

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL
MINUTES

January 10, 2017 4:00 PM
Commissioners' Board Room
555 Court St. NE, Salem, OR

MCPSCC: Walt Beglau, Mark Caillier, Janet Carlson, Jayne Downing, Faye Fagel, Don Frederickson, Courtland Geyer, Tamra Goettsch, Levi Herrera-Lopez, Jessica Kampfe, Greg Leo, Rick Lewis, Pete McCallum, Todd McCann, Ed McKenney, Jason Myers, Tracy Prall, Jeff Puterbaugh, Bob Royer, Scott Richards, Mike Runyon, John VanDreal and Lisa Trauernicht (recorder).

GUESTS: Cindy Becker, Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network; Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Marion County; Undersheriff Troy Clausen, Marion County; Alison Kelly, Liberty House; Christine Kirk, Oregon Youth Authority; Jeanine Knight, Union Gospel Mission; Lt. Tad Larson, Marion County Sheriff's Office; Barbara Young, Marion County.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Commissioner Carlson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Council members introduced themselves. Commissioner Carlson introduced Cindy Becker who has recently assumed the position of director of the Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network.

- Recap and Approval of November 8, 2016 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Ed McKenny moved to approve the November 8, 2016 meeting minutes. Seconded by Greg Leo; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Announcements/Upcoming Events:
 - Tamra Goettsch announced that Dr. Chan Hellman will speak about hope and positive goal attainment on January 12 at the Keizer Civic Center.
 - Tamra Goettsch also announced the Rural Economic Development Summit Bringing Big Ideas to Life: Small Town Secrets to Success.
 - March 7 at the Keizer Civic Center from 8 AM - 4 PM. All are welcome to attend.
 - For more information go to:
<http://www.co.marion.or.us/CS/EconomicDevelopment/Pages/Mid-Valley-Rural-Conference.aspx>

- The council reviewed Judge Prall's requested letters of support for several grant applications: ([See Letters](#))

MOTION: Sheriff Jason Myers moved to approve letters of support. Seconded by Greg Leo; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

2. LAW ENFORCEMENT DATA SYSTEM (LEDS) AND MENTAL HEALTH

Undersheriff Troy Clausen and Lt. Tad Larson from the Marion County Sheriff's Office and Marion County Interim Health Department Administrator Scott Richards presented this item.

See presentation [slides](#):

- Marion County opened enrollment into the LEDS Medical Database in June 2016.

- House Bill 3466 (2009) directed the Oregon State Police to create and maintain a medical health database within the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) to provide law enforcement agencies with information to assist persons in obtaining medical, mental health and social services.
- Any individual with a qualifying condition can voluntarily provide this information to the Marion County Health Department for entry into LEDS.
- This information will only be accessed to provide necessary information to law enforcement officers/emergency personnel when responding to an emergency.
- Legislation also requires the county health department director to report annually to the local public safety coordinating council on the use of the database.
 - Qualifying conditions include:
 - Dementia
 - Developmental disability
 - Mood, anxiety, psychotic, substance abuse and impulse control disorders and
 - Physical or behavioral disorder that causes disorientation or otherwise may impede an individual's ability to interact effectively with a law enforcement officer
- To date, four individuals have signed up for the database, and parents have asked if their adolescent children can register.
- State legislation requires the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to provide police officers (being trained for basic certification) at least 24 hours of training in the recognition of mental illnesses.
 - Marion County is working to ensure all law enforcement personnel receive training.
- Marion County Sheriff's Office, City of Salem Police Department and Marion County Health Department created the Crisis Outreach Response Team (CORT) and Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) in 2014.
 - CORT and MCRT work with 911 communication centers in the event of responding to a crisis call. If an individual is registered on LEDS first responders will be notified before arriving at the scene.
 - 2016 Data:
 - MCRT:
 - Received 524 calls for services.
 - Lodged 18 individuals in jail, and
 - Took 86 individuals into police custody.
 - CORT:
 - Responded to over 2,764 reports in 2016.
 - Had no lethal use of force issues.

