

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

OCTOBER 9, 2007

ATTENDEES:

Walt Beglau, Rod Calkins, Faye Fagel, Judge Tom Hart, Seantel Heisel, Ed McKenney, Pete McCallum, Commissioner Patti Milne, Dan Murphy, Anna Peterson, Bert Ortiz, Bob Royer, Police Chief Scott Russell.

GUESTS:

Deborah Baker, Salem Police Department; Martha Brooks, Fight Crime Invest in Kids Or; Commissioner Janet Carlson, Commander Troy Clausen, Mary Paulson, Salem Keizer School District; U.S. Mike Wilkerson, Dick Withnell, Withnell Motors.

STAFF:

Dan Estes, Hitesh Parekh

After a correction was noted, Dan Murphy made a motion to approve the Sept 11, 2007 MCPSCC meeting minutes. Walt Beglau seconded the motion.

Member Comments

Walt Beglau said that he had an opportunity to meet with the new Sheriff to discuss

SB 111, which involves deadly force and the creation of a planning authority in each county headed by the District Attorney and the County Sheriff. Six plans must be developed and submitted to the county and each city in the county for approval. Walt said that the new Sheriff and himself felt that the MCPSCC will play a prominent role in this. There is also a requirement that a public hearing must be held around the plan. This will be a done in a forum. Walt said that both he and Russ agreed that this should be an inclusive process and Walt suggested that a citizen member from the MCPSCC be nominated to sit on this planning authority. Since the plan is due by July 2008, they would appreciate receiving names as soon as possible from the MCPSCC. Once Sheriff Isham and Walt received the names, under the ORS, they could pick a citizen member. The nominations cannot include anyone who has a background in law enforcement.

The Planning Authority would be meeting on a monthly basis.

Walt also added that a date and time for a law enforcement and leadership conference for the minority community had been set for Nov 7, 2007, with Justice Peterson who will lead off the conversation. The conference would look at some of the successes and concerns that the minority leaders may have. Walt said that while they will be unable to invite everyone, he just wanted the MCPSCC members to know about the conference.

Walt also passed around the Drug Endangered Children quarterly report.

Walt said that there were many good things going on in our community that were law enforcement related. For example: Jeff Staples, the pipe bomber had been sentenced and

Mike Myers (from the Sheriff's Office) had been outstanding in his performance as a team member who had to rescue a little girl taken to Mexico. The child was returned safely back to our community.

Marion County Health Department

Director Rod Calkins said that there had been good news in terms of this years budget in that some additional state funds to divert people with mental health problems from local jails/ hospitals were available. Rod said that the Marion County Health Department had submitted a proposal to create a diversion team for offenders who have mental health issues to keep them out of the criminal justice system. Rod said that they would enhance what is currently being done in the county jails and courts to another level.

Rod also said that additional funds were also available for parents being treated for drugs and alcohol. The Health Department had created referral points in the community so that clients could get in touch with treatment providers. A lot of people coming into our jail or released out into the community are not covered. This was good news for them.

Volunteer Mentoring Breakfast Event

Commissioner Janet Carlson and Dick Withnell presented this item.

Dick said that Marion County was ready to be asked about coming forward with mentors. He said that the return on investment from mentoring was immense, from at risk youth- to those already in the juvenile justice system.

Commissioner Carlson made a power point presentation giving some background on county youth whose parents are involved in the Marion County Jail. She mentioned that when the adults are incarcerated, society has unintentional consequences for their children. While there are programs to assist youth, these are all limited in their capacity. There was never enough funding to meet the needs of people. She said that the breakfast event on October 18 was a call to action to the community to donate time- not money.

Dan Murphy said that mentoring has been a high priority for the Department of Children & Families.

Commissioner Carlson then invited all the members of the MCPSCC to attend the breakfast meeting on October 18 at 7.30 a.m. at the Salem Convention Center.

Presentation: Fight Crime- Invest in Kids, Oregon

Martha Brooks- State Director of the *Fight Crime- Invest in Kids, Oregon* Organization made a presentation about the goals and objectives of this national organization.

Martha said that *Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Oregon* is part of a national, bipartisan, non-profit, anti-crime organization, with more than 3,000 law enforcement members based in Washington, DC. Members include police chiefs, sheriffs, and district attorneys. Besides Oregon, the group has state offices in California, Illinois, Maine, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Washington.

In Oregon, the organization has the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police, the Oregon District Attorneys Association, and the Oregon State Sheriffs Association as key endorsers of the *Fight Crime- Invest In Kids* school and youth violence prevention plan.

