

Public Health Study Session
September 25, 2019
10:00am
Commissioners Conference Room

Attendees

Commissioners: Brett Wachsmith, Cory Wright

Public Health: Kim Shilley, Tristen Lamb, Erin Moore, Jesse Cox

Others: Lisa Young

Department Business

2020 Fees – Draft & Cost Recovery Discussion

Tristen Lamb handed out a draft of the 2020 fee schedule. Ms. Lamb stated that the department will implement the new fee schedule in January instead of May at the request of both stakeholders and the Board. Tristen shared the areas of increases and decreases of fees based on the County's fee model, time study, and 100% cost recovery. Tristen also discussed the possibility of charging only 50% cost recovery to school inspection fees, since they continue to increase substantially and not all Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) require or charge for that service (as of 2018, only 9 of 35 LHJs were inspecting schools). Both Commissioners present, Brett Wachsmith and Cory Wright, gave direction to keep the fees at a 100% cost recovery.

2020 Preliminary Budget, Continued

Ms. Lamb presented the commissioners with the second round of Health Department's Preliminary 2020 Budget. Ms. Lamb shared the difference between round one of the preliminary budget vs. round two, which mostly reflects changes in our FTE, Services & Charges and Admissions Tax allocations. Opengov budgets \$250,000 admissions tax revenue, and Ms. Lamb requested direction on how to budget for Admissions Tax (total revenue vs. codified designated amount for the department, or some other value). Commissioners Wachsmith and Wright suggested reevaluating the Admissions Tax code based on the three years' worth of data now available, and potentially change the amount designated to Public Health.

Department Staffing update/requests

HP Supervisor

Chelsey Loeffers was selected for this position and will start on October 1st.

Assessment Coordinator

With Amy Fuller leaving at the end of December, Tristen Lamb plans to reclassify Lianne Bradshaw as Assessment Coordinator as soon as possible. Ms. Bradshaw has a Master's in Public Health, is currently a part of the department's assessment division, and is very data oriented.

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Harm Reduction Specialist

The department would not need to fill Ms. Bradshaw's current position, Community Health Specialist, and instead would post for a grant-funded, temporary, project-based Harm Reduction Project Specialist position. The position has funding for approximately 3 years and would take over some of the programs Ms. Bradshaw could not keep as Assessment Coordinator, w like Syringe exchange.

The department is still not replacing or hiring for our vacant EH specialist, pending the feasibility study currently in progress.

Other

Meeting adjourned at 10:53am



Cory Wright, BOCC Chair



Kim Shilley, Public Health Clerk