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LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Pursuant to notice made by mailing agendas to news media, a selected list of jurisdictions and individuals in Lane County, a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held.

Questions should be directed to The Board Office Specialist 3, ext. 4203.

November 9, 1994
10:30 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH

Harris Hall
Main Floor

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

2. REPORT/Semi-Annual Board of Health Report.

This item was taken out of order.

Ada Noble, Health and Human Services, indicated that in addition to the written report included in the agenda packet, three staff members would present reports on specific topics.

Phyllis Roberts, Public Health Nurse, reported on the Family Planning Clinic. She distributed a copy of the "Client Feedback" form and a list of some responses received. Roberts indicated the Lane County's teen pregnancy rate is now lower than the state average. She expressed concern that there has been an increase over the last ten years in abnormal pap smears. Roberts noted that so far there has been no drain on the clinic's clientele due to the impact of the Oregon Health Plan. She remarked that, despite the Oregon Health Plan, three populations remain unserved: 1) teen clients who don't want to fill out Oregon Health Plan forms because they desire confidentiality; 2) undocumented Hispanics, representing 12% of the clientele; and 3) the working poor who represent 50% of the clientele. Roberts indicated that the Family Planning Clinic had over 12,000 encounters with clients and that less than one percent were seen by the physician, demonstrating the volume of work that is being handled by nurses. She observed that since June 30, nursing staff at the Family Planning Clinic has been cut by 25-50%.

Sandy Mowrer, Public Health Nursing Supervisor, spoke on behalf of the Communicable Disease Team. She remarked that there have been 7 homeless individuals with active tuberculosis and, due to their lack of housing, care for them has been labor intensive. Mowrer described the STD clinic

and the flu shot clinic. She noted that hepatitis is on the rise, stating that there have been 31 cases since October 1, often related to IV drug use. Mowrer stressed that hiring staff has been difficult because of future funding stability with the County.

Michele Clasen-Copely, Public Health Nurse, described various aspects of the Maternal Child Health Team. She observed that four years ago, there were 10 staff and now there are 6 full-time staff. Clasen-Copely remarked that the County is losing nurses who have concerns about being cut due to funding.

Rust stressed that public health needs to be a priority, noting that preventing these long-term problems protects future public safety. He expressed appreciation to staff for highlighting these concerns.

Staff presented a 9-minute video highlighting public health.

MOTION: To accept the Annual Board of Health Report. Dumdi MOVED, Frazier SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

1. Approval of Minutes: May 3, 1994, 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: Approval of the Minutes. Dumdi MOVED, Rust SECONDED.
VOTE: 4-0.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.


Sharon Giles
Recording Secretary