

**Marion County
Public Safety Coordinating Council
Draft Minutes
May 10, 2005**

Attendees:

Walt Beglau, Rod Calkins, Brent DeHart, Judge Hart, Seantel Heisel, Ruth Hewett, Commissioner Milne, Ed McKenney, Pete McCallum, Jim Murchison, Walt Myers, Larry Oglesby, Anna Peterson, Bob Royer

Guests:

Bert Ortiz, Scott Russell, Cindi Astley, Kathy Pugh

Staff:

Dan Estes, Hitesh Parekh

After introductions, Commissioner Milne said Chief Russell had been invited to attend the Council meeting and possibly fill in as interim police chief, (representing the smaller communities on the Council) due to Chief Rick Lewis' absence. Commissioner Milne also welcomed small business owner Bert Ortiz.

Minutes April 12, 2005 Meeting

Commissioner Milne said that she had a few minor changes to the April minutes. Ed McKenney moved to approve the April 12 meeting minutes with the incorporation of these minor changes. Judge Hart seconded the motion. April 12 minutes approved.

Comments from Members:

Commissioner Milne said that she would like to add a short presentation from Cindi Astley to the agenda. This was a presentation on ID theft.

Anna Peterson said that No Meth launched its ID theft project in December 2004, and that she thought it important for the MCPSCC to hear what has been going on and what other cities have been doing.

Cindi Astley, Program Director, Community Action Drug Prevention Network MWV, Community Action Agency Inc. said that their agency had been looking at how the business community could play a meaningful role in helping to deal with the meth issue. Three strategies had come to light: meth watch, drug free workplaces, and identity theft. They had developed a toolkit to highlight each one of these strategies and are promoting this toolkit in the Salem-Keizer area. Brandon Bay, Keizer Chamber of Commerce Executive Chair, has made it a priority to go out and talk to each of the chamber members personally,

encouraging them to all to get involved. "We have ID theft training in partnership with U.S. Bank, as well as a regular schedule of drug free workplace training, which allows supervisors to realize their role in observing, documenting and following through with individuals on the job." Also on the ID theft side, the DA assisted them in making a promotional video as a PSA. This PSA promotes the ID theft awareness campaign, encouraging consumers to voluntarily give their photo ID, sign credit cards etc. Cindi added, "In partnership with the Sheriff's dept and an upcoming grant, we will be providing these tool kits as well as continue with the community mobilization. Things will also be added to the tool kit for every rural community in Marion County." Last month Cindi met with the Polk Co. Sheriff's dept and gave him Meth Watch kits to distribute. From the Woodburn Together group, two retired officers will help push a strategy forward in the Woodburn area.

Cindi added that she and Marion County Sheriff Ramirez have been going around and talking about Senate Bill 640. This legislation will change our Oregon driver's license data and is a great piece of legislation to help reduce ID theft. There are six million Oregon issued driver's licenses, but there are only three and a half million people living in our state.

"One of the things we've done in the Drug Free Workplace is that we've secured an expert trainer, who does supervisory training for dealing with drug and drug using employees in the workplace. The next training will be on June 16, from 8 A.M. to noon at our office. There is a run down of the three strategies in our most recent issue of the Chamber newsletter."

Anti-Drug Strategic Plan Presentation to the Cities Ruth Hewett and Raul Ramirez: City of Keizer

Ruth Hewett said that she and Sheriff Ramirez presented the Anti-Drug Plan at Keizer on May 2. The Keizer Council talked about the things that they have been doing. They have:

- A Task Force focusing on ID theft
- Bill Adams is looking at coordinating the neighborhoods
- The principal of McNary High working with educators
- Pastors working with the faith community, police department, and a person in the city also coordinating issues.

Ruth said that they had asked the Council to do seven things. The Keizer Council agreed to a proclamation- to be issued in August when they do their night out. Keizer currently does pre-employment drug testing, and is now negotiating with their Unions to have random drug testing. The Council also currently prioritizes public safety and 70% of their budget is dedicated to the cause.

Ruth added that the Keizer Councilors will support legislation, and thought that it was a great idea to recognize employers who maintain a drug-free workplace. They also voted that evening to take a drug test and would do this two weeks before their next meeting. Accolades were given to the Sheriff for his work. The Mayor said that the Sheriff was a hero. It was sad to be a hero around Meth, but nonetheless, he was their hero. Then councilor Jackie Moir who had attended our No Meth Breakfast meeting about three months ago, commented that she was very impressed with the kinds of things the MCPSCC had brought back. The one request that the Council had was that the Mayor be notified of any anti-meth, federal and state bills that Marion County supports.

Anna Peterson and Chief Myers: City of Idanha

Anna reported that Idanha is split between two counties. Marion county has a better presence there than Linn County. The Council said that they don't see State Police troopers very much.

