within the limitations of the budget. There are currently 184 budgeted positions within the department and a 17% vacancy rate. She listed the department's major achievements for the year, including the purchase and opening of the Waldport clinic, the remodel of the Nye Street clinic, and the move of primary care from the 1010 Building to the remodeled Nye Clinic, ending the lease on the 1010 building. HHS has also purchased the building at 255 SW Hwy 101 and a house on 2nd street for crisis stabilization.

Mental Health – Marie Laper, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health

Deputy Director Laper gave an overview of her department, its budget, major activities, and goals. She listed securing funding for a crisis assessment and resolution facility and for the development of a 28-unit housing complex for adults with a serious mental illness among the department's recent accomplishments.

Developmental Disability Services – Jinanjali Wimalasena, Deputy Director

Deputy Director Wimalasena gave an overview of this department, its budget, and its major activities. The intent of this department is to support individuals to live as independently as possible in the community. This department served 266 individuals in 2022, which is a 6% increase from 2021. She listed the licensing of a new foster home among the department's accomplishments in the next year.

Lincoln Community Health Center, Primary Care -Presented by Health and Human Services Director Jayne Romero

Director Romero gave an overview of the Primary Care division. This division is comprised of four departmental funds, Primary Care, School Based Health Centers, Office Based Addiction Treatment, and Veterans Administration at three clinic sites, Newport, Waldport, and Lincoln City. It also has four school-based sites at Taft, Newport, Waldport, and Toledo.

The Health Center has been a Health Center Quality Leader award recipient for four years. She also shared metrics for the department.

Public Health – Presented by HHS Director Jayne Romero

Director Romero started the overview of this division by stating that 18 of HHS's 29 departmental funds are in Public Health. She walked the committee through several slides with budget aspects of each department fund. This department is working toward a national Public Health accreditation.

3. **Committee Questions** – Questions from the committee were addressed during each presentation.
4. **Questions by Public** – There were no questions from the public.
5. This meeting recessed at 7:34 p.m. It is continued to May 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Room 108, Newport.