

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

2:30 P.M.

JUNE 24, 2014

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell; Vice-Chairman Gary Berndt and Commissioner Obie O'Brien.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; Bruce Tabb, Executive Director Elmview; Kaitlyn Reddick, PH Fiscal Analyst; Amy Kocher, DD Program Coordinator; Sheri Powers-Douglas, Vocational Program Manager Program Coordination and Sarah Jalali, PH Intern.

SPECIAL MEETING DD PROGRAM/GROUP SUPPORT RATE COMMISSIONERS

At 2:30 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to discuss the Development Disability Program - Group Support Employment Rate (GSER) Increase Request.

Bruce Tabb, Executive Director Elmview reviewed what the group support employment function is. He explained the history of the group support employment rate. The Board asked questions about the services breakdown that the (GSER) rate/fee pays for.

Kaitlyn Reddick, PH Fiscal Analyst reviewed handouts that provided a breakdown of expense for Group Supported Employment, Individual Employment and Community Access. She stated that the current contract with DDA is \$533,016.00. The County Contract with Elmview is \$510,616.00 and the County Contract with Entrust is \$22,400.00. Ms. Reddick reviewed four proposals that showed the dollar impact and different proposed GSER ranging from \$35.00 an hour to \$50.00 dollars and hour. She reviewed the program agreement and the County Public Health 2015 Spending Plan. She stated that if the County opts to go with the increased fee of \$50.00, and if they maintain 76 clients, they will be under Contract budget.

Commissioner Jewell questioned what flexibility the County has with the Elmview Contract. Ms. Read indicated that the Contract with Elmview is up in July and at that time they can bring forward a revised Contract at whatever rate the Board chooses.

The Board directed Staff to move forward with the proposal of a new (GSER) of \$50.00. Ms. Read indicated that she will bring forward the new Contract with Elmview at a future Agenda.

APPROVED
7-15-14

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Paul Jewell, Chairman