

**PITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION AGENDA
Plaza One Meeting Room**

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009

10:00	SPECIAL MEETING – EXECUTIVE SESSION Review of discussions with Southeastern Colorado Water Conservation District; Status of CWCB Trust Agreement; Pending statements of opposition to current water applications; Buttermilk Metropolitan District Water Supply; Potential water court applications on behalf of Pitkin County; Hunter Creek Water Case 06CW182; All items pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 4b ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION	
12 NOON	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00	Prep for Meeting with Garfield County	
1:30	Memos of Interest Future Agendas /Agenda Requests/Monthly Calendar BOCC Open Discussion Contingency Fund Policy, Tom Oken	
3:00 PM	ADJOURN	

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

WORK SESSION DATE: March 10, 2009

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Prep for Meeting with Garfield County

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE: There will be a joint meeting with Garfield County on Thursday, March 19th.

Items for discussion include:

Current Economic Conditions
Workforce Housing

Staff may bring more topics to the Work Session.

Memos of Interest

MEMORANDUM OF INTEREST

WORKSESSION DATE: March 10, 2009

TOPIC: Health and Human Services Section Update

STAFF RESPONSIBLE: Nan Sundeen, Mitzi Ledingham, Marty Ames,
Kim Hilderbrand, Liz Stark

Due to the high volume of people in need coming through our doors we have recently re-focused all our attention to providing “essential services” to the community. Other strategic initiatives have been put on hold until we can get a handle on the increased demand. Below is an update on projects and services over the past six months.

SAFE & HEALTHY COMMUNITY

- Child Welfare statistics from 2008 indicate a 63% increase in referrals from 2007 (from 53 referrals to 82 referrals).
 - 61 referrals were accepted as assessments/investigations (71% of total referrals)
 - 21 referrals were handled as “information and referral”
 - 27 assessments turned into cases (cases are open an average of 6-7 months)
 - 139 Children were served (including custody of 3 children)
 - Assessments/Cases by Location: Aspen (43), Snowmass (2), Basalt (11), Redstone (3), Woody Creek (1), Thomasville (1)
 - Allegations by type: Sexual Abuse (7), Physical Abuse (12), Neglect (31), Youth in Conflict (10), Institutional Abuse (1)
- A survey of health and human service agencies listed on the Network of Care agency directory is being conducted by members of the Network of Care subcommittee/action team, in order to update site information, determine usage patterns and receive feedback on the website. The group will use this data to promote the site both to internal health and human services customers as well as to the community at large.
- 273 individuals have used the Pitkin County National Association of Counties (NACo) prescription drug cards since August, 2008, representing a 26% increase in usage. NACo’s data is unable to distinguish how many people in one family may be using the cards, as one card is distributed per family. 51 cards were used in January, 2009, as opposed to 18 in January, 2008, an increase of 65% in 12 months.
- The Inter-Governmental Agreement with Eagle County for Public Assistance services been successful with two technicians serving Pitkin County residents in Aspen at the Health and Human Services building on Mondays and Thursdays and in El Jebel on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The total number of applications received has doubled from January to February, 2009. After two months of 2009 (16% of the year), Pitkin applications have already hit 25% of the total applications received in 2008. As of the end of February, 2009, 52 new applications were submitted for all public assistance programs. There was also a doubling in the number of applications from January 2009 (17) to February 2009 (35). In February 2009, Pitkin County had an active caseload of 250 cases which represents an

increase of 55% over the active caseload in February 2008. Below is the breakdown of the Public Assistance caseload as of February, 2009:

- 67 Food Stamps program cases serving 86 individuals
- 79 Family Medicaid Program cases
- 26 Adult Medical Assistance Program cases
- 10 Adult Financial Assistance clients
- 14 Long Term Care program clients
- 17 Medicare Savings Program clients
- 1 Colorado Works clients

