

**Minutes of Meeting
Health Care Contracts
March 17, 2014
9:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Todd Tondee, Commissioner Dan Green and Commissioner Jai Nelson met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Chief Deputy Clerk Pat Raffee, County Assistance Manager Todd Rickard, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden, and Deputy Clerk Nancy Jones.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
- B. Introductions:** There were no introductions made.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes made to the agenda.
- D. Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.
- E. New Business:**
Commissioner Nelson presented a spreadsheet with basic information for the ten (10) indigent care contracts between Kootenai Medical / Kootenai Health and Kootenai County (County Assistance, Coroner, Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), and Transit). The attendees reviewed the status of each contract, including expiration dates and renewal terms. The group determined that four (4) of the contracts related to County Assistance required deliberation or action:
- Settlement of Indigent Claims – Commissioner Green agreed to follow up on this item to initiate an extension/renewal discussion with Kootenai Health. The attendees agreed that this item should be treated as a priority, as it would be considered during the FY2015 budget process.
 - Involuntary Holds – Chief Deputy Clerk Pat Raffee presented statistical and financial information regarding medical and police holds and she answered questions that might be raised during the contract negotiation process. Ms. Raffee and Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden explained that the primary area of concern is the maximum number of days that the County indigent program will fund for these patients. County Assistance Manager Todd Rickard detailed the options that are being presented by both parties, including general cost comparisons to the existing agreement. Ms. Raffee noted that police hold expenditures expanded twenty five percent (25%) over a twelve (12) month period, and that this contract is also a priority for budget consideration. Commissioner Green asked for cost calculations to be performed for the various options related to medical and police holds. Mr. Rickard agreed to work with Legal to complete a contract renewal draft for review.
 - First and Second Designated Exam (DE1 and DE2) Contracts – The attendees discussed the current terms and conditions of the DE1 contract between Kootenai County and Jessica Kell (which will expire in 2015). Currently, no written DE2 contract is in place. The Board gave direction for Mr. Rickard and Ms. Raffee to work with Legal to draft a written DE2 contract, with Mr. Braden to distribute a final draft agreement to each of the attendees for review and response. Once that draft is complete, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss with Kootenai Medical representatives the police hold and DE contracts.
 - Intentional and Unintentional Appeals – Commissioner Green agreed to initiate action on these items and follow up with Mr. Rickard and Ms. Raffee when additional information becomes available.

Mr. Rickard noted that the County is the payor of last resort, per *Idaho Code* §66-327, and that these contracts serve an important role in establishing set costs for these services.

In addition to these items, the Board noted that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Agreement appears to have expired as of March 31, 2013. Commissioner Nelson agreed to follow up with FTA Grant Administrator Christine Fueston to determine the current status. Further, they agreed that the Case Management Services agreement between Kootenai County (BOCC) and the Board of Community Guardians should be allowed to automatically renew in 2014, per the existing terms and conditions of the contract.

- F. **Staff Reports:** There were no staff reports.
- G. **Public Comment:** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

TODD TONDEE, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Nancy A. Jones, Deputy Clerk
