

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

**WOODBURN, DECEMBER 12, 2006.**

**Members:** Walt Beglau, Faye Fagel, Elaine Martin, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Commissioner Milne, Dan Murphy, Bob Royer, Chief Scott Russell, Seantel Heisel, Judge Susan Tripp

**Guests:** Joe Kast, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Page Merrill, No Meth Not in My Neighborhood, Dave Okada, Salem Police Department, Joan Oliver, Marion County Juvenile Department

**Staff:** Dan Estes, Hitesh Parekh

Commissioner Milne noted that the following guests were in attendance: Joe Kast from the Marion County Sheriff's Office; Page Merrill from No Meth Not in My Neighborhood; Dave Okada, Salem Police Department, and Joan Oliver, Marion County Juvenile Department.

Information Items

Web-Based Calendar

Commissioner Milne said that Dan Estes was working on the getting the web-based calendar up and running for the MCPSCC and it should be on line in a few weeks. Dan mentioned that there are security concerns about who can log in onto the calendar so certain members of the MCPSCC will have a password and a log in assigned. These members should be able to log on, enter their events and publish it on the website. Those who are not members of the MCPSCC will be able to access the website and review the calendar as well, they will just not be able to add and delete events. Dan said that it was a very user-friendly system to use.

2nd Annual Striking Out Meth

Commissioner Milne mentioned that they had begun to plan for the second annual Striking Out Meth event and had picked Friday July 13 in 2007 to hold the event. The planning group discussed how to get more young people to the event as the focus this year would be on young people. Last year they had some foster kids and their families attending. But in 2007 they would like more youth of all kinds to attend. Since they wanted to keep this separate from the sponsors, businesses, and organizations, Dan Estes had come with the concept of Bleacher Buddies. The 2007 program will be called Bleacher Buddies, and the event planners will be looking to civic groups, Rotaries, Kiwanis, and also some of the chambers to participate and contribute by buying seats for the game.

Pete said that they would like to add more and more items to the event each year so that the program is sustainable and becomes a classic. The Volcanoes are very interested and have just added another person to the committee to assist us.

Commissioner Milne said that they wanted people to volunteer right away, and if members on the MCPSCC knew of a company or organization interested in sponsoring or helping out, council members should forward names to her or Dan Estes.

Domestic Violence

Judge Tripp said that several court related issues were going on: Besides meth, one of the other issues is domestic violence. The Courts have put together a group that was working on changing the way that they dealt with offenders in domestic violence cases. Now instead of a "one or two sizes fits all" response to domestic violence, they have a response based on best practices. Have people evaluated for what their

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needs are: needs of the batterer and victim and then have programs established to address these issues. The Courts have worked with the DA's office, defense attorneys and the domestic violence council. Significantly, the most help has come from Marion County Parole and Probation Division. They have done an amazing job in putting together a totally new program. This has taken a few years, but it is up and running. Judge Tripp said that hopefully through this program they would be able to provide better services to both victim, batterer and their families. This is the hope of the program, and it is now up and running.

Judge Tripp added that the Mental Health court is also up and running. The Marion County Mental Health Division has been great in terms of getting this program going. Walt Beglau said that the Governor's budget has been issued. And that it may be a good idea to see how it impacts public safety locally. Walt added that the public safety landscape is always changing and right now it was very intense around homicides. Walt said that they had just returned into the Courthouse and already they have four murder cases to try. Also just over these last three weeks they have had five significant death investigations involving multiple law enforce agencies. So this is our current landscape.

#### Item 2: Gangs Activity in Woodburn Presentation

Scott Russell gave a presentation on Gangs in Woodburn. He said that he had presented a similar version to the Woodburn City Council in the spring of 2006. What they had discussed was graffiti and how the city was responding to this and juvenile crime. He said that graffiti was important because it is the first steps with gangs, and communicates what they want, while also intimidating others and otherwise attracting attention. In Woodburn there are no specific areas which gangs claim, and the graffiti is not tagger art. Youth attracted to gangs are looking for a family atmosphere, to feel supported. Chief Russell went on to say that as of that day the city had seen various gang related offenses of which vandalism is by far the most pervasive. The statistics showed a total of 186 gang offenses, including 141 graffiti cases, as well as criminal mischief, (which includes vandalism).

Looking at arrests for vandalism, juveniles far outweigh adults. Could argue adults harder to catch. There is a process for moving kids through system even though there are system challenges such as lack of intervention resources etc. Scott said that at the Council meeting they had spoken about the overall system and how some portions work well and others don't. He said that their graffiti ordinance is the first in the state that requires that it must be removed within 10 days from the property. Scott added that they are also looking at additional requirements such as adding an accountability piece to the ordinance- both daytime curfews and a failure to supervise. The City of Salem has an excellent program.