Discussion:

- Some neighboring states have similar databases, but these databases are not interconnected.
- Oregon LEDS is designed to assist individuals, and cannot be used as a tool against them.
- If the Marion County Circuit Court is willing, it may be possible to enter clients from the Mental Health Court directly into the LEDS database.
- Marion County is committed to diverting individuals with mental illnesses away from the criminal justice system through the Stepping Up Initiative.
 - A workgroup will be convening soon.

3. Federal and State Legislative Agenda

Barbara Young, Marion County's Government Relations Manager, presented the county's proposed [federal agenda](#):

- Each year, Marion County departments develop an agenda of federal legislative issues.
- Once the federal agenda is developed, the Board of Commissioners ratifies it and one or more commissioners travel to Washington, DC to educate our Congressional delegation.
- Commissioner Carlson requested the council recommend all or some of the public safety items on the county's federal agenda to the Marion County Board of Commissioners for approval.
- Council members proposed that transportation projects be included since a strong transportation system supports public safety.
- Specific public safety items on the agenda this year include:

GRANT PROJECTS

- Marion County Reentry Initiative - Transitional Housing Project \$1.2 M
Discussion:
 - Marion County Housing Authority will be responsible for the \$1.2 M in grant funds.
 - Salem Housing Authority will likely put most of their funds into other homelessness issues.
 - The Center for Hope and Safety will soon seek federal grants for transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence.
- Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative - \$100,000
 - Discussion:
 - There are multiple needs for the homeless population.
 - \$100,000 is just a placeholder as the Willamette Homeless Initiative Task Force is still discussing priorities.
- Mental Health Court Service Expansion - \$300,000.
- Salem River Crossing Project - \$430 million.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools funding
- Second Chance Act reauthorization and funding
- COPS technology and funding
- BYRNE Justice Assistance programs, State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.
- Repeal inmate exception for federal health benefits.
- Affordable Care Act:
 - Protect Medicaid Expansion and 1115 Waiver.
 - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

DEVELOPMENTAL POLICY PRIORITIES

- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion
- Transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence

MOTION: Greg Leo made motion to adopt the grant projects and policy priorities, including transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and transportation projects. Seconded by Mark Callier. Judges Geyer and Prall abstained from voting. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carlson introduced the state legislative agenda.

- See [legislative agenda](#) packet.
- Public safety briefing with legislative delegation is scheduled for February 23 at the Capitol.

Commissioner Carlson reviewed the draft 2017 Legislative Agenda document and asked for feedback. Council will adopt the agenda at the February meeting. Staff will send out the Joint Task Force on Reentry, Housing and Employment final report prior to the next council meeting.

Discussion:

Justice Reinvestment

The 2017-19 budget reduces justice reinvestment grants from \$39 million to \$32 million. Marion County supports grant funding at current service level for two full years for all 36 counties.

- State wants to fund all the counties at the current levels during 2017-18 and then make the second year (2018-19) competitive.
 - Some counties will get funded and some will not.
 - If counties can manage to keep the women's prison population within the forecast, Governor will consider restoring \$6 M back into the fund.
 - To decrease the women's prison population, Marion County is working on reintegrating prisoners at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility 30-60 days early.
 - 20 female inmates will be released to the county's transition center and receive wrap-around services to help them transition back into the community.
 - Jackson and Lane counties plan to do the same with 20 and 6 offenders respectively.
 - State pays the cost of early releases to county custody in full.

Community Corrections Baseline Funding

Governor's budget recommends \$239 million statewide for community corrections, a decrease of \$33 million. Marion County supports baseline funding at the \$272 million service level.

- This will trigger the "opt-out" clause for counties, meaning counties could turn community corrections services back to the Oregon Department of Corrections.
- There is a value in having local ownership of community corrections.

Legislation still being drafted for:

- Firearm possession by individuals convicted of domestic violence.
- Strangulation upgrade (first time) from Class C misdemeanor to Class C felony.
- Inclusion of victim services agency participation in local public safety coordinating councils.

MOTION: Jayne Downing moved to support restoring the justice reinvestment grants funding level for two full years of the upcoming biennium for all 36 counties; continue baseline community corrections funding at the \$272 million service level; and support Juvenile Crime Prevention Funding and Basic and Diversion funding. Mark Callier seconded. Judge Geyer and Prall abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNED