

April 28, 1992
12:00 p.m.

LUNCHEON MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners'
Conference Room

Chair Ellie Dumdi presided with Jack Roberts and Jerry Rust present. Steve Cornacchia and Marie Frazier excused. Judy Haldeman, Recording Secretary.

1. DISCUSSION/Youth Campus.

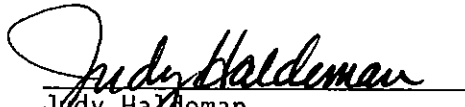
Steve Carmichael, Director, introduced Chuck Ryer, Jim Forbes and Orlando Martinez to the Board. Martinez will assess the need for the Youth Campus, the desirability of the concept, discuss who should be on the campus and provide community and correctional assessments for Youth Services. Carmichael noted that Oregon is moving from a state-directed correctional system, closing state training schools, reducing state correctional beds and parole services and looking to the community to provide more of the correctional programs. This is the first program in the nation which tries to merge public and private resources together into one complex of juvenile corrections.

Martinez commented that if the mission of the Youth Campus is to get people to work together and to reduce fragmentation and waste, this would be a good vehicle. He applauded the attempt to create an integrated system through the Youth Campus. Martinez stated that he thinks that the best institution is the family and he would make every effort to keep children and families together; therefore, a community-based system which keeps kids close to home is the direction to go. He noted that there would always be some segment of the youth population which needed to be in a more secure system. Rust commented that some of the juvenile needs of Lane County were for drug and alcohol treatment, vocational training programs, sex offender programs, early intervention and anger management. Martinez commented that the health and educational needs of youth should be met, as well. Roberts commented that he felt that the needs of youth can be dealt with better in the local community and that the Board unanimously supports the balanced approach of protection, accountability and competency being used at Youth Services.

Martinez stated that he would like to leave in place some process by which decisions could be made, but he could not give the Board any predesigned programming for the Youth Campus. Jim Johnson, County Administrator, commented that his long-range vision was to have at least as many alternatives for youth as we now have for adults, including prevention care. He stated that the video lottery money may have a role to play in the Youth Campus; Lane County will be receiving \$393,000 per year. Bill Van Vactor, County Counsel, asked if there would be equity interest or ownership by Looking Glass in the Campus land or buildings and Forbes commented that it would depend on who built the buildings. The primary need at Looking Glass is for a new location for the Stepping Stone program and control of the property is not the real issue. Martinez commented that the management requirements of the public system are much different than the private system and could present a stumbling block. He discussed

hiring practices, wage scales and the Fair Labor Standards Act as items which will need discussion. He commented that the Center for the Study of Social Responsibility has done some analysis of these issues.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



Judy Haldeman
Recording Secretary