Anna said that she and the Chief were well received, although it is typical that the smaller communities felt slightly uncomfortable discussing drug problems. With hindsight local crime stats, or some background info would have helped. Anna said that she reviewed how the MCPSCC came up with the drug plan and what we were asking the cities to do. She also stressed that it will really take individuals to make a difference. There were ten citizens there observing the meeting and these interacted with Anna and the Chief. Anna and the Chief went through the seven steps. The Council did not take any steps, and said that they needed more time to read through it. Anna said that she now has the Councilors' e-mail and mailing addresses, so she will try to connect with them on this basis.

Seantel Heisel and Dick Cowan: City of Sublimity

Seantel said that she and Dick presented at the City of Sublimity, and that the Council was very open to the information. The Council members asked for some clarification, and expressed surprise that meth was in their neighborhood. She said that luckily there happened to be a police officer at the meeting from Stayton who confirmed this. The Mayor did ask if there was a blueprint model that they could put in place. Seantel told them that the MCPSCC is trying to coordinate and initiate collaboration amongst the various communities. She and Dick did mention No Meth: Not In My Neighborhood and encouraged the City to make contact with this agency. There were questions from the community members present: "What does meth look like? How do I know if someone is on meth? What do I look for if someone is producing or manufacturing it?"

Seantel mentioned that they also discussed some of the precursor chemicals. One of the Council members is a retired Portland fireman and he had some good

information to add to the discussion. There were questions about accountability, what happens when a user is arrested. Comments were that residents had read articles of people being arrested and released immediately, and not being held. Seantel said that the Councilors thanked them for the information.

Walt Beglau and Sheriff Ramirez: City of Woodburn

Walt Beglau said that he and the Sheriff went to Woodburn. Walt said that with hindsight, he would have said more about the MCPSCC at his presentation. Pete McCallum, (also a Woodburn Council member), said that overall the Sheriff and the DA did a great job. One of the audience members who happened to be present was the Woodburn School Superintendent who is also very heavily committed to the No Meth effort. A number of the community groups have already received information about meth, so the council wasn't just receiving this info at the bottom level. All except two of the Woodburn councilors have already been tested. It was a very effective presentation.

Commissioner Milne and Dan Estes: City of Aumsville

Commissioner Milne said that she and Dan Estes had gone to Aumsville. Dan said that they were very well received. One of the comments that came back was creating local ordinances: for example junk on properties. Commissioner Milne said that in Aumsville, the Council has already drafted a property ordinance for renters to be held more accountable. Brent DeHart said that the City of Salem is looking at licensing rental houses. This issue will be coming before the City Council soon. The city already licenses apartments etc, to make sure that they're safe.

Seantel added that it might be helpful for the council to compile what some of the other communities are doing.

Walt Beglau suggested that presenters should connect with the police chiefs before they arrive.

Draft of Suggested MCPSCC By-Laws

Judge Hart thanked the members of the MCPSCC that had met with him to review the MCPSCC By-Laws. He said that in order to comply with the Council mission, meet the statutory requirements and provide integrity to the votes that are taken on the Council, at Commissioner Milne's direction, a sub-committee was formed to review the By-Laws. Bruce Armstrong, from the County Legal Counsel had prepared a draft of the By-Laws. These were handed out and the Judge explained why changes had been made.

Ed McKenney asked if the By-Laws could be approved at this meeting subject to the changes discussed.

Pete McCallum seconded.

Walt Beglau said that the sub-committee thought that the consensus decision making method would work well for the Council. Absent consensus, the Council could make decisions via majority vote.

Judge Hart said that as far as public bodies go, consensus has to be a majority of the appointed membership. So if we had a quorum of 13, (assuming we have 25 members, and a quorum is one more than half,) you cannot pass something as a council with 7 out of 13 in approval. Judge Hart added that the sub-committee rejected the Roberts Rules of order because someone would need to enforce the rules and these rules themselves can be overwhelming.

Jug Hart also reminded the Council that the Council can remove any of the members appointed by the Board of Commissioners, except those statutorily directed to be on the Council such as the Sheriff.

The Council also deleted language in the Draft By-Laws stating that appointed volunteer members could only serve a maximum of nine years on the Council. Commissioner Milne asked all in favor of adopting the By-Laws with the discussed changes say 'AYE'. 'Ayes' heard. No dissenters.

Commissioner Milne said that the motion passed and was adopted with authority for Bruce Armstrong and Judge Hart to make final changes as discussed. Bruce Armstrong said that the County Commissioners will have to approve the final version of the By-Laws.

Membership Issues MCPSCC:

Commissioner Milne reviewed the vacant positions on the Council. § She said that Chief Russell from the City of Woodburn was there to fill Council member Rick Lewis' position until Rick returned from Iraq. She thanked Chief Russell for offering to do this.

