

Marion County
Public Safety Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes

MAY 12, 2009

Members: Walt Beglau, Rod Calkins, Faye Fagel, Judge Tom Hart, Seantel Heisel, Sheriff Russ Isham, Lt. Eric Judah, Chief Rick Lewis, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Elaine Martin, Commissioner Milne, Chief Jerry Moore, Bert Ortiz, Anna Peterson, Tom Sermak.

Guests: Ray Byrd Jr. Salem Keizer School District.

Staff: Dan Estes, Hitesh Parekh

Walt Beglau said that he would be chairing the MCPSCC until Commissioner Milne returned from Budget Hearings.

Public /Member Comments

Faye Fagel said that the Marion County Juvenile Department had received \$17,500 in special JAIBG pass through funds, and as part of the funding process, had to inform the MCPSCC how these funds would be spent. Faye said that almost all of the funds with the exception of a minor amount will be spent on peer courts in local communities such as Silverton, Keizer and Stayton-Sublimity. Faye said that peer courts benefit the Juvenile Department in that approximately 200 cases that could end up in the Juvenile Department are resolved instead at the local level. Peer Court 'sentences' also result in the offending kids giving back to their own community.

Q: Is the funding level the same as it was in prior years?

A: Yes, but not anticipating that we will receive the same amount next year.

Q: Do you need an endorsement or support from this group?

A: Don't need a motion, just an acknowledgement of how the funds will be spent.

Both Walt and Dan Estes said that citizens from town hall meetings were very appreciative of the importance of peer courts, especially in addressing low level crime.

Chief Rick Lewis said that the funding may be small, but it goes a long way.

(QUORUM ACHIEVED)

Request for Letter of Support

Marion County BOC Senior Policy Advisor Sara McDonald said that Commissioner Carlson, along with the Sheriff and St. Vincent De Paul, SVDP were applying for a

federal Second Chance Act grant for mentoring adult ex-offenders. The application was to hire a volunteer coordinator for SVDP for the Marion County Re-Entry Initiative. The county re-entry initiative assists those ex-offenders with job skills training and housing opportunities so that they can stabilize their lives. Mentoring is an important tool for these ex-offenders.

Sara asked the MCPSCC to approve a draft letter of support which she handed out. Because the grant was due in a few days, Sara asked if the MCPSCC could approve the draft letter (she had handed out) and if the Chair could sign it.

Motion made by Walt Beglau for a letter of support by the MCPSCC for the Second Chance Act.

Anna Peterson seconded the motion.

No further discussion

Motion passes unanimously.

Update on Chief Scott Russell

Pete McCallum said that Chief Russell faces a few more surgeries but is otherwise doing very well. He said that the Acting Police Chief of Woodburn has announced his retirement as of July 1st but will remain until Chief Russell returns.

Chief Rick Lewis said that the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police had awarded Scott a medal of honor.

Annual Service for Fallen Officers

Walt said that the annual service for fallen officers had been held last week at the DPSST and it was very moving. Scott also attended.

Budget Presentations

The following agencies all made budget presentations, please see attached:

City of Salem Police Department
City of Silverton Police Department
Oregon State Police
Oregon Youth Authority
Marion County Juvenile Department
Marion County Sheriff
Marion County DA
Marion County Courts
Marion County Health Department

Dan Estes mentioned that at the last MCPSCC meeting, the Council requested that staff draft a letter about the prohibition of liquor consumption in state parks. Dan circulated a draft letter from the MCPSCC to the state parks.

Some MCPSCC members mentioned that prohibiting alcohol in state parks could reduce liquor sales for some adjacent businesses as well as the Oregon State Fair.

Joint July 23rd Meeting of the MCPSCC and CFC

Commissioner Milne said that the MCPSCC had been discussing holding a joint meeting with the Marion County Department of Children & Families on July 23, 2009 so there would be no MCPSCC meeting on July 14. Commissioner Milne added that Alison and herself were in the process of developing the agenda for this joint meeting.

Judge Hart suggested including educational presentations such as how poverty affects crime. Commissioner Milne said that the meeting would be for an hour and a half and some background papers on the agenda items will be sent out in advance.

Town Hall Meetings

Commissioner Milne said that there are three future town hall meetings scheduled, Gervais, South Salem and Mill City. Maps for each meeting will be sent out to the MCPSCC and all members were welcome to attend.

ADJOURNED