

MEETING MINUTES
Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council
at Marion County Commissioners Conference Room
5th Floor, Courthouse Square
555 Court St NE
Salem, Oregon
June 10, 2014

Attendees: Bob Royer, Walt Beglau, Ray Byrd, Rod Calkins, Mark Caillier, Jayne Downing, Faye Fagel, Don Frederickson, Tamra Goettsch, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Jerry Moore, Jason Myers, Mike Runyon, Scott Russell, Tracy Prall, Tom Sermak

Guest: Commissioner Janet Carlson

Staff: Don Russo

Chair - action, information

At 4:00 pm, Interim Chair Bob Royer called to order a meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Council. Minutes of the May PSCC meeting were approved with spelling corrections.

PSCC Strategic Planning process

Sheriff Myers explained there had been discussion at recent meetings of the PSCC Steering Committee to begin the strategic planning process through a discussion at the full council meetings about priorities each member is facing in their work experiences. Walt Beglau added that with a new chair, it is suggested that the council re-examine its bylaws and look to the new chair for her values and priorities to make the strategic planning process more effective. Faye Fagel said that PSCC should examine its role, and what should the PSCC do as its primary work. Beglau added that one example is for PSCC to focus on HB 3194, the public safety initiative, to keep up with changes in policy on prison populations.

Commissioner Carlson said she is excited for the opportunity to work with the PSCC. After reviewing the statute that defines local public safety coordinating councils, she wants to align the work of the reentry initiative with PSCC. She also stated her interest in aligning PSCC with the work of the Commission on Children and Families.

Tom Sermak suggested that PSCC should be more aware of the potential problems of repeated lockdowns at the Marion County jail, and potential civil rights of inmates. Sheriff Myers said recent lockdowns were caused by temporary reduced staffing levels, not budget problems.

Budget forecast

Bob Royer asked all to share their concerns during their budget preparations. Mr. Beglau said the District Attorney's budget will remain whole in the new fiscal year with no reductions in staff. Chief Jerry Moore said the Salem Police Department will not see reductions in force this year, but the City of Salem is facing a need to reduce expenses by \$6 million within the next 2-3 years. Sheriff Myers said some positions will be restored in the new fiscal year; he added that HB 3194 is providing new funding opportunities for prison diversion programs. Tom Sermak said the Public Defenders budget is funded by the state, and no cuts are expected in the new budget; he said a major issue is about how to divert mental health cases out of the criminal justice system and into more appropriate mental health services.

Tamra Goettsch said the Marion County Community Services budget has reduced staffing from nine staff to three staff. Her department is focused on prevention. Chief Scott Russell said the City of Woodburn will restore two officer positions in the new budget year. He added that Hubbard, Gervais, Mt. Angel and Silverton are able to maintain current staffing levels in their police departments. Faye Fagel said the Juvenile Department budget is

status quo. Mike Runyon said diversion services in OYA budget will be enhanced slightly. Ray Byrd said the budget for Salem-Keizer School District will remain whole in most parts, with an emphasis on improving classroom services for students. Jayne Downing said Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Center will increase the number of staff to care for more victims of abuse; she also reported that fundraising for the new facility is just \$200,000 short of its \$1.55 million goal. She said the new facility will be fully occupied in August.

Commissioner Carlson said the county's budget process was completed quickly this year; she mentioned that the three Justice Courts will be consolidated into one court located on Portland Road with a July 1 opening date. In the Health Department, Marion County received a large amount of grant funding from the state for mental health and crisis services. Mark Caillier said two new officer positions will be funded in the Keizer Police Department.

Ray Byrd was asked about recent school shootings and if SKSD will add resources for prevention of school violence. Considerable discussion followed about the strategy taken locally to prevent violence and the cooperation among local police, the sheriff's office and district attorney's office. More drills and training are expected in the coming year.

Officer involved shootings

Chief Moore reported that there were two officer involved shootings in April that occurred within two weeks of each other. One was ruled a suicide and the second was prompted by drug abuse. Both cases were reviewed by the Grand Jury, and both shootings were deemed justified. He added that speculation and misinformation follows a formal news release, yet he thinks the SB 111 protocol works well. Walt Beglau said officer involved shootings are very sensitive, yet is the most important work for the District Attorney's office. He has a high level of confidence in the process. Both Sheriff Myers and Chief Moore emphasized the importance of officer training to prepare officers for crisis situations.

Update on "Striking Out Meth in Marion-Polk Counties"

Don Russo asked members of PSCC to consider making a donation to support this year's event. Contributions will be used to support the expense of bring youth in foster care to the event on July 25.

Change in jail policy for Immigration Customs Enforcement

Sheriff Myers explained that a federal court decision two months ago ruled that the practice of detaining foreign-born inmates in county jails when requested by ICE is only legal when ICE shows a federal warrant. Marion County has a policy that is being modified to follow the court ruling.

Bob Royer called attention to a letter of support authorized by the PSCC Steering Committee written in support of a federal grant application from the Marion County Juvenile Department. Mike Runyon added that high school graduations are scheduled in the next two weeks at three OYA facilities, and all are invited to attend any of the graduations.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Next meeting

The Public Safety Coordinating Council will meet Tuesday, July 9.

Minutes by Don Russo