

Stimulus Task Force Meeting

6/25/2009

9:30-10:00

Individuals Present: Chris Chronis, Jim Weber, Richard Euson, Bill Vogt, Marty Hughes, Anthony Swartzendruber, Irene Hart, Charlene Stevens, Nathan Law

Chris Chronis opened the meeting.

Status Updates

Bill Farney

- Immunization – KDHE recently applied for immunization funding to maintain level funding to local health departments. About \$130,000 direct funding, as part of the Vaccine for Children program we get free vaccines from KDHE at about \$300,000-\$400,000, totaling about \$500,000 overall.

Chris Chronis

- We don't have a role to play in that application process?

Bill Farney

- At this point it sounds like KDHE has applied for it and they will probably dole it out on the same formula basis.
- At the KDHE level, WIC program has applied for some funding for the Electronic Benefits Program. WIC program issues vouchers that individuals use at grocery stores for nutritional foods. With this program they would create a debit card instead of issuing vouchers.
- Electronic Medical Records is still fairly murky. Medical Society of Sedgwick County is proceeding with their project they started before stimulus money was made available. Think they are proceeding with or without stimulus funding.
- Nothing new on Integration of Behavioral Costs and Primary Care.

Chris Chronis

- Has there been an application made for stimulus funding?

Bill Farney

- No, almost certain they have not. At the KDHE level, they are looking to get funding or apply for funding sometime in the summer or fall of next year.

Charlene Stevens

- Think the Medical Society is prepared to proceed without stimulus funding, but think they will apply for funding.

Irene Hart

- Nothing new to report.

Charlene Stevens

- Energy Efficiency and Conservation – application was submitted. Three pieces are: approximately \$50,000 for the difference between the traditional price of vehicles and the higher price of 10 hybrid vehicles to be purchased January 2010; second piece is to hire a project manager for energy sustainability, that position will be located in facilities, a three-year position funded with about \$200,000 over three years; and about \$230,000 remaining is set aside as implementation funds for energy retrofits as we develop an energy master plan.

Chris Chronis

- How do we receive that money?

Irene Hart

- Block grant through the Corporation Commission.

Chris Chronis

- Reimbursement basis or lump sum up front?

Marty Hughes

- We would like to receive it on a reimbursement basis, but I think the instructions said something about getting an up front payment of a certain percentage.

Anthony Swartzendruber

- My understanding is you get half of it when they get our application and it is approved, and receive the remaining half around the eighteen month mark.

Chris Chronis

- When does that first payment arrive?

Marty Hughes

- When they approve the grant application, which would probably be one-to-two months. Will mail that out today after I get some work from the Clerk's office.

Charlene Stevens

- This is an entitlement grant, but still requires application and strategy approval. If they have a problem with our strategy they can always say what they like and what they dislike and then we will have to submit something else.

Irene Hart

- Nothing new on EPA.

Chris Chronis

- Jim, anything new on roads or anything else?

Jim Weber

- Spoke with them a week or two ago about 47th street, but didn't get a lot of information out of that. Believe plan preparation is going well. Don't know where they are at on the right of way.
- The Rock Road overlay – KDOT plans get submitted in three phases – Field Check, Office Check, and Final Plan. Field Check plan submitted a while back, they are about 50% plans, although ours are way past that. Got those back last week with comments, trying to get comments addressed and submit the Office Check plans, which will be maybe 90% completion set. Try to get them out the door this week and back up there.
- Other part of that one is we just had a KDOT project agreement on yesterday. We are looking at the employee reporting requirement. Trying to get some clarification from them. We think we know what they mean, but the big question we have is whether the stuff we have already done has to be reported. We don't think so, but trying to get them to verify that. We are clear that when we go into construction we will have to report our people that are on site then.

Chris Chronis

- Is the plan work being done now paid for with stimulus funding?

Jim Weber

- Local funding. Theoretically it would have been eligible, but KDOT really didn't want to mess with it. It's a real mess for them. And that's fine because we do them all the time.

Chris Chronis

- We do have an application in on the fire station, and it is more than the \$1 million identified here. My recollection is that it was \$1.8 million that we applied for. Marty, do you know?

Marty Hughes

- Believe it was \$1.8 million.

Chris Chronis

- Strike the last three items on the agenda.

Marty Hughes

- Sent a note to Amanda earlier this week to update some of the statuses.

Chris Chronis

- As we get deeper into the budget cycle, keep your eyes open for available alternatives from stimulus funds.