

Marion County  
Public Safety Coordinating Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2009

Attendees: Walt Beglau, Ray Byrd, Rod Calkins , Faye Fagel, Don Frederickson, Seantel Heisel, Pete McCallum, Commissioner Milne, Sheriff Myers, Chief Moore, Bert Ortiz, Anna Peterson, Tom Sermak.

Guests: Jayne Downing, Doug Cox, Rick McKenna

Staff: Dan Estes, Hitesh Parekh

Quorum Achieved

**Chair/Member Comments**

Commissioner Milne mentioned that Senior Policy Advisor, Dan Estes would be leaving the county for new employment at the end of the month. Commissioner Milne thanked Dan for being a great asset to the MCPSCC and presented him with a certificate of appreciation from the MCPSCC.

Don Frederickson said that he had met with the Public Safety Director at Chemeketa Community College, CCC and wondered why the College was not represented on the MCPSCC as it had about 20,000 students- and a lot of public safety issues.

Commissioner Milne said that Hitesh will review the By-Laws to see if there are any vacancies.

Don said that if the MCPSCC was in agreement, he would invite the CCC Public Safety Director to attend a future MCPSCC meeting.

**Approval of October 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes.**

Chief Moore made a motion to approve the October 13, 2009 MCPSCC meeting minutes. Pete McCallum seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

Walt introduced Jayne Downing of the Mid Willamette Valley Women's Crisis Center. Jayne gave some background on the MWWCC, saying that it had been operating for in Marion County for approximately 36 years and that she had been with the MWWCC for almost 19 years. She added that annually, one out of every eight Oregonian women will be the victim of violence, and one in six will encounter forcible rape in their lifetime. Jayne said that the MWWCC receives over 11,000 calls a year on its 24 hour crisis line.

The MWWCC also has a shelter that houses 3-500 individuals annually including men. Half to two-thirds of the shelter residents are children. Victims arrive with only clothes on their back and often need food and other essential items. The MWWCC is different

from other shelters in that it does not limit how long people can stay at the shelter. Even though the shelter's limit is 19 beds, it sometimes holds up to 35 people. There have been 14 people murdered in Marion County in the last nine and a half years due to domestic violence. The turn away rate in the state of Oregon from shelters has been about 17,000 individuals per year for domestic violence. The MWWCC also has Spanish, Russian and other support groups, provides free child care, transitional housing, and community education programs. MWWCC does a lot of consulting, but also provides free training to employees at their workplace.

Q: What is involved at the mandatory training and who receives it?

A: The state legislature passed a new law last year saying that all employers must provide reasonable accommodation when they have a victim of domestic violence and assault. We do a two hour awareness training/presentation for managers on what to look for in the workplace, the warning signs of abuse, and also advise them on useful resources. We have been to all the state departments and have had a great response from management. We have had a lot of people asking about this training. It is free and everyone is welcome to it. I've always had someone disclose at my training that either they themselves or someone in their family or a friend was a victim of domestic violence. Our calls to crisis lines have also increased tremendously.

Jayne said that she would like to do a domestic violence awareness campaign in October next year and would like the city to light up the rail bridge in purple.

Commissioner Milne said that the MWWCC was welcome to participate in the Striking Out Meth event next year.

Jayne added that the MWWCC had 16 different funding sources, some of which were state, and some federal. The organization also receives some general funds from the City of Salem as well as grants from foundations. Even though the MWWCC covers all of Marion County, they still only have 10 staff not the 30 needed.

The MWWCC also partners with the Santiam Crisis Center, and has a web page in different languages available to everyone. In the past Australians and Canadians have used the organization's materials.

### **Approval of Drug Prevention and Education Funds \$66,000**

Walt said that the source of these funds are from drug forfeitures and that the MCPSCC and local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee, LADPC decide how these funds can be spent depending on the community needs. Walt said that both the MCPSCC and the LADPC have to approve how the funds will be spent. The plan is to equally distribute over \$66,000 to the adult and juvenile drug courts. Walt said that each court would receive \$33,000 and that this was what was done the last time that these funds were available. He added that the LADPC had some strong comments about allowing the drug courts to use these funds for mental health and also if either of the courts had been impacted in the budget process- and had taken any reductions. Rod explained that the concern was that if one court was impacted more than the other- then this court could be made whole with these funds.

Chief Moore made a motion that the MCPSCC approve the amounts of \$33,000 each for the Marion County adult and juvenile drug courts.

Motion seconded by Faye Fagel.

Motion approved unanimously.

### **Application for Measure 57 Grant Funds**

Walt said that he was requesting a letter of support from the MCPSCC for a Measure 57 grant application from the Criminal Justice Commission. Walt said that the funds would be used to process property offenders instead of (only the traditional medium to high risk) drug offenders. He added that since the deadline for this application was next week, they have not had much time to detail out the actual process.

Faye Fagel made a motion for a letter of support from the MCPSCC, and that once a work group puts together a viable option for Marion County for the use of these M57 funds- the plan be brought back to the MCPSCC.

Don seconded the motion.  
Motion passes unanimously.

### **Earned Time for Non-Violent Offenders Update**

Walt said that the earned time credit for offenders had created a huge challenge for his office. He said that all of these inmates had been convicted of a crime in Marion County, but were being released from the state penitentiaries, as they were serving their time there. Walt said that he would give a full update of the process at the next MCPSCC meeting. Ballot Measure 11 crimes were not part of this process.

### **MCPSCC Draft Strategic Plan 2009-10**

Commissioner Milne said that one of the priorities included in the Draft MCPSCC Strategic Plan was for the development of fact based data from each of the public safety agencies. Commissioner Milne said that this is a result of both the state legislature looking for more information as well as the need to keep council members and the public better informed. Commissioner added that Sheriff Myers will be taking the lead on this project as there are still decisions that need to be made about the type and frequency of data to be received from agencies.

Sheriff Myers then presented data from his office as an example. The Sheriff said that these were just preliminary and that he was open to suggestions from the MCPSCC on how the data could be improved.

Faye said that while it was a great idea to have public safety agencies put this data together, she was a little concerned that if we tried to get too much data put together this would require a lot of staff resources, so a discussion of what type of data to gather would be a good idea.

**ADJOURNED**