

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
April 23, 2013

1. At 9:00 a.m., Chair Wheeler declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth was present, Commissioner Pope was excused.
2. **MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2013.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **HEAD START UPDATE**

Teresa Cox, Executive Director of the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MWVCAA) attended the meeting to give an update on the proposed changes to the Head Start program. Due to sequestration, there are cuts that need to be made, but the cuts will all be coming from Marion County.

The President's budget was released and it provides more funding for Early Head Start (Ages 0-3) programs, in an effort to increase quality childcare. Since there are currently no Early Head Start programs in Polk County, MWVCAA is proposing a shift of 38 current Head Start slots to 30 Early Head Start slots, for a new total of 150 slots in Polk County. Teresa reported that this should not cause any sort of hardship for families because at the current level of regular Head Start slots, Polk County has some difficulty maintaining 90% attendance.

The 30 Early Head Start slots will start off as a combination model while the facility can be adequately modified: 16 slots will be two days per week full daycare, and two home visits per month. The remaining 14 slots is only home based with socialization activities. In order to be eligible for the Head Start program, there are income requirements, and 10% of the slots are reserved for children with disabilities.

Brent DeMoe, Service Integration Manager reported that there are currently eight programs that provide in-home visitation services to families in Polk County. These programs have agreed to start meeting quarterly to coordinate and verify that there is no duplication of services. Brent also informed the Board that funding for the Teen Parent Program in Dallas has been approved, and the County will be meeting with the new Principal of Central High School to discuss the possibility of re-starting the Central Teen Parent Program.

4. **PCCCF NEXT STEPS**

Brent DeMoe reported that the Commission is still scheduled to go away on June 30. There is a PCCCF meeting tonight to discuss what ideas the members may have about how to continue to stay involved within the community. The Board can form an advisory committee, but without funding, the committee would be limited in what they could do.

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.) None.

Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez
Approved: April 30, 2013