The organization does not fund or operate any direct service programs for children.

Funding for *Fight Crime- Invest in Kids, Oregon* comes from private foundations, corporations and individuals. No funds are received from federal, state or local governments.

Martha said that the organization has three focus areas:

Early Education Focus

To keep kids from becoming criminals the program invests in pre-kindergarten kids through Head Start and educational childcare. Quality pre-kindergarten readies kids to learn, reinforces respect and responsibility for others, and reduces behavior problems that can spiral out of control. Research confirms that at-risk children left out of quality pre-kindergarten are five times more likely to grow up to become criminals by age 27 than children in pre-kindergarten. Quality pre-kindergarten also saves \$17 for every \$1 invested. Yet, last year, due to under-funding, 40 percent of Oregon's children, (or approximately 6,400) eligible for Head Start were not served by the program.

After School Focus

Martha said that research shows that the hours from 3 to 6 PM on school days are the "prime time for juvenile crime." More than 6 of Oregon's school-age children in every ten are in households where both parents, or the only parent, are in the workforce. Almost *one third* of Oregon's children are regularly left to care for themselves. Studies show that after school is the peak time for teens to commit crime, be a victim of crime, be in- or cause- a car crash and smoke, drink or use drugs. Quality, constructive and highly supervised programs can cut crime immediately, and convert after school hours into safe learning time. One high-quality program found that boys left out of the program averaged six times more crimes than teens in the program. A study of Boys & Girls clubs showed that housing projects without the clubs had 50 percent more

vandalism and 37 percent worse drug activity. Teens in one California after-school program were half as likely to be rearrested than teens not in the program.

Troubled Kids Focus

Martha also mentioned that Oregon's law enforcement officers arrest approximately 30,000 teens a year and that national youth-gang related homicides show a 40 percent increase from 1999 to 2003, the latest year for which this data is available.

Law enforcement leaders recommend tough and close supervision combined with research-tested interventions that pull kids away from violence to address teen and gang crime. This "carrot and stick" police and community collaboration closely tracks high-risk kids and swiftly prevents future gang violence. These successful programs link offenders to neighborhood services so kids get off drugs, stay in school and find a job. Another method is a successful program such as Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC), which provides structure, discipline, and support for chronic teen offenders and their families. Studies found the program cuts repeat arrests by as much as half, and saves the public an estimated \$24,000 in future costs.

Q: Are the % of children being abused and neglected rising faster than the pop growth?

Martha said that she did not know the answer to this.

Crimes committed by Illegal Aliens/Immigration Issues

Commissioner Milne said that Bob Royer had surveyed MCPSCC members and had received some feedback about the issue of crimes committed by illegal aliens. Commissioner Milne said that one of the thoughts was to have a small task force to deal with this issue and then place it on the MCPSCC's Strategic Plan for 2008.

Commissioner Milne added that the County Commissioners would be holding a work session with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE on October 16 to clarify county roles, etc; so there would be more information around this issue.

Q: Do you have more details on the October 16 work session with the ICE ?

A: As a background, the county had an initial internal discussion- driven by a lot of community inquiry into the 287G program run by ICE. This initial discussion was really just to get everyone up to speed in the county.

As a second step, ICE agents will be invited to the county on October 16 to discuss the kind of relationship we, as a county currently have with them, and what kind of relationship we could have. This is a big issue, and we are getting a lot of questions. So hopefully we can get some information from them.

MCPSCC Sub-Committee Updates

Commissioner Milne said that the next *Striking Out Meth Event* was scheduled for July 18, 2008.

Commissioner Milne also said that while they had met around the levy/bond discussion issue, there was also a facilities study taking place at the county level. This Facilities Steering Committee would be meeting on November 8 and there may be some information for the MCPSCC from this meeting.

Crystal Darkness Documentary

Anna gave an overview of the Crystal Darkness Documentary. Anna said that there is a tremendous realization from people that meth is still a serious issue, and there is still hope for recovery. Anna said that the Oregon documentary came about after Nevada developed their advertising campaign and documentary. Nevada's campaign has been very successful. Anna said that in Oregon there are two individuals spearheading this campaign as volunteers. This is a strong prevention message. Anna added that the *Oregon Partnership* organization in Portland will be staffing phone calls during the airing and that the Oregon Crystal Darkness documentary has been localized, with appearances from individuals such as District Attorney Walt Beglau.

Commissioner Milne said that the MCPSCC will adjourn after the Crystal Darkness Nevada documentary was shown.

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