

Marion County
Public Safety Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes

August 11th 2009

Members: Ray Byrd, Faye Fagel, Judge Tom Hart, Seantel Heisel, Sheriff Isham, Alison Kelley, Chief Rick Lewis, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Commissioner Patti Milne, Chief Jerry Moore, Bob Royer, Tom Sermak

Guests: Michael Runyon, OYA

Staff: Dan Estes, Hitesh Parekh

Commissioner Milne Convened the Meeting at 4.07 P.M.

Joint MCPSCC/CFC Meeting Debriefing

Commissioner Milne thanked all the MCPSCC members for attending the joint MCPSCC and Marion County Department of Children and Families meeting held on July 23.

Alison Kelley said that all three commissioners attended the joint meeting where both the MCPSCC and the CFC reviewed each other's statutory mandates, as well as common goals. Walt spoke of a road map that would deal with early childhood intervention and prevention. Dick Withnell introduced the idea of putting a joint CFC/MCPSCC task force together to focus on a topic that has a relatively short turn around time. Topics could be from what the MCPSCC has heard from its town hall meetings.

Alison said that several people at the joint meeting volunteered to be on this Joint Marion Ad Hoc Committee, JMAC. Eight individuals who volunteered sat on both the CFC and the MCPSCC so the most efficient way for JMAC to meet would be right after the CFC Executive Committee meets.

Pete said that the task force should focus in on a target and not try to do everything.

Sheriff Isham said that in the prior year his office had gone to McKay to speak to parents about discipline. He said that one of the items that surfaced was how different cultures viewed discipline. He added that his office will be holding a meeting with the Russian Old Believers (of about 1200 members) next week to talk about the recent case that came about regarding parental discipline. Sheriff Isham said that anyone who wanted to attend this meeting was welcome. The Sheriff said that he had invited someone from the District Attorney's Office to translate at the meeting.

Judge Hart said that if there is to be a discussion with parents around the issues of discipline, then it may be valuable to talk to parents about what constitutes "reasonable".

Tom Sermak mentioned that it may be good for the Russian community to hear that the authorities are also making an effort to learn about their community - not so that the authorities can change the law- just so that the Russian community knows that an effort is being made.

Chief Rick Lewis said that the Russian Old Believers had been working with Silverton Together on a host of issues such as alcoholism etc. There are intergenerational issues since the older population has language issues while the newer generation does not.

Alison said that everyone is welcome to attend the JMAC task force meeting on Thursday August 20th.

Striking Out Meth Debriefing

Commissioner Milne thanked everyone for attending the Striking Out Meth Event on July 17. Commissioner added that the event had more emergency equipment exhibited this year than the previous one which drew in quite a crowd. Dan said that they are still trying to get Life Flight to exhibit.

Pete said that he was very moved when Chief Scott Russell throw in the first pitch.

Commissioner Milne thanked everyone and said that she had received a comment from CASA that this event was the best interactive event for kids they had attended.

Dan said that the group was thinking of sending out a follow up survey to the participants.

MCPSCC Strategic Plan 2009/10

Commissioner Milne reminded the Council members that they still had to put together a strategic plan. Commissioner Milne mentioned that the JMAC could generate some ideas for the strategic plan.

French Prairie Community Town Hall Meeting

Commissioner Milne reminded all the council members of the French Prairie Town Hall meeting which was scheduled for August 20 at the Butteville store. The meeting was for the cities of Aurora, Donald and St Paul.

Ed said that the town hall meetings were an excellent way to find out what is going on in county government.

Other: Prosecution of Mexican Nationals

Dan Estes said that he had received some questions about a bill that Senator Wyden is proposing that addresses the prosecution of Mexican nationals that commit a crime here and then flee to Mexico. This is a \$10M bill that incorporates training for law enforcement agencies on how to pursue prosecution of these Mexican nationals in Mexico.

The bill creates a liaison between law enforcement officials in the US Government and the Mexican Government. If a Mexican national commits a crime here in the US and then goes back to Mexico, or flees to Mexico he or she can be prosecuted.

Since the funds are not very large, U.S. agencies have to be judicious in how they are used. Also, this is based upon the Mexican government's goodwill. If the individual is prosecuted in Mexico, and is found to be innocent- the accused can return to the US and will be immune from prosecution here.

Judge Hart said that we have 5 cases in Marion County that could use this assistance. In the past when Marion County did this with Sheriff Ramirez, even though the process was cumbersome, law enforcement was satisfied with the outcomes.

The funding will support things like document translation etc.

Dan said that he will let the Council know if there is anything it can do to support Senator Wyden's bill.

H1N1 Epidemic and Marion County

Commissioner Milne mentioned that the County Commissioners had discussed the H1N1 epidemic in Marion County. Dan said that he would talk to Rod Calkins to bring additional information to the MCPSCC at a future date.

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