

**Marion County  
Public Safety Coordinating Council  
Draft Minutes  
July 12, 2005**

**Members:**

Cathy Bebe, Rod Calkins, Dick Cowan, Faye Fagel, Seantel Heisel, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Patti Milne, Jerry Moore, Jim Murchison, Dan Murphy, Joe Parrott, Anna Peterson, Bob Royer

**Guests:**

Sheryl Derting, Sheriff's Office, Greg Olson, Craig Prince and Mike Stafford-Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, Sheila Lorance, Sheriff's Office

**Staff:**

Dan Estes, Hitesh Parekh

**Administrative**

Commissioner Milne passed around the MCPSCC address list and asked all the council members to update their contact information. Commissioner Milne also mentioned that in the future, as per guidelines from legal counsel, in the absence of a quorum, council members may call in to place their assent via a conference call. Commissioner Milne mentioned that the future MCPSCC meetings would be set up for a conference call, so all members should leave a phone number where they could be contacted –in the event that they would be unable to attend MCPSCC meetings.

Item 2. Oregon Criminal Justice Commission and the MCPSCC- Mike Stafford  
OCJC

Mike distributed copies of the 2004 Governor's public safety plan to the MCPSCC members. He said that approximately a year and a half ago, the Governor realized that because of budget issues, the entire criminal justice system needed to be reviewed. A series of task forces were put together. These encompassed elder abuse, criminal justice systems, adult sentencing, methamphetamines, and juvenile justice. The result of this was the realization that public safety planning had not been done in a long time. The Governor's Office decided that they would like the CJC to take a role in public policy planning for the '07 legislature. Part of this involves asking all the local public safety coordinating councils to be the CJC's eyes and ears to identify what the trends are. For example, the increased incarceration rate for females. This will have a system impact. Also, meth. This trend should have been spotted 10 years ago. He added that the internet gave many people the recipes for cooking meth.

The CJC will be hosting a statewide LPSCC conference in Bend on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. The CJC will be sending out info on this for everybody. Will have specific workgroups to share ideas. He said that SB907 passed the Budget Committee, HB 2485 will to be heard on Friday July 15. Mike said that since the precursor rule went into effect, the average number of meth labs have decreased by 50-60%. This is consistent with Oklahoma. Approximately 50-60% of foster care youth in Oregon are from meth houses. The average cost to clean up a meth lab is \$4-5,000 per lab. If, like, Umatilla County, 68 labs were discovered- this comes to a lot of funds.

Q: What are you hearing from other public safety councils about meth?

A: Drug Courts are a good tool. Issuing grants to expand drug courts statewide. They target the worst of the worst. Best bang for the buck. Expand out as much as possible.

Q: Are other LPSCC's coordinating community groups around the meth issue?

A: Yes and No. Some are too isolated, others doing well. Lane County doing very well. People want to be involved. The Meth Task Force has funded Oregon Partners to create Meth Community Action. Binders with CD-ROMs, commercials. This will be launched on October 17.

Q: Could you speak about other issues besides Meth, other issues, trends, people are seeing. Also on the LPSCC conference, is it one day or several?

A: Meth is the big issue right now. Other systemic things in the Legislature, for example subpoenas.

Q: Danger is that with the focus on Meth we won't catch other issues. For example the rise in female incarceration.

A: A lot of related issues with meth. For example, increase in foster care kids.

Q: You now have to register to receive the cold medicine. By taking the next step how will this impact meth labs?

A: One of the problems is that many smaller stores sell this product through the back door. Legislative work group looked at doing a prescription. There are alternatives: Sudafed phenylephrine is the other decongestant, most of the pharmaceutical companies not fighting us on that. For example, Pfizer and Whitehall-Robins, maker of Dristan, already have the alternative medications. The testimony that the legislature received as far as how many people will need to continue using pseudoephedrin, as opposed to one of the alternatives was 90%. So we're really hoping that the cost to the consumer is not as high as the pharmacy lobbyists are spinning. They are fighting it. The reason we felt it was important to do that, was, rather, than chase meth cooks by having a laws, (which is what we have now), we'll be able to take a step forward and push the industry in another direction.

Direct relation to controlling the hard pills. Rather than trying to play catch up and chase, we'd rather play chess- a move that makes more sense to us. I wish we'd have the capability to regulate it without doing prescriptions, but we don't. Legislature would not have put this in the bill unless they thought the alternative would serve most Oregonians.

New ad campaign that the Students at the University of Oregon will be doing, will be released in the next several weeks. Tag line is 'Meth lies, you decide'. They've done some marvelous work. Part of Anna's sub-committee.

Q: Expansion of the Drug Courts?

A: Marion Co has an excellent Drug Court. When we started the Legislation the Judicial dept did not have funding. For Marion County we just had to fight to keep the existing funding going. Want to serve more people in the state, but with the budgets we have, may only be able to keep the current levels. Hoping for a windfall.

