

Public Health Committee Minutes
January 11, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Grattidge; Supervisors Collyer, Martin, Pemrick, Szczepaniak, Tollisen and Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Chad Cooke, Deputy Administrator; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health; Michele Wood, Laurie Pitcherelle, Public Health; Diane Brown Personnel; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney.

Chairman Grattidge called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Collyer the minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Grattidge announced the appointment of John Collyer as Committee Vice Chair.

Mrs. Wood, fiscal manager for Public Health, presented a recommendation to amend the physical therapy contract rates. She said there are several types of therapies, which include occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy. She said the physical therapists got together as a group and requested that they receive a retro-active raise, which would be 2% for the last six years, 2010 – 2015. The rates are as follows:

- Initial Patient Visit –currently \$79. The raise would increase that amount to \$89.
- Recurring Visits – currently \$58. The raise would increase the amount to \$65.
- Resumption of Care – currently \$64. The raise would increase the amount to \$72.
- When there is no service provided and a therapist has to drive to the home the cost was \$14/hr.; with the raise it would be \$16/hr.

Ms. Wood said the new rates for 2016 would be 12% higher than they were for the 2009 contract rate.

Mr. Hellwig said the 12% increase that is being requested would be covered in the 2016 adopted budget.

The committee decided to wait on a decision until more information is obtained. Mr. Grattidge asked for a list of comparable rates of neighboring counties.

On a motion made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Martin the meeting moved into Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Collyer the meeting returned to Open Session. Unanimous.

No action was taken.

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Tollisen the meeting adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom