

Agenda Item Number 14. B.

One Year Extension of the In-Home Services Contract with Addus HealthCare

Presenter: Ted Stevens

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Issue Summary:

- LCOG participates in a three-agency consortium for the procurement of in-home services for senior citizens and adults with disabilities. The other agencies in this consortium are Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Services Agency and Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments. This consortium procures in-home services in the following counties: Lane, Linn, Benton, Marion, Polk and Yamhill. By agreement, Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Services Agency acts as the lead agency for the consortium.
- The consortium contracts with Addus HealthCare for the delivery of in-home services in the six counties. At present, two funding sources – Oregon Project Independence (OPI) and Medicaid – pay for services provided by Addus under this contract.
- The consortium is in the fifth year of a five year contract with Addus. The current contract is due to expire on June 30, 2004.
- At present, the funding environment for OPI and Medicaid resources is uncertain. In light of this uncertainty, DHS' Seniors and People with Disabilities (SPD) has given the consortium permission to extend the OPI portion of the Addus contract for an additional twelve months, through June 30, 2005. (SPD will contract separately for Title XIX services.)
- Staff of the consortium partner agencies feel that a one year extension at current rates is prudent. (Current rates are as follows: Home Care - \$13.93/hour; Personal Care - \$15.94/hour.)
- LCOG's Senior Services Advisory Council considered this matter at its February meeting and concurred with the staff recommendation for a one year extension at current rates of payment.
- LCOG's Executive Director, as the contracting officer for the agency,

has accepted this Council recommendation and has instructed staff to convey this information to the consortium partners.

Questions regarding this matter can be addressed to staff at the February Board meeting.