Commissioner Milne thanked both Mike and Craig for their presentation.

### **Approval of MCPSCC Minutes May and June 2005**

Separate motions were made to approve the May 10 and June 14 MCPSCC meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

### **Public Comments:**

October 17, 2005 Local Public Safety Coordinating Councils meeting  
Council members asked that this meeting be coordinated with members on the MCPSCC.

### **Membership Selections.**

Commissioner welcomed all the new appointments. Chief Jerry Moore, Faye Fagel, Scott Russell, Bert Ortiz, and Joe Parrott.

Ed McKenney moved to affirm the membership of these new members to the MCPSCC.

Dick Cowan seconded.

Unanimous approval.

### **Approval of the Marion County Community Corrections Plan 2005-07**

Sheryl Derting from the Sheriff's Office handed out copies of the Plan and gave an overview. She said that counties have an agreement with the State for biennium funding. The state of Oregon funds Parole and Probation and some of

the programs out at the jail. Every two years the Sheriff's Office asks the MCPSCC to approve the biennial Plan. Plan is built using the governor's original proposed budget. \$174,000,000 total for all for state community corrections. Of this, \$15,970,000 will be allocated for Marion County. It is a two-year amount. The county budget has been built using these amounts. Marion County must complete the plan before the state finishes its budget. If there are any changes during the legislative session, the Sheriff's Office will return to the BOC with an amended budget. Sheryl stated that the Senate's version is to fund community corrections statewide at \$183,000,000. This is \$9 million more than what was budgeted, while the Governor's new proposed budget is at \$193 million, so the Sheriff's Office is semi-confident that they may get more funds than what has been included in the Community Corrections Plan for 2005-2007.

Majority of the funds are for Institutions and Parole and Probation. The funds for enforcement and support, are comparatively smaller. By state law the MCPSCC has to approve this budget first followed by the BOC.

Q: Are you also coordinating with the Marion County Comprehensive CFC umbrella plan for the county? The comprehensive plan addresses kids 0-18, intersecting more with juveniles than with adults, but a good thing to be aware of. Plan also covers families, all the way up to geriatrics.

Dan Murphy said that it may be worth looking at the Marion County CFC website. Components of the plan are on it. Can see where adult incarceration issues will tie in. For example, CFC is involved with the children of incarcerated youth. This came with the comprehensive plan. This will be a good thing to highlight.

Q: What is the budgeted capacity of the jail bed population?

A: 528 inmates. There are 600 beds, but because of the separation between males and females, will not be 600.

Q: Is this close to capacity?

A: The jail facility is designed for 1,000 beds. Structurally we can also expand the Work Center if necessary. Right now the Center is funded at 144 beds. Could add 60 additional beds. Dan Murphy added that the Juvenile Enrichment through Mentoring should also be mentioned. The Sheriff's Office has had a direct role in shaping this project.

Sheryl then introduced Sheila Lorange, of the Marion County Parole and Probation Division who provided additional details about the plan. Sheila clarified that this was a biennial total budget of \$50,746,288 of which \$15,970,524 were state funds and \$27,532,432 were county general funds. She mentioned that for the 2005-2007 biennium, the plan would be looking at a fully operational work center, the incorporation of a Children of Incarcerated parents grant, as well as

working closely with the Evidence Based practices charter group to fulfill statutory requirements.

Dick Cowan made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Office 2005-2007 Community Corrections Plan.

Motion seconded by Pete McKenney. Motion passes.

### **Planning for Breakfast Meetings:**

Anna Peterson stated that Joe Parrott has been added to the medical community breakfast meeting-planning sub-group. Planning for the breakfasts continues. Ruth Hewett said that she had met with Cathy Bebe to see what they could do with educators. Cathy would have a training session with counselors when school is back in session. Unable to do much until school is back in session. Most counselors are aware of meth issues. Ruth added that Pete McCallum also got involved with the ESD with Superintendent Casey, who offered to have MCPSCC group come in and visit superintendents. Ruth mentioned that an educational breakfast meeting might not work as teachers who take time off for this will need to be compensated.

### **Toolkit**

Commissioner Milne said that the Anti-Meth Toolkit will be funded through the Sheriff's meth grant, and will be launched in early fall, 2005. Dan Estes added that the CFC and the Marion County Health department met to discuss the establishment and maintenance of the toolkit and will continue to work on the details.

### **Coffee Creek Meeting**

Commissioner Milne asked Undersheriff Greg Olson to request when a good time for the MCPSCC members to visit Coffee Creek could be. Staff will organize the county van for those interested in carpooling. Commissioner also mentioned that the Anti-Drug Strategic Plan Mid-Year report will be available for the Council to review on August 9.

Adjourned.