

Marion County
Public Safety Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2009

Members Attending

Walt Beglau, Ray Byrd, Rod Calkins, Faye Fagel, Judge Tom Hart, Seantel Heisel, Alison Kelley, Chief Rick Lewis, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Elaine Martin, Commissioner Patti Milne, Chief Jerry Moore, Bert Ortiz, Joe Parrott, Anna Peterson, Bob Royer, Tom Sermak, Olcott Thompson.

Guests

Commanders Doug Cox and Jeff Wood- Marion County Sheriff's Office; Undersheriff Jason Myers

Staff

Dan Estes, Hitesh Parekh

Quorum Achieved. Meeting Convened.

Commissioner Milne introduced Don Frederickson who was attending as a guest to learn more about the MCPSCC. Don is the fleet manger of Skyline Ford in Salem.

Commissioner Milne also welcomed Ray Byrd as a new member of the MCPSCC.

Ray said that he is the Security Manager of the Salem-Keizer School District and everything related to school security is his responsibility. Ray said that he oversees 31 employees and has a \$3m department budget.

Approval of the May 12, 2009 MCPSCC Meeting Minutes

Chief Moore moved to approve the May 12, 2009 MCPSCC meeting minutes.

Faye Fagel seconded the motion.

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Member Comments

Chief Scott Russell

Pete McCallum said that he was asked to notify the MCPSCC that next week the Woodburn community would be holding a 'Welcome Home' BBQ at Centennial Park for Chief Russell. Pete said that all members of the MCPSCC were invited to attend.

Joint MCPSCC Meeting with CFC July 23

Commissioner Milne said that she had been discussing the agenda of the joint MCPSCC/CFC meeting that is scheduled for July 23 with Alison. Alison said that the purpose of the meeting was to help each group understand its mission. Alison then went over a draft of the agenda. She said that the meeting will be at the Willamette ESD from 1- 2.30. P.M.

Town Hall Meeting Findings

Commissioner Milne handed out a matrix which summarized the findings so far of the Town Hall Meetings held throughout the county. She reminded the Council that the Mill City Town Hall Meeting will be on Thursday June 11.

Item 2: Approval of the FY 2009-11 Community Corrections Plan

Commander Wood from the Marion County Sheriff's Office said that each biennium, counties must create a community corrections budget which has to be approved by the MCPSCC after which it is then submitted to the state. Jeff said that initially, in the fall of 2008, the statewide budget for community corrections was \$ 248 M. When the Governor's recommended budget was released, this amount dropped to \$231M. Today, a best case scenario amount would probably be a budget of \$222 M. Jeff said that even though counties did not know what their final community corrections budget amounts would be they still had to submit a budget to the state legislators before the session was over.

Jeff handed out a draft of Marion County's Community Corrections budget for 2009-11 and said that the budget totaled \$24,181,780. Approximately 65% of these funds will be for the Parole and & Probation Division, and the remainder would be for the county jail.

Jeff said that statewide there are about 35,000 people on supervision. It is a bifurcated payment process -so that there are people on post prison supervision as well as people who are supervised while on probation. For each offender on probation -Marion County received \$8.11 per offender per day, and for an offender on post prison supervision, Marion County received approximately \$11 per day.

The Community Corrections Plan also addressed people who were sentenced to less than a year in jail under SB 1145 and had served their sentence in a local county jail. The Marion County detention facility is the second busiest in the state in terms of the number of offenders supervised- Marion County has about 4,300 individuals on supervision.

Jeff added that for the 09-11 year they were looking at a status quo plan-and hoping to maintain their current staffing levels.

Jeff then described the various programs included in the plan and highlighted changes from the prior biennium.

Q: If you have reductions – will you be reducing programs?

A: Yes but we have to keep in mind that research indicates supervision alone does not work. We need a continuum of services. Treatment and supervision go hand in hand- I don't think you can have one without the other so the goal is to try and maintain both as much as possible.

Anna Peterson said that she had a chance to go out and do a ride along with a parole officer who called on his clients. Anna said that this made her appreciate how tough the work is, but also how much officers care about those that they supervise.

Q: Have the Drug Courts been effective and do you know the cost per offender?

A: I think the CJC is doing a study on this. We have evaluated our drug court and it was determined to be effective based on the recidivism rate compared to our normal population.

Judge Hart: I have spoken to Judge Graves and drug court is costly, although the recidivism rate is less than the general population. Reality is that it is on the table. It has been successful but whether or not it justifies the cost depends.

Jeff said that he was looking for the MCPSCC to approve the 2009-11 Biennial Plan and also that the chair signs a letter to this effect.

Judge Hart made a motion to approve the Marion County 2009-11 Biennial Plan and for the Chair to sign the letter of approval.

