

**Marion County  
Public Safety Coordinating Council  
Draft Minutes  
July 11, 2006**

**Attendees:**

Kathy Bebe, Walt Beglau, Dick Cowan, Faye Fagel, Judge Tom Hart, Seantel Heisel, Ruth Hewett, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Commissioner Milne, Dan Murphy, Jerry Moore, Bert Ortiz, Anna Peterson, Joe Parrott, Chief Scott Russell  
Guests: Guido Calderazzo, Frank Martin

**Staff: Dan Estes**

After a few corrections, motion to approve the June 13th MCPSCC minutes were made and seconded.

Walt Beglau mentioned that the Grand Jury had made its transition back into the courthouse yesterday, and all Grand Jury proceedings would now be in the courthouse. The Sheriff's Office is already in the basement and the first floor operations are now running smoothly. The courts on remaining floors will be moving back soon, most likely earlier than September.

**Public Safety Recommendations to the Governors Task Force**

Anna said that on behalf of a task force of the Governor's Criminal Justice Commission, they were asking public safety councils across the state to recommend 5 or 6 major issues they felt needed to be addressed in the coming legislative session. This could include issues on the books that need to be revised, or new items that need to be introduced. Issues could be from any area, after which the MCPSCC could strategize as a group and rank these from high to low priority. To date, six or eight counties had responded and created their individual lists, which had been e-mailed to all members of the MCPSCC.

The OCJC would like to gather this info so that when they meet again in September, they can review priority lists from all the counties, and see where the consensus are, or where the trends may be. Anna added that this did not just pertain to meth.

Commissioner Milne mentioned that the MCPSCC could continue to refine these priorities at their August meeting, so by September Anna could have a complete list of the MCPSCC legislative priorities for the 2007 legislative session. As far as the timing went, this was great as, once the OCJC developed a statewide priority list, they could get some of the items placed into a bill, have a legislator sponsor

these, and get them pre-session filed. Sponsors should be organized so that when the session starts, these bills are at the top of the stack!

Anna added that prior to the last session, the state had several task forces, the task force on elder abuse, the task force on criminal justice systems, as well as meth abuse. All of these task forces had completed their work and made their recommendations to the last legislative session. The only one that opted to continue to meet was the Governor's Meth Task Force, so it was all the more important that the councils across the state get their recommendations and messages put together and back to the legislators.

Anna added that because this effort would come from community to community and was statewide, if these bills did go into session they had a good chance of becoming law.

With that Anna asked the MCPSCC members to make suggestions about what their priorities were for the OCJC.

Faye Fagel said the issue of juvenile and adult mentally ill offenders incarcerated in the local criminal justice system is an issue. She said she did not know whether to request more funding for the adult and juvenile system, (to be able to manage, treat, or medicate illnesses) or just look at resources for offenders when they transition back into the community. Then there was the prevention piece- something to address these individuals up front so they don't end up being a criminal justice problem.

Dan Murphy added that the CFC had a mental health and addictions action team and its number one priority was to identify detox stabilization and integration services, to keep people out of the corrections systems, who in a sense, were misdirected there. He added that he knew the Sheriff had participated in this discussion and proposed more of a community-based model, (like mental health courts) around deflecting people from the corrections system.

Faye said that tied to this was the state hospital closures, and the movement of state hospital resources into a regional model system. Faye said that it was important that Marion County participated, and followed these discussions to remain informed on how they will impact the resources that we have and services that we provide as a county.

She added that there are pros and cons in having the state hospital in Salem, as well as pros and cons in not having these services here and transporting people (that need these services) to where those resources are. She said that it was important for all the local and state players to sit down and discuss this and how it would affect those in the criminal justice system.

Dan Murphy said that an issue he wanted to add to Anna's list was a prevention to the corrections system piece. Based on Judge Abernathy's presentation at the last meeting of the MCPSCC around early social/emotional development and secure attachment- (so that child and parent can bond with each other and not have that breach of relationship which results in cognitive behavioral problems later)- some type of funding for this project as a preventative measure should also be considered. Dan said that they had just had a forum with Dr. David Wilson at al; and there are compelling facts that show that if there is early parent child support, behavioral problems with kids can be prevented later. So, some kind of an early intervention and support to parents and kids to bond and connect is the number one priority coming out of the Children and Families Commission.

Ruth asked where this would fit into things like the Healthy Start and Inter-Family Building Blocks and the CFC's programs?

Dan said that he would like to see if they could define a package of some kind around this issue- including early home visitations, relief nurseries, etc. There is an early childhood initiative group working this right now. There was some proof that the Columbine shooting was evidence of insecure attachment. Well to do families also have this as an issue.

Other areas that were discussed were SB1145 funds, functional family therapy, drug court and treatment funding, law enforcement funding and best practices for adult and juvenile treatment.

Commissioner Milne then gave an update on the Volcanoes "Striking Out Meth" event which was scheduled for July 14, 2006.

Judge Tom Hart and Anna gave an update on the Medical Sub-Committee meeting. They mentioned that 82-83,000 patients came through the Salem ER last year. An unknown number of these were trauma related. Approximately 60% of these traumas were alcohol and drug related.

Faye and Dan Murphy discussed the meeting she had regarding school attendance.

Ruth Hewett mentioned that the initial responses from the various county departments for the school counselor questions had been received. The sub-committee will continue to meet to refine the responses.

Adjourned