

## MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL (MCPSCC)

### Full Council Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners Boardroom, Courthouse Square, Salem, Oregon

MCPSCC: Colm Willis, Nick Hunter, Jonathan Bauer Mike Hartford, Elizabeth Infante, Ryan Matthews, Chris Baldridge, Paige Clarkson, Jay Bergmann, Olcott Thompson, Pete McCallum, Alison Kelley, Tracy Prall, and Julie Hoy.

Guests: Trevor Lane.

Commissioner Colm Willis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE

-Commissioner Colm Willis

#### Announcements

- None

### 2. APPROVE OCTOBER 14, 2025, MCPSCC MEETING MINUTES (ACTION)

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve October 14, 2025, MCPSCC meeting minutes. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### 3. 2023-2025 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROGRAM CLOSE

-Commander Mike Hartford

- Close-out report reviewed delivery of 10 justice reinvestment programs during biennium.
- Over 2,500 unduplicated clients were served supporting:
  - Substance use treatment.
  - Housing subsidies.
  - Peer support.
  - Mentoring.
- 10% of grant funding was allocated to victim services:
  - Liberty House.
  - Center for Hope and Safety.
- Closure of Transition Center in 2024 required adjustments:
  - Moving some programs to jail and transferring contracts to new providers.
- Challenges:
  - Increased costs due to inflation.
  - Staffing changes.
  - Reduce number of programs for budget alignment.
- Underperforming services eliminated to provide better services for upcoming biennium:
  - Such as the Link Up Program.

### 4. 2025-2027 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROGRAM SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

- Commander Mike Hartford

### ***Summary of presentation:***

- Introduces benchmarks and outcome measures as a result of recent legislative changes:
  - House and Senate Bill 3069.
- 15% hold-back requirement on grant funds will be tied to achieving specific outcomes:
  - Focus on recidivism and probation revocation reductions.
- Establish realistic baseline benchmarks for biennium and detail strategies:
  - Improve identification, referral, and engagement for eligible clients.
- Goals:
  - Realistic improvements in client screening.
  - Resource engagement.
  - Reduction of avoidable revocations.
- Evaluation and adjustment in data collection and service provision:
  - For future effectiveness and eligibility for grant funding.

## **5. DEFENSE ATTORNEY UPDATE**

-Judge James Edmonds/Olcott Thompson

### ***Summary of presentation:***

- Public Defense Services contract expected to increase available defense attorneys.
- Staffing changes shifted four experienced attorneys to newly independent firm:
  - Increase capacity to handle unrepresented cases.
- Court working with appointed attorneys and providers for better managing:
  - Sign-up slots.
  - Scheduling.
  - Obligations:
    - Aim to reduce service gaps and case appointment refusals.
- Court ruling emphasized ethical capacity limits cannot trigger contractual penalties:
  - Attorneys and providers are expected to fulfill their obligations and coverage.
- Upcoming meetings to refine court appointment process:
  - Avoid adding individuals to the unrepresented list.

## **6. VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PRESENTATION**

- District Attorney Victim Assistance Pami Guerra/Janice Thompson

-Alison Kelley – Liberty House, Ashley Carson – Center for Hope and Safety

### ***Summary of presentation:***

- Victim Assistance Division in the District Attorney's office:
  - Mandate to support crime victims.
  - Including constitutional and statutory requirements.
- Services:
  - Crisis intervention.
  - Court accompaniment.
  - Safety planning.
  - Information sharing.
  - Ongoing emotional support.
- Specialized advocates support adult and juvenile victims:
  - Handle cases across all crime types.

- Provide 24/7 responses to homicide and sexual assault needs.
- Strong reliance on interns and volunