

Marion County  
Public Safety Coordinating Council  
Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2009

**Meeting held at the Marion County Juvenile Department**

Members: Walt Beglau, Ray Byrd, Rod Calkins, Faye Fagel, Don Frederickson, Alison Kelley, Chief Rick Lewis, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Chief Jerry Moore, Sheriff Myers, Bert Ortiz, Joe Parrot, Anna Peterson, Tom Sermak

Guests: Mike Runyon OSP, Commander Jeff Wood, Doug Cox

Staff: Dan Estes, Hitesh Parekh

**Vice Chair Bob Royer chaired the meeting and thanked Faye Fagel for hosting the MCPSCC meeting at the Juvenile Department.**

Walt Beglau announced that the month of October was designated as a national domestic violence awareness month, and the Domestic Awareness Council had been active during the month with annual walks, runs and distributing purple ribbons to raise publicity. Walt said that the Council had a great turnout for all of their organized events with the public.

He also said that there were some court cases that have come out of the Court of Appeals that the MCPSCC should be aware of: One case dealt with the admissibility of the breath test that is utilized for those that drive and may have consumed alcohol. The second case addresses the use of force- what a person can and cannot do.

Walt also provided an update on SB 3508 - which increased the earned time credit for adult offenders from the state penitentiary from 20 to 30% for certain offenders. Walt said that he had 467 of these cases to date and the volume of these cases was taxing the public safety system.

He added that these three items would be brought to the MCPSCC at a later date to discuss as each could potentially impact the criminal justice system.

Q: What is the issue with the earned time credit releases?

A: Cost, and time involved with my office having to process these.

Q: What is your role in this?

A: I get a stack of inmates that the State had identified as being eligible for earned time credit. I have to review these, and then send a notice, schedule hearings, call the victims for each case: So there are a lot of administrative issues involved in processing just one case, and then of course contacting indigent defense and finally notifying the courts.

Q: So there is no automatic process that was legislated for earned time credits?

A: It is an automatic process- unless the DA's office opposes release.

Marion County Parole and Probation Commander Jeff Wood said that what was ironic was that most of the individuals who were eligible for earned time release were probably going to be released in about 20 to 30 days anyway. Jeff said that his office was receiving release notifications from the State Department of Corrections, and the bulk of the releases were 20 to 30 days early releases.

Vice Chair Bob Royer said that since there was now a quorum the Council could move to approve the minutes from the prior MCPSCC meeting.

Faye Fagel made a motion to approve the September 8, 2009 MCPSCC meeting minutes.

Chief Moore seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 1: Support for Juvenile Department Grant funds**

Mike Maryanov, Juvenile and Family Treatment Coordinator, Oregon Judicial Department/Marion County Court, said that he was here before the Council to request a letter of support to apply for \$200,000 in grant funds from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

Mike said that about three and a half years ago, he had come before the MCPSCC requesting a letter of support for funding for the Juvenile Court's Family Drug Court: Fostering Attachment Treatment Court (FATC). Mike provided some background on the Fostering Attachment Treatment Court, saying that there were up to 24 children aged 0-5 in the program at any given time. He added that Family Building Blocks serves as a fiscal agent for FATC because the court cannot apply directly for money that is used for treatment services, and FATC would be requesting \$200,000 in grant finding from the Criminal Justice Commission for a 2 year period. The Criminal Justice Commission manages all of Oregon's drug court funds and disseminates the money through local grants.

Q: Do some of the grant funds pay for A&D counseling?

A: Yes. I don't know the specific breakdowns, but some will be going to pay for treatment specifically for services that are not billable to the Oregon Health Plan. We have some counselors at Valley Mental Health and likewise will request CJC grant funds to cover early childhood mental health services otherwise billable to the OHP.

Juvenile department Director Faye Fagel said that she advocated that the MCPSCC support the FATC.

Mike Maryanov said that a draft letter had already been sent to Commissioner Milne, so all that was needed was for Commissioner Milne to sign this letter of support on behalf of the MCPSCC.

Anna Peterson said that she is supportive of the grant but asked that a copy of the letter be sent to all the MCPSCC just as an FYI.

District Attorney Walt Beglau made a motion that the MCPSCC draft a letter of support for the Juvenile FATC grant application for funds from the Criminal Justice Commission.

Chief Rick Lewis seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously.

**M57 Application Jeff Wood Marion County Jail Commander**

Marion County Parole and Probation Commander Jeff Wood Jeff said that he was also requesting a letter of support from the MCPSCC.

Jeff said that the previous legislature allocated some \$10m in state funds towards community corrections. These funds are to be used towards supervision services and sanctions to qualifying Measure 57 offenders. As per state formula, Marion County received about 11% of the total Community Corrections budget this past biennium.

Jeff said that a few months ago, Chemeketa Community College approached Marion County to develop transition programs for ex-offenders being released out into the community, or for those on local supervision at the county jail. Jeff said that Chemeketa Community College, CCC and his division had been working with the County Commissioners, Alison Kelly, and the Health Department to start developing this transition program.

Jeff said that the Sheriff's Office is now ready to provide intensive supervision to transitioning offenders in partnership with Chemeketa Community College, the Health Dept. and also the Community Action Agency. The program will be hosted by CCC on their campus and there are several classes offenders will be enrolled in. These include cognitive skills development, alcohol and drug treatment, a parenting program, (since up to 70% of ex offenders have children), and job skills training.