- The Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF) has been established as of January 2009 with monies from the Healthy Community Fund and the El Pomar Foundation. Policies and procedures have been developed and EAF applications are made available for people who apply for public assistance and might need additional financial help. The program assists people who have no other resources with financial support for rent/mortgage, food, temporary shelter, medical/dental care, transportation (gas, bus pass). To date, \$5,214.71 has been dispersed and 7 families have been assisted.
- Health and Human Services has convened meetings to address the needs of Pitkin residents struggling with impacts from the current recession. A monthly series of community meetings has been initiated for Pitkin County citizens who have been affected by the recession and/or unemployment. Professionals from the Colorado Workforce Center, CMC-Aspen, the City and County, the faith community, other non-profit partners and the general public have also participated to provide support and survival strategies. The next community forum will be held on March 19th.
- Health and Human Services is facilitating proactive discussions with the Colorado Workforce Center, CMC, the faith community, Youth Services, local governments, the Senior Center, the Right Door, other key non-profit partners and the business community to develop strategies to assist unemployed individuals at this time of economic crisis. Colorado Workforce Center staff will begin job training and educational services (providing individually tailored job training, counseling, job search support) in Aspen beginning in mid-March. They will hold office hours two days a month at the HHS building Day Center, and two days a month at CMC. Many thanks to Aspen/Pitkin Information Technology staff who responded quickly to our request to put two recycled computers in the Day Center so that the public can have access to the web for job search and job training.
- Senior Services Care Management monthly client numbers have seen an upward trend in the last six months; with a January high of 14 active clients (January 08 had 11 active cases.). Another way to look at the increase in demand includes a comparison of care management service hours in the last 2 “grant years” which run July to June. The amount of time spent on each case is increasing due to the complexity of issues presented by this caseload.
 - 07/08 had 419 total service hours for one year
 - 08/09 has 254 service hours in the first half of the year (we expect to exceed 500 service hours this grant cycle.)
- Senior Services obtained a mini-grant to train and certify a local instructor in the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program (AFEP™), an evidence-based curriculum which will be offered to seniors and the community.
- Senior Services is over halfway toward their goal of having a full year of lunch menus nutritionally analyzed by a registered dietitian and posted on the state menu library.

- Senior program numbers quickly returned to high levels after the senior center reopened last July. The nutrition program had a 5% increase in senior participation compared to the same months the previous year.
- Senior Services Project Coordinator Patty Kravitz is heading up two new projects: a chore services program for local seniors, and a task force to study and improve mental health services to older adults in Pitkin County.
- Community Health Services (CHS) has begun work to examine the implications of the Public Health Revitalization Act of 2008. City and County Environmental Health representatives, Health and Human Services staff, Community Health Services staff and Board members, Dr. Cohen from the Board of Health and the Public Health Advocate started by reviewing our current Public Health structure and the possible gaps and duplications that exist. We plan to use this as an opportunity to build relationships and look at best practices for Public Health in Pitkin County. Pitkin County Board of Health must declare by resolution the Public Health Agency by July 1, 2009. The workgroup mentioned above will make a recommendation to the BOCC regarding this resolution by late spring.
- CHS client visits continue to stay steady and are expected to increase due to the current economic situation. For example, we are getting requests for prenatal care from women who have recently lost their insurance coverage due to the loss of their job. This, in turn, adds more women and children to our WIC program. Then we often take them on in our Family Planning program after their baby is born because they still lack insurance for women's health exams.
- On Feb. 20th, Community Health Services and Health and Human Services hosted a regional stakeholder meeting to address the issue of access to dental care for low-income/uninsured residents of the valley. The meeting was well attended by a broad range of professionals who deal directly with this issue from Aspen to Parachute. The mission/goal statement that was developed in this meeting is to “create a comprehensive dental program involving education, prevention, treatment and follow-up for under and un-insured residents from Aspen to Parachute.” A subcommittee was established (with excellent representation from Eagle, Pitkin and Garfield counties, area non-profits, area dentists and dental hygienists) to create a process plan and to target some grants for this planning initiative.

ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Staffing

- Due to increased child welfare referrals, increased requirements and mandates, and increased complexity of cases a supplemental request was submitted to the BOCC during the 2009 budget process for additional child welfare staff. Approval for the supplemental request was made and second full-time social caseworker was recruited, interviewed and hired in January. Lori Kret has been selected and accepted the position. Lori has a Master's Degree in Social Work from DU with an emphasis on High Risk Youth assessment and intervention. She is also a Certified Trauma Response and Recovery Counselor. She has been in the Aspen area for approximately 2 years and worked at the Aspen Youth Center as a Program Coordinator soon after relocating to this area.
- Amy Davis, Social Caseworker, will return from FMLA leave in mid March, 2009 at which point our Youth and Family Services department will be fully staffed.
- CHS is fully staffed for the first time in many years.

Services

- Updated Policies and Procedures are being developed to address current and updated best practices within the Youth and Family Services Department. These policies will create more transparency to the public and to our partners regarding how child welfare works and what to expect. A new policy regarding “Release of Records” was completed and an additional policy is in development regarding “Grievances.”
- Youth and Family Services continue to provide 24-7 Child Welfare On-Call services (previously contract with Aspen Counseling Center). The HHS Director, Youth and Family Services Manager and Social Caseworkers each take the On-Call phone 7 days per month. We do not receive many emergency calls thanks to the competent “triage” of child welfare situations by the Aspen Police and Pitkin County Sheriff’s staff.
- After the BOCC approved the Pitkin County TANF (Temporary Aid to Needy Family’s) policies in November of 2008 contracts were established with two local private therapists and one community organization (Aspen Counseling Center) to provide counseling to needy individuals/families making less than \$75,000. We currently have four families utilizing this service.