Scott added that most of the gangs in Woodburn are predominantly Latino but there are Russian and other gangs there too.

He said that some of the additional challenges his department was looking at were intervention, prevention, and getting the parent to parent the child. Last month the Woodburn Council passed a graffiti ordinance, so now if law enforcement finds a kid with graffiti implements, a fine will be applied to the parents, but that fine is suspended if they are able to satisfy all requirements of the bench, or the Juvenile Department. They have the ability to send the mom or dad to the tough parenting class.

Q: Do you have any School District partnerships from a leadership perspective?

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A: Closest link is with Gang Resource Officers. Our Sheriff's Resource Officer is there everyday at the high school. They most impact kids when the principal invites the SROs to make a presentation as in middle schools. But this is not a coordinated district wide effort.

Q: Who is responsible to remove the graffiti?

A: The Property owner. School districts and most businesses take care of the graffiti in 24 hours. Some business folks wanted us to reduce this clean up time from 10 to 5 days.

Q: Are assaults between rival gangs or from gang members to members of the public?

A: I've seen both. We have weapons, fugitive and other arrests, probation violations etc. We have two major gangs that have been here as long as I have, the Hobbs 13 gang and 18th street gang. There are also various groups within these. Other crimes that are gang related are assaults, burglaries, drunk and disorderly, robberies.

Commissioner Milne said that she was glad that the Woodburn Council has taken care of this and was already addressing this issue.

Judge Tripp said that in her experience the parents did not know how to parent the kids so tough parenting sounded like a good idea: teaching the parents in a structured way, especially some of the Latino families to try and maintain some control. Is there any possibility of doing something like this? Does the Juvenile Department have the resources to do this?

Faye Fagel said that they had looked at this and talked about the different levels of it. Firstly from the prevention side there are families not in the system that need help, vs. those that just on the edge. After identifying these services and families, the next question is whose responsibility is it? Once they get into the criminal justice system the Juvenile Department has to respond. The Juvenile Department has been talking about how to engage different communities, resources, to provide support, finding leadership in the Hispanic community and start a dialogue with them. What can you do as a community to assist these families?

Joan said that this is a complex issue, there are parents that don't know how to parent or won't parent, then there is the single parent Spanish mom who doesn't have the time. Then you have a monolingual English-speaking child where the parents only speak Spanish, and this creates a power issue in the household. And there is also the immigration issue where the child is not here legally and technically can't get services. So this issue can become very complicated.

Faye said that the Juvenile Department notifies the INS and they take custody of the youth. But because the INS has capacity issues, they return some of the kids back into the community pending deportation hearings. So the question is who is responsible for the youth? The Marion County Juvenile Department does not close the case when the youth is deported, so that if the youth returns he or she will still have conditions of supervision to fulfill.

Scott said that he appreciated both Walt Beglau and the OYA's assistance in partnering with the city on the Weed and Seed grant. He added that typically only about 15-20% of those that apply the first year get funded.

Commissioner Milne mentioned that she would be happy to provide a letter of support for the grant if needed.

Q: Who are you local Latino partners?

A: Primary source is Louis Salinas from the Four Squares Church. He is also Secretary of the Ministerial Association of Woodburn. There are also Latinos on the business community and the city community relation's officer is also Latino. But I'd like to see more groups involved.

Elaine Martin asked if the graffiti issue was something that we cared a lot more about than the Latino community.

Pete said that there are a lot of Latino businessmen, parents, and long time residents in the community very concerned about this.

Commissioner Milne said that she was glad to have this presentation made in the context of the 2007 MCPSCC Strategic Plan. She wanted to ensure that the MCPSCC is supportive of this issue within the community.

As a quorum was achieved, Commissioner Milne invited a motion to approve the November 14 Minutes of the MCPSCC. Faye made a motion to approve, Bob seconded, and the motion passed.

#### Item 4: District Attorney Updates

Walt Beglau said that the Blue Ribbon Strike Force was developed as a multi-agency county- wide team to address and enhance street level efforts for enforcement targeting upper level drug dealing in meth. The financing piece was designed around seed money of \$400,000 dollars, and this money had been raised: \$300,000 came from community commitments, and a foster family also donated \$80,000 for the effort. Then two weeks ago in front of the State Legislative E-Board, the state authorized \$100,000 for the strike force. In addition to this, they authorized \$50,000 for the OSP to assist in the Marion County effort. So this is the current status of the financing: The \$300,000 will go to the various agencies that are participating, Salem, Marion County DA and Sheriff as well as the Keizer and Woodburn Police Departments. There is also a Policy Board comprised of himself, Chief Jerry Moore, the Sheriff, Chief Marc Adams, Chief Scott Russell, and the OSP. They have also decided to add 2 business folks to the Policy Team: one, Dave Hafner of the Professional Mortgage Corporation has already been added. They are looking for a second businessperson to add. This second person will represent the Northern County. On December 18 the Policy Board will be discussing this. Other Policy Board duties (besides setting the policy) will be to authorize expenditures, and be the liaison communicator to the community and MCPSCC.