Pete McCallum's position on the Council is as a representative of the Cities. Pete's position will be expiring at the end of May. Mr. McCallum has indicated that he would like to serve another term on the Council. As per state statute, the cities must select Mr. McCallum as their representative.

Another city representative position on the Council is also vacant. This was Kasia Quillinan's position. Commissioner Milne said that the Council will need to

address this. State statute also requires that the cities must select this representative. Commissioner Milne mentioned that she had received interest from a few individuals to serve on the Council as a City representative.

Guest Bert Ortiz, a Stayton businessman, was invited to experience the MCPSCC. The position that is currently vacant on the Council is for a business representative. It is not mandated.

Commissioner mentioned that Brent DeHart's position will expire at the end of May. Due to Brent's family, business and city council commitments, he will not be seeking re-appointment to the MCPSCC. On behalf of the MCPSCC, she thanked Brent for his time and energy on the Council, and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Scheduling of Faith, Education and Medical Breakfast Meetings

Commissioner Milne said that staff had set up the following suggested target breakfast meeting dates for the educators, the medical profession, and the faith community:

- July 15- Faith
- August 19- Medical Community
- September 23- Educators

Commissioner Milne also suggested that the MCPSCC Steering Committee put a task force together to deal with the planning and logistics since all of the three groups are large and diverse.

Anna Peterson said that at the last MCPSCC Steering Committee meeting it was agreed that she would contact Patrick Devlin from the Salem Hospital who is also on the No Meth Task Force. Anna added that Patrick will be very interested in meeting with the Council, so that the hospitals can dialogue with the Council and further educate the medical community about the issues. She added that every doctor she runs into is anxious to talk about meth.

Ruth Hewett said that for the Education group, Dr Casey has already volunteered to meet with Commissioner Milne. Dr. Casey convenes a meeting of the School superintendents which includes Kay Baker and a representative from the community college.

Commissioner Milne suggested that a few key council members be the lead in the planning and logistics of the breakfast meetings:

- Ann Peterson: Health group lead
- Ruth Hewett and Pete McCallum: Educators group lead
- Sheriff Ramirez: Faith group lead

Ed McKenney suggested that the MCPSCC didn't have a member representing the private sector health industry.

Commissioner Milne asked the Council members to forward some suggested names.

FY 2005-06 Proposed Budget Highlights:

Juvenile Department

Larry Oglesby passed out some handouts and gave an overview. The budget is status quo budget with a \$600,000 increase due to employee costs going up.

No added FTEs

In response to a question, Larry clarified that they will be asking the Commissioners to lift the cap on the number of current beds at the Juvenile detention facility. In 2002, the facility was at 36 beds, but this was reduced to 28. They were now asking the Commissioners to increase this to 32. This is a short-term solution. When the facility opens in November 2005, there will be 56 beds. Because of a high volume of delinquents, the Juvenile Department has been forced to resort to early releases.

Oregon Youth Authority

Seantel provided some handouts for the OYA biennial budget. She said that the handouts showed the Governor's recommended budget (which would be the best guess in terms of what they could expect for the budget). The Governor's Budget was for \$ 246.9 million, of which \$208 million were General Funds. This is a 12% decrease over the OYA's essential budgeting level. The OYA will not increase their bed capacity but will continue with the 850 beds they currently have. This is well below what the OYA has forecast for the state juvenile detention population. Also, the OYA will see a 22% decrease in state funding going to the Multnomah County gang services. Seantel highlighted this because there were also Marion County youth served under those dollars.

The budget would be increasing to 6.0 FTE the number of mental health positions in the OYA. Since six positions will be reassigned the difference would be zero FTE additions overall..

Seantel added that on a positive note, the Governor did not deplete funds for the community side of services. Of the 285 bed capacity that should be added, there are corresponding community funds that go with this.

State Courts

Jim Murchison said that the Chief Justice had submitted his base maintenance budget for the biennium. The Legislature has said that they will restore roughly \$ 19 million but will still ultimately leave the state courts with a 2% reduction. Jim added that there are many bills floating around so it is hard to say what the final outcome will be.

Marion County Health

Rod Calkins said that the County Health budget will place an additional two positions out at the county jail. They currently have had 1.5 positions at the jail this year. These positions have shown some success at getting to the 30-40% of the clients with mental health problems. One FTE will cover one full shift, five days a week. The other will provide some transition services for inmates back into the communities.

Marion County D.A.

Walt Beglau said that the DA has submitted a comprehensive package including two Prosecutor positions: One for drug endangered children and the other for a narcotics prosecutor. He said that his office has seen an incredible increase in child abuse cases in the last four months.

Marion County Sheriff

Commissioner Milne said that the Sheriff has requested two Deputies and a Sergeant for meth and gang enforcement.

City of Salem Police Department

Chief Myers left a handout of his budget highlights. His department is requesting the addition of four more officers to work in traffic controls.

Adjourned.