

MEETING MINUTES
Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council
Held at the Fresh Start Market, Juvenile Department campus
December 14, 2010

Attendees: Commissioner Patti Milne, Alison Kelley, Anna Peterson, Bob Royer, Diane Morse, Don Frederickson, Ed McKenney, Faye Fagel, Jerry Moore, Mark Callier, Mike Runyon, Pete McCallum, Ray Byrd, Rod Calkins, Tom Sermak, Scott Russell, Judge Susan Tripp, Walt Beglau

Guests: Todd Sheldon, Jonathan Mendoza

Staff: Don Russo

Commissioner Milne called the meeting to order at 4.05 P.M. Quorum Achieved.

Comments from members

Commissioner Milne opened the meeting with news of the tornado that struck Aumsville earlier in the day. Members commented on the latest news, and the rapid response of emergency and public safety officials.

Juvenile Director Faye Fagel welcomed the council to the Fresh Start Market, a facility and program developed by the Juvenile Department as a showcase for our Alternative Work Programs. The mission of Alternative Programs is to provide youth accountability, community service, restitution to victims, and employment skills to youth - all for the benefit and safety of the community. The primary goal is to ensure that crime victims receive restitution in full from juveniles who have harmed them and receive it in a timely manner.

Ms. Fagel is very proud of our record in prioritizing and paying restitution to victims. Last year, \$77,789 was repaid to crime victims, which comprised 92% of the total amount owed by juvenile offenders that year. In addition, Alternative Work Programs focus on life skills designed to reduce risk for involvement in criminal activity, and increase coping skills for living in the real world and dealing with difficult situations. Although the Fresh Start Market is new, the program was initiated over twenty-five years ago and continues to evolve to meet the needs of the community, using research-driven programs and services that work to interrupt juvenile crime.

Ms. Fagel introduced Todd Sheldon, supervisor, and Jonathan, who works at the Fresh Start Market. Mr. Sheldon spoke about the recycled and reclaimed materials used to construct the building and the many volunteer hours of staff, youth and community members to build the Market. Jonathan spoke of his progress in the Matrix program where he worked in wood cutting and landscaping to a better job in the market as a barista making coffee drinks. Sheldon explained in Matrix, youth are graded on a five point scale in six areas: 1) attendance, 2) attitude, 3) work effort, 4) peer relations, 5) staff relations, and 6) safety. Their daily score determines how well they are paid for the day. Pay is then used to make restitution. Jonathon comes to work after school, and hopes to be released soon from probation. He expressed appreciation for learning every day about matters of value to him in his life.

Minutes of the November 9 meeting were approved

Review of Governor's Executive Order on Public Safety

Commissioner Milne called for discussion of the latest order from the Governor's Reset Committee. She stated that while knowing the challenges of the state budget crisis, she took issue with several points in the order disagreeing with the "untenable choice of having to fund its prisons or educate our children," and also pushing for faster action than the order that calls for "a written report before December 15, 2011." District Attorney Walt Beglau stated his negative reaction to the order because it excludes law enforcement in any planning efforts and

puts an overemphasis on “comprehensive sentencing reform.” Chief Jerry Moore also disagrees with the emphasis on sentencing reform. Patti said the order seems to attempt to circumvent new laws and set up a conflict between education and public safety. Judge Susan Tripp acknowledged that the Department of Corrections faces severe budget limitations and has to do something; she also commented that it only takes an executive order from the new governor to rescind this order. Tom Sermak offered a historical review in that Measures 11, 57 and 73 all extended sentencing practices. As sentencing is one area within public safety that can be restructured to reduce cost, he advocated for tying sentences to the individual rather than the crime so judges would have more flexibility in determining a sentence that fits the person and their circumstances.

Return of Chief Scott Russell

Bob Royer stated how pleased he was to see Chief Scott Russell in attendance. All agreed enthusiastically. It was two years ago this month that the Woodburn bank bombing occurred and Chief Russell was injured severely. Scott stated that he is pleased to return to work and since Chief Rick Lewis is away for medical treatment, it was timely that he could attend in place of Chief Lewis.

PSCC Bylaws revision

Commissioner Milne postponed this item until January because members did not receive the bylaws to review in advance. She asked members to review the changes and give feedback to Bob Royer before the next meeting.

Mt. Angel town hall regathering

Commissioner Milne reported a great success in Mt. Angel on December 8. Key community leaders attended including the mayor, the new police chief, school district superintendent, chamber members and active community volunteers. People were very interested to hear from District Attorney Walt Beglau about the jury conviction announced earlier in the day of the two Turnidge defendants in the Woodburn bank bombing case. She stated that people are grateful and impressed when county officials visit their community. Ed McKenney, who served as moderator at the event, commented that people come to listen, give valuable feedback and are supportive of good efforts. The Commissioner said that the next session will be planned for March after the worst of the winter weather has passed.

Striking out Meth in Marion County

Pete McCallum said the committee is starting now to plan and hopes to increase attendance, especially among youth ages 10-15, for the 6th annual event on July 29. The committee is working on more sponsorship support and linking with churches, Little League and area nonprofits to invite them to bring their youth. Tom Sermack suggested reaching out to kids in Silverton, Stayton and some of the other smaller communities to arrange bus transportation to the event. The Commissioner invited all interested to attend any of the planning meetings held at 9:00 am on the second Friday of each month at Starbucks in Target at Keizer Station.

Update to Strategic Plan

Commissioner Milne postponed this item until the January meeting.

Courthouse video project

Don Russo reported the video session with District Attorney Walt Beglau went very well last Friday. Walt is an effective communicator on the role of the D.A.’s office. Next step is a video session with judges that Diane Morse will arrange. Judge Richard Barber was suggested as one who can speak about the history of the courthouse.

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**Next Steering Committee Meeting Date:
Tuesday, December 28 at noon**

**Next MCPSCC Meeting Date:
Tuesday, January 11 at 4:00pm**