

**Marion County
Public Safety Coordinating Council
Draft Minutes**

OCTOBER 10, 2006

Members: Kathy Bebe, Walt Beglau, Rod Calkins, Dick Cowan, Faye Fagel, Ruth Hewett, Elaine Martin, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Commissioner Milne, Dan Murphy, Jerry Moore, Bert Ortiz, Anna Peterson, Joe Parrott, Sheriff Ramirez, Chief Scott Russell

Guests: Dr. Sandra Husk, Frank Martin, Ozzie Rose, Mike Wilkerson, Judge Zyryanoff

Staff: Hitesh Parekh

Introductions

Commissioner Milne welcomed Ozzie Rose, who is the new chair of the No Meth Not in My Neighborhood organization.

Ozzie said that he has been in the community since 1974. In the past he had worked as a professor at the University of Oregon and also worked for the Schools Administration Association as a lobbyist.

Commissioner Milne provided some background information on Dr. Sandra Husk who became Superintendent of the Salem-Keizer School District on July 1, 2006. Prior to assuming this position, Dr. Husk served five years as the Director of Schools for the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System, Clarksville Tennessee. There her leadership produced gains in student achievement and led to the implementation of a district-wide strategic plan that was adapted as a model statewide.

Q: How do you feel about schools and their involvement with the community; and receiving community input, since everyone here serves the community in some way and schools are a huge focus?

Dr. Husk said that she was excited and anxious about this as they may have over-delegated things out to the community. The schools have special interest groups that are well intentioned but their voice has been muted in the decision making process, so the District needs to be more systematic in how it collects their input- and then respond- instead of knee jerk reactions.

Sheriff Ramirez said that a small group of law enforcement officials had had their first monthly breakfast meeting with the school superintendent that morning. The group consisted of Chief Jerry Moore, the DA and himself. The purpose was to look at things occurring within the school system that were public safety related. They will also begin the conversation around what is working well and what isn't, given that 66% of the county jail offenders don't have a GED.

Commissioner Milne thanked Dr. Husk for attending.

A motion was made to approve minutes from the Aug 8 and September 12, MCPSCC meetings. Motion was seconded and approved.

Public Comments

District Attorney Walt Beglau said that October is national domestic violence awareness month. There is a significant amount of domestic violence in Marion County and Walt had an entire team dedicated to this in his office. Over 1,000 cases of violence per year are filed. Walt said that they have magnets for sale to raise domestic violence awareness. A Mid Valley Dessert auction will also be held on December 5.

Ruth Hewett asked how many children per day (on average) are at the shelter? Elaine Martin said that there are approximately 120 restraining orders per month, and of these about 70% of the families have school aged children. When obtaining the restraining order, petitioners have the option of leaving the child there so that their education is not disrupted. Walt Beglau also said that his office had domestic violence flyers that they were handing out to the public.

Commissioner Milne said that it would be a good idea to have someone from the DA's office come and make a domestic violence presentation specifically related to meth and drugs.

Sheriff Ramirez said that they would also be doing a countywide sweep for domestic violence warrants. Kathy Bebe added that the schools would be doing the Hands Are Not for Hurting pledge. Frank Martin said that the OYA has freed up funds for functional family therapy that will hopefully assist with domestic violence.

Walt Beglau said that on the forfeitures issue they would be giving \$40,000 to the Adult Drug Court and \$40,000 to the Juvenile Drug Court for their drug treatment efforts. They are also meeting with Judge Graves every Friday to get a Marion County Mental Health court up and running. They hope to have something operational by December 2006.

Walt said that on another note, the State Attorney General had just put out a crime report. Oregon is on fertile ground with respect to money laundering and a variety of drug activities. He added that the number of Drug Trafficking Organizations in Oregon has increased significantly. The main areas of concern are meth and marijuana. The report definitely does credence to the MCPSCC's efforts in terms of the meth trade. Walt said that the quarterly Drug Endangered Children Report has been prepared by his office and that there are currently 657 children who have been taken into protective care.