Programs will be evaluated to ensure that they are evidence based.

Jeff added that this entire transitioning program is a pilot program, so the outcomes are unknown at this time.

Jeff said that he was requesting a letter of support from the MCPSCC for grant funds from the State for this program.

He added that there are multiple federal and state sources of funding that have already been or could be used to provide all these transitional programs for ex-offenders such as: the Second Chance Act (federal), OJJDP, (federal) and Community Corrections Funds, (state).

Q: Will all these people be supervised?

A: Yes.

Q: Does this provide funding for people to go to school?

A: Right now CCC is trying to make some of the programs college credit eligible. So ex-offenders can move onto getting jobs skills. Our unemployment rate for our supervised population is 60%. We realize that unemployment is a key issue, so want to make sure our clients receive job skills training. We can lower recidivism if people have legitimate tax paying jobs. We can serve up to 200 people in this program over two years. We receive up to 600 people from the state Department of Corrections annually, so this is just a drop in the bucket, but I think we are moving in the right direction.

Q: How will someone qualify to be in this program?

A: Anyone who has a conviction is eligible. Right now 800 people could be eligible.

Q: Is this a 3 or 9 month program?

A: This is a 12 week program. Each group will have 25 people, and we will process 4 groups per year.

Q: What do you expect out of the 100 graduates as far as results go?

A: Lower rate of recidivism, more jobs, fewer sanctions, being united with their families etc.

Alison Kelley said that transitioning offenders back into the community is a very complicated issue and the Sheriff's Office had done an excellent job in putting this program together.

Q: How do you define recidivism?

A: The state definition of recidivism is a new felony conviction within 3 years of being placed on supervision.

Q: So if someone was to commit a felony offense 4 years after being put on supervision this would not count as a recidivism?

A: Correct

Q: And if I was arrested five times for non-felonies a year after I was released from a felony, this would not be counted as recidivism?

A: Correct

Q: Where will people be living as part of this program?

A: We have 12 beds available through federal grant funds, and a budget of \$ 40,000 for housing. For those who don't have a place to live we can put them up for 90 days. They cannot bring their families and they will have to be clean and sober. 50% of those that come out of prison don't have a place to live. While persons are in this program they will also have a mentor to guide them with day to day assistance.

Jeff said that the first 90 days of release are critical for the ex-offender. His division does 180 day pre- release planning with the DOC to target specific people so that the Parole and Probation Division can plan for them once they are released by the state.

Q: What types of things have been done for outreach to businesses to hire some of these folks?

A: Minimal, to date, but an employment outreach coordinator is something that we are looking at.

Q: With the job situation as it is now, what other barriers do you anticipate with this program?

A: Employment and housing are two significant barriers. We are trying to get up to 75 mentors trained to provide some pro-social support for these folks.

Tom Sermak said that as a public defender, just having a systematic way of integrating ex-offenders back into the community will have an impact - even if jobs were not available. Tom said that most of his clients have no idea of even how to dress to go to a job, and that this program seems to address those issues. Tom said that he is very optimistic that the community will see a strong benefit from this program.

Tom made a motion to provide a letter of support for the Sheriff's Office for applying for funds from the State Department of Corrections for the transition program for offenders.

Chief Jerry Moore seconded the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

Walt Beglau said that he just wanted to provide some information to the Council on some future action items for the MCPSCC.

1. Drug Prevention Education Fund, Walt said that this is a forfeiture fund set up by statute that has two gatekeepers to it, the LPSCC and local drug and alcohol planning committee. Both these agencies have to give their consent to how these funds can be spent. Walt said that several years ago his office recommended an equal distribution of \$40,000 each to the adult and juvenile drug treatment courts respectively. Walt said that the total amount accrued to date was \$66,000 and so he would be reviewing how the funds could be spent and welcomed input from the MCPSCC and the local alcohol and drug planning committee.
2. SB 570 Walt said that based upon this bill, his office is required to develop a community based metal theft plan for scrap metal businesses. The premise of this legislation is to ensure law enforcement agencies are communicating amongst themselves and metal scrap dealers. Walt said that his office is already working with the Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies to develop a plan. Statute requires that these plans come through the public safety councils. Walt said that he has a key staff person in his office who will be working on this. He added that the statute goes into effect on January 1, 2010, so there will be a tentative draft for the MCPSCC to review in December 2009.

Anna Peterson said that the Statesmen Journal and the Capitol Press would be keen to hear from Walt about the plan.

Sheriff Jason Myers said that recyclers are already required to ask for photo identification, vehicle licenses etc. as well as to report any suspicious activity.

Jason said that Bob Stai and Don Abar will make a presentation on this issue to the MCPSCC soon.

Alison Kelly said that the next JMAC meeting will be on October 20.

Dan Estes said that Sgt. Dave Cornforth has arranged the Scotts Mills town hall meeting. This is the city's monthly neighborhood watch meeting which is widely attended. Scotts Mills has a very active, 40 year old, neighborhood watch, and also have their own citizen patrol squad. All members of the MCPSCC were welcome to attend.

**Adjourned for Juvenile Department facility tour.**