Walt added that the Operations Team is also coming together right now. They will be developing a memo of understanding, but the team will also include Lt. Doug Garrett. The Operations Team will design a plan that will then go through the Policy Board. Walt said that they would get the plan to the MCPSCC so that the Council is aware of the direction the Strike Force will be taking. Walt said that the targeted date for the Operations Team to get started is the end of January 2007.

Walt said that the other issue on the agenda was the organized crime report that the Attorney General's Office had sent out in September. He said that meth and marijuana were showing an increase. Walt said that he had invited Steve Briggs who is the lead criminal section attorney from Hardy Myer's Office to make a presentation at the Jan 9 MCPSCC meeting.

Walt said that on the forfeiture issue, one of the attorney's in his office has been working on this. Walt would issue a memo to all the law enforcement folks soon to apprise them of this issue.

Item 5: Feedback on the Marion County Strategic Planning Document

Faye Fagel said that at the last MCPSCC meeting, members were given a draft Public Safety Countywide Strategic Plan and asked to give feedback on the plan. Faye mentioned that had received feedback and incorporated some of it. She also said that No Meth-Not in My Neighborhood had suggested adding language into the plan. Members agreed that incorporating community groups into the plan would not be appropriate.

Dan Murphy suggested that Walt and Faye write a preamble to the document that mentions the various community efforts occurring.

Item 6: Statewide Conference on Evidence Based Practices

Bob Royer said that he and a few other members of the MCPSCC had attended the Statewide Conference on Evidence Based Practices in Portland. Bob said that he had personally enjoyed the presenter from Washington State, who described work that his agency had done to figure out what really works and had also developed some cost benefit analysis on different programs. His product enabled people who are asking for funds to go to a legislature and show how their programs could save taxpayer money. Legislators at the conference pointed out that in the future they will be asking those agencies that come requesting funds how their programs fit into the evidence based practices. Senate Bill 267, which was passed by the state requires state and county agencies receiving state funding to show that a certain percentage of their funds will be used for evidence based practices.

Seantel said that the DOC, OYA and Dept of Mental Health all follow Senate Bill 267, and within each biennium starting in 2005-07, they have to demonstrate that 25% of their services are evidence based, 50 % in the next biennium and 75% in the following. They also have to identify which services qualify as evidence based. Each agency produces a report for the legislature. These summaries may be available through the Governor's Office.

Dan Estes said that they had received some great information from the conference. There was confirmation that incarceration is prohibitively expensive, and at the rate that things were going, even though violent crime is dropping, rates of incarceration will put governments in a problem in 5-10-15 years as far as prison construction operating costs go. For example Multnomah County in Wapato built a facility but there are no funds to open it. He added that some of the prevention items that were cost saving were geared toward the "touchy feely" programs that put people into more therapeutic programs as opposed to the punitive.

Seantel said that there was a lot to be learned from evidence-based services. Once you start looking at the treatment programs that are in place these are not "touchy feely", but cognitive- skill based interventions that are proven to be much more effective at reducing recidivism.

Dan Estes said that the public wants accountability and doesn't see therapy as saving them money in long term.

Joe Kast from the Sheriff's Office said that the public perception is that the community is willing to pay for jail space but not any for intervention. May just be an education issue, but treatment and prevention is not something that the public wants.

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Seantel said that her perspective was that within SB 267 there was nothing that eliminated the accountability or decreased the amount of time one spent in jail. SB 267 forces agencies to look at what services do they offer and these have to be evidence based. Interventions provided within the facility or even community programs funded by this agency have to be evidence based. So she thought that it was really a matter of how the information was communicated to the public. SB 267 came from the community in that it needed government agencies to be cost effective in the programs they provided and to help eliminate recidivism.

Item 7: 2006 MCPSCC Strategic Plan Sub-Committee Updates

Hitesh said that he had requested that council members update the 2006 MCPSCC strategic plan for 2007. For the New Year there are also emerging issues such as gangs. Commissioner Milne said that the 2007 Strategic Plan would be a living document and work would continue on it throughout the year.

Item 8: 2007 MCPSCC Strategic Plan and Proposed City Council Breakfast Meeting

Commissioner Milne asked the Council members present about setting up a tentative date for a January breakfast meeting with the newly elected city councilors. After some discussion it was agreed that this meeting would be set for February 2, 2007.

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