Sheriff Ramirez said that they were hosting their second community intensive team dealing with triaging and de-escalating the mentally ill. The Sheriff's Office has also received a grant for meth treatment needs of \$444,000. His office will report back next month on how these funds will be used for meth treatment.

Pete McCallum said that the Woodburn City Council has a longstanding edict to hold parents accountable for actions of their juveniles. Chief Russell added that the Woodburn Police Department would be opening up their new facility soon and invited law enforcement agencies as well as the MCPSCC to utilize it.

Anna Peterson said that No Meth: Not in My Neighborhood did raise 75 new foster families for kids in the last year. Sheriff Ramirez, his church, as well as several other community members, worked very hard to make this happen. There is also a receiving home being constructed where siblings will be kept together, so they don't have to go out to several different places. Sometimes caseworkers can't find a safe home for these kids.

Sheriff Ramirez said that there is also a local developer that wants to dedicate one of these apartment complexes to housing for kids.

MCPSCC Sub-Committee Updates

Schools Sub-Committee

Ruth Hewett said that the Sub-Committee is waiting to hear back from Marilyn Rengert of the Salem Keizer School District before they can progress. Meanwhile, Paige of No Meth: Not in My Neighborhood has been out in the Gervais School District working on a no meth curriculum for kids. Paige will also be looking at the Montana curriculum.

Truancy Sub-Committee

Faye said that the Juvenile Department, Marion County Department of Children & Families, school district and law enforcement representatives met to decide what it was that they were trying to achieve with truants. The group met several times, and have developed and implemented a plan. The plan is that if law enforcement is out in the community and sees a youth loitering they will question them. If the youth is one that the Juvenile Department supervises they will bring him/her to the Juvenile Dept. If the youth belongs to a school he or she will be returned there. If there are kids who can't return to school, then they will be taken to the alternative school. The group also discussed why kids were being truant: dysfunctional families, broken homes, abusive parents, parents who were on drugs etc.

Medical Partnership Sub-Committee

Anna said that the group wants to develop an educational DVD on meth for the medical community. The goal is to have a 30 to 45 minute training DVD that could be viewed by those in the medical profession- either on line- or as a DVD they could insert into their computers. Eventually the group would like to have the DVD certified by the AMA for licensing purposes, so that it could be used for statewide training and the viewer can also get some credit for viewing it. The group is still trying to do an inventory of what's going on in the community. The goal is to wrap things up by year-end.

Rod Calkins added that one of the other issues discussed was the equipment loss and contamination that follows from entering a meth house. This type of equipment cannot be reused after such an incursion.

Program Effectiveness Performance Measures Sub-Committee

Joe Parrot said that the performance measures subcommittee had met twice and come up with some performance measures to calculate the effectiveness of meth reduction programs. Joe went over seven of the measures the group had come up with: Ranging from the number of patients admitted to an emergency room, to the average price of street meth.

Faith Based Sub-Committee

Sheriff Ramirez said that they have been planning a summer Salem River Festival in 2007 and expect up to 20,000 people to attend. There is also a very large need for foster homes for kids, and they will continue to work with the faith-based community for foster homes.

Annual MCPSCC Plan 2007

The council discussed how to approach the annual MCPSCC Strategic Plan. It was mentioned that the council did not have to come up with a new plan and instead could continue to update the current one. There are a few issues on the horizon that may need to be incorporated into the plan such as gangs. It was also mentioned that the council could wait until the Statewide LPSCC conference in Eugene on October 24 to update its current plan.

Local Public Safety Council Wish List

Anna Peterson said that the Criminal Justice Commission had developed a final wish list for the legislature after 13 counties came up with their input. The MCPSCC showed a slight variance in their list but all in all it was very similar to the final list. The CJC had asked that counties go back and list how much in state and county general funds were expended on each of the items that made the final wish list.

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