The motion was seconded by Chief Rick Lewis.

Motion carries unanimously.

Item 3: State Budget Impacts on Local Public Safety Agencies

Marion County Sheriff

Undersheriff Jason Myers said that any reductions made by the State to the community corrections budget will also affect the county's community corrections budget, jail and work center operations.

City of Woodburn

Pete McCallum said that the City of Woodburn had been very fortunate in that the unions and non-unions were not taking a COLA increase next year. This enabled the city to avert any layoffs. However, if the recession continues into the next year things will change.

City of Salem

Chief Moore said that while the City of Salem had already made some budget cuts, more could be coming depending on how the state balanced its budget. As an example he said that the State could shut down the Salem OLCC office.

District Attorney

Walt Beglau said that at the state level, Measure 57 is a core area under discussion in terms of how to save money- along with others- such as making earlier releases to ICE holds, reducing felony possessions of controlled substances to misdemeanors and capping predications on certain felonies to 60 days instead of 180.

Walt added that the State was also looking at making some fairly significant cuts- so there is a lot of uncertainty about budgets right now.

Q: Will the OSP Forensic Labs be cut?

A: The proposed cut is still on the table at this point. Troopers are also on the cut list along with the Academy and the 44 criminal detectives. If they cut these there will definitely be an impact that occurs in our capacity to respond to officer involved uses of force, and criminal investigations that occur in institutions.

Walt Beglau said that a certain number of savings from Measure 57 have been calculated, but if the Measure is rolled back it will not necessarily result in any savings.

Q: What is the Union's position on not receiving COLA increases?

A: We're trying to make the Unions understand that government has been hit just as hard as the private sector – but all unions are different.

City of Salem Fire District

Joe Parrott said that the Salem Fire Dept had escaped from being cut since there were dedicated funds supporting the fire department.

State Courts

Judge Hart said that the Courts were waiting like everyone else, but the reality was that the drug treatment courts could be reduced as well as the dispute dissolution center. There are options to increase filing fees and also charging the DA. At this point there was a lot of uncertainty –but in a budget that is 96% personnel, any cut was likely to affect staff.

Department of Children & Families

Allison Kelley said that the state subcommittee had reduced a funding stream of about \$3.5M statewide- reducing the early childhood budget for the Marion County CFC.

Marion County Juvenile Department

Faye Fagel said that her department was watching the OYA budget very closely.

Public Defender

Olcott said that the public defense budget has excluded funds for defense attorneys for the last month of the biennium. If defendants are released early their defense costs will increase since they may commit new crimes.

Tom Sermak said that the system requires there be a public defender for a court appointed case. In 2003 the court system decided that they would not appoint an attorney to a certain type of case and those cases were not resolved until sometimes 2 or 3 years

later. The system works on a per case basis until the money is spent- which could happen by the end of the year- there is about a \$13M shortfall- so the money could run out before the last four weeks of the biennium. Hopefully this can be avoided.

Commissioner Milne said that it is likely that if the September economic forecast is not good, the legislature could reconvene soon after.

Item 4: Educator's Conference Presentation June 23rd

Commissioner Milne said that Alison Kelley and the Marion County Sheriff will be making a presentation at the Educator's conference on June 23. This year was a new format so instead of a panel of speakers, Alison and the Sheriff would be speaking about the MCPSCC's recent Town Hall Meetings.

Item 5: Town Hall Meetings

Commissioner Milne said that the last Town Hall meeting was in South Salem and it was well attended. The next meeting will be at the Santiam Canyon on June 11.

Striking out Meth

Commissioner Milne said that even though the economy was not as good this year compared to the last, the Striking out Meth group had managed to recruit new sponsors and had also carried over a healthy balance from the previous year. Commissioner Milne said that volunteers are welcome to participate on July 17 and staff will send out a sign up sheet to the MCPSCC.

Other

Walt Beglau said that the Meth Strike Force will be wrapping up their projects on Friday June 12. Walt said that he would like to make a final presentation of the Task Force's accomplishments at a future MCPSCC meeting.

Walt added that over the past few weeks there have been some significantly violent issues that have taken place in the community, and he also wanted to discuss this at a future MCPSCC meeting.

Anna Peterson said that at the North Gate Neighborhood meeting, she was impressed to see many community organizations coming together over the recent shooting in a park. She said that this had been a very difficult situation, yet the focus of the meeting was not blame- but how the community could provide prevention services in the future to stop this from happening again.

Chief Moore said that the victim's mother had a lot of class and gave a very positive message after the incident, which changed the dynamics of the situation.

Allison Kelley said there is very positive momentum for a future joint community meeting to build on this.

Commissioner Milne reminded the MCPSCC that the next full meeting of the MCPSCC will be a joint meeting with CFC on July 23.

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