Facilities

- Youth and Family Services are working to build a clear and consistent presence in the Aspen HHS building. The YFS Manager, Kim Hilderbrand, is in the Aspen office at least one day/week. The new social caseworker will primarily reside in the Aspen office when Amy Davis returns from leave.
- Follow up items from the senior center remodel have been completed with the exception of the kitchen painting by AVH, which is scheduled soon.

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Health and Human Services received two grants from the El Pomar Foundation to help support the urgent needs of citizens devastated by the economic downturn. This money will be used to supplement the Emergency Assistance Fund program.
 - \$6,000 for general emergency support
 - \$9,000 for food support
- As of February 11, the 20% state funding cuts to Senior Services were restored for the current fiscal year. It is unclear if this will continue next fiscal year, which begins in July.
- Senior Services is pleased that only one \$4,000 grant is now in jeopardy, and other funders are maintaining at least their 2008 levels.

REGIONALISM

- The Youth and Family Services Manager is now attending a monthly meeting for “Child and Adult Protection Mountain Supervisors” (includes: Summit, Garfield, Eagle, Pitkin, Lake, Clear Creek and Park Counties).
- Youth and Family Services staff is also regularly attending a 9th Judicial District Meeting in Glenwood Springs to address Youth in Conflict (SB94).
- Senior Services staff is participating in the 2009 Rural Resort Region initiative, “Seniors in our Mountain Communities: Opportunities and Challenges.”
- Doris Downey, Pitkin County’s representative to the NWCCOG/AAAA Grant Review Committee and former senior council chair, has also committed to participation in the 2009 RRR initiative.

- Community Health Services and Health and Human Services staffs participate in a regional Teen Pregnancy Prevention program. A small TANF contract will be issued to Family Visitor Program for this project.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Youth and Family Services have conducted Child Welfare presentations and held ongoing conversations with key stakeholders. A presentation to local Law Enforcement included Pitkin County Sheriff's Deputies, Aspen Police Officers, Town of Snowmass Village Police Officers and Basalt Police Officers. Another Child Welfare presentation was made to the Child Care Directors organization.
- In addition Youth and Family services participated in meetings to improve services to children and families with our child welfare judicial team including the District Attorney, Judge James Boyd, the Aspen School District (New Special Education Director and Assistant Superintendent.), Youth Zone, and Colorado West (Aspen Counseling Center.)
- Aspen Daily News highlighted Child Welfare in December 27 issue (a two part series.)
- A senior council subcommittee is taking an active role soliciting presenters and planning educational programs for the senior center. In addition, this committee is working successfully with CMC to increase classes that target the older adult population of the community.
- Senior council member Ken Canfield and his committee continue to work toward the development of a continuing care retirement community. In addition to researching potential sites, Ken is creating opportunities to educate the greater community on the CCRC concept.
- Senior Services Program Coordinator Mary Barbour has accepted a position on the CMC community advisory board.
- Health and Human Services staff assisted City staff in developing the "human" and "senior" questions for their Community Vision survey.
- Senior Services made the difficult decision last fall not to perform the community wide senior survey. Lack of capacity due to staff health issues and effects of moving and remodeling made it impossible to do the quality assessment we intended. This project is not a top priority for 2009.

TRANSPORTATION

- Senior Services collaborated successfully with RFTA supervisors to initiate improvements to the senior van service.

BOCC ACTION REQUIRED: None required, informational only.

Future Agendas

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TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009

10:00 AM	SPECIAL MEETING – EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING	
12 NOON	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00	Strategic Plan Action Plans	
3:00	BREAK	
3:15	Landfill Facility Planning, Chris Hoofnagle	
4:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memos of Interest • Future Agendas/Agenda Requests/Monthly Calendar • BOCC Open Discussion 	
5:30 PM	ADJOURN	

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009

12 NOON LUNCH MEETING WITH GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Garfield County Courthouse

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2009 – CCI Steering Committee

Public Lands
Agriculture, Wildlife & Rural Affairs
Land Use & Natural Resources
Health & Human Services

**WORK SESSION AGENDA
Plaza One Meeting Room**

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009

(Commissioner Owsley ACRA Mtg. 9-1:30)

10:00 AM	Water Fund	Cindy Houben John Ely Dale Will
11:00 AM	<i>BOCC Convenes As Board of Health</i> Community Health Services Quarterly Update with the Board of Health <i>BOCC Adjourns as Board of Health</i>	Mitzi Ledingham Liz Stark
12 NOON	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00	Prep for Joint meeting with Aspen City Council on April 7, 2009	
1:30	Implementing Liquor Server Training	
2:00	Land Use Code Amendment	Cindy Houben
3:15	BREAK	
3:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memos of Interest • Future Agendas/Agenda Requests/Monthly Calendar • BOCC Open Discussion Prep for Meeting with Snowmass Village	
5:00 PM	ADJOURN	

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009 – NWCCOG COUNCIL & RRR MEETING

Full Council

Extension Building at the Fairgrounds, Kremling / 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Rural Resort Region: 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

**PITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

12:00 NOON ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

CONSENT ACTIONS

1.

CONSENT ACTIONS- 1st Readings, Set for Public Hearing on April 8

2. Ordinance Granting a Sewer Line Easement to R. Lehrman, Dale Will
3. 2009 IGA with Garfield County, Dale Will

CONSENT PUBLIC HEARING, 2nd Reading

4. Ordinance Authorizing Amendment of the Nieslanik Conservation Easement, Dale Will
5. Consumer Protection Program Contract Amendment Authorization, Carla Ostberg

LAND USE CONSENT PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Elam/Vagneur Gravel Permit Annual Review (2009), PH (PN), L. Clarke

LAND USE CONSENT ACTIONS

2. Elam/Vagneur Gravel Pit Minor Amendment to Development Permit, L. Clarke

LAND USE PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.

LAND USE ACTIONS

4.

BOCC OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

PITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009

3:00 PM JOINT MEETING WITH SNOWMASS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL
 Snowmass Council Chambers

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009
WORK SESSION AGENDA
Plaza One Meeting Room

11:00	JOINT MEETING WITH OPEN SPACE & TRAILS (OST buys lunch)	
12:30	Prep for Joint Meeting with Department of Wildlife	
1:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memos of Interest • Future Agendas/Agenda Requests/Monthly Calendar • Board Membership Reports - NWCCOG, RRR, CORE, QQ, CCI, PEIS I-70, Club 20, CRRTB, RWPA, ACRA, RFTA, NC, BLM, • BOCC Open Discussion 	
3:30		
3:45	BREAK	
4-6:00 PM	Joint meeting with Aspen City Council at City Hall 1. <u>Special Meeting</u> Community Vision Plan Adoption, Ellen Sassano	

**PITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009

12:00 NOON ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
PUBLIC COMMENT, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

CONSENT ACTIONS

2.

CONSENT ACTIONS- 1st Readings, Set for Public Hearing on April 22

3. Liquor Server Training Reso

CONSENT PUBLIC HEARING, 2nd Reading

4. Ordinance Granting Sewer Line Easement to R. Lehman, Dale Will

LAND USE CONSENT PUBLIC HEARINGS

1.

LAND USE CONSENT ACTIONS

2.

LAND USE PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.

LAND USE ACTIONS

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BOCC OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

**PITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009

10:30 am	SPECIAL MEETING – EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING	
12:00 NOON	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memos of Interest • Future Agendas/Agenda Requests/Monthly Calendar • BOCC Open Discussion 	
2:30	Joint Meeting with Department of Wildlife	Kevin Wright
3:30	BREAK	
4:00	Joint Meeting with City of Aspen – Housing Frontiers	
5:30 PM	ADJOURN	

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009

4:00 PM Elected Officials Transportation Committee
City Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009 – CCI Steering Committee

Tourism, Resorts & Economic Development
General Government
Taxation & Finance
Transportation & Telecommunications

WORK SESSION AGENDA
Plaza One Meeting Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009

10:00 AM	Pitkin County Employee Housing (continued)	Phylis Mattice Lang Ingram
12 NOON	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00	Prep for Meeting with Eagle County	
1:30	Community Health Update	
3:15	BREAK	
3:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Memos of Interest• Future Agendas/Agenda Requests/Monthly Calendar• BOCC Open Discussion	
5:00 PM	ADJOURN	

**PITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Plaza One Meeting Room**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009

12:00 NOON ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

CONSENT ACTIONS

1.

CONSENT ACTIONS- 1st Readings, Set for Public Hearing on

2.

CONSENT PUBLIC HEARING

3. Liquor Server Training Reso

LAND USE CONSENT PUBLIC HEARINGS

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BOCC OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009 – NWCCOG COUNCIL

Executive Committee

Mt. Royal Room, Summit County Commons, Frisco / 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009 – CCI Steering Committee

Public Lands

Agriculture, Wildlife & Rural Affairs

Land Use & Natural Resources

Health & Human Services

WORK SESSION AGENDA
Plaza One Meeting Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009

(Commissioner Richards not present)
(Commissioner Owsley ACRA Mtg. 8:30-10:30)

10:30 am	SPECIAL MEETING – EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING	
12 NOON	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00	Airport Existing Environmental Conditions (must be afternoon item)	Jim Elwood
2:00	Wildfire Management Plans	Scott Thompson
3:15	BREAK	
3:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Memos of Interest• Future Agendas/Agenda Requests/Monthly Calendar• BOCC Open Discussion	
5:00 PM	ADJOURN	

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009

1:00-2:30 JOINT MEETING WITH EAGLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Eagle County Building in El Jebel