

**Union County Board of Commissioners
October 21, 2009**

Present: Commissioner Steve McClure
Commissioner R. Nellie Hibbert

Absent: Commissioner Mark D. Davidson

Call to Order

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman McClure and Commissioner Hibbert present.

Public Comments & Concerns

No public comments or concerns were presented.

Elected Official, Department Head & Employee Comments

Union County Fit Kids Update

Vicky Brogoitti, Commission on Children & Families (CCF) reported that the Union County Fit Kids Coalition received statewide honor from the Community Health Partnership as a project that is recognized as innovative initiative. The program received \$750 in honor of this recognition.

Healthy Start/Healthy Families Application

Union County CCF has been in conversation with Wallowa and Baker County CCF's and Healthy Start programs regarding regionalizing the Healthy Start Programs. After looking at a draft framework and budget it was the recommendation from the Healthy Kids Advisory Group that Union County slow the process down, since the State will be re-distributing funds to Healthy Start Programs July 1, 2010. The Healthy Start Program Manager Supervisor and two home visitors agreed to not accept benefits, so as part of their compensation their hourly wages were bumped up and benefits were reduced. Healthy Start is using Medicaid reimbursement dollars for all materials and service expenditures since most are non-allowable with state general funds. Counties are expected to generate a 25% match in funds with 5% of that match being cash. Union County Healthy Start Program received a \$4,000 donation from US Bank which takes care of the cash match for the biennium. Vicky anticipates that with the space provided and clerical support that the in-kind match will not be an issue. Commissioner McClure asked for an update on the fund reduction. Ms. Brogoitti stated that it has been agreed that all healthy start funds will take a 17.3% reduction for this fiscal year. Beginning July 1, 2010 the fund allocation will be based on performance, which means that Healthy Start must meet their targeted numbers and keep families enrolled in it. Union County Healthy Start needs to get 17 families enrolled and remain in the program for 12 months. Healthy Start

has already identified high risk families in Union County that qualify for this service but the issue is whether or not they choose to engage and stay engaged in the voluntary program. **Commissioner Hibbert moved approval of contract amendments to continue offering healthy start services through the current provider, Mt. Emily Safe Center, as presented. Chairman McClure seconded. Roll call: Commissioner Hibbert – yes; Commissioner McClure – yes.**

Adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kylee J. Ingerson
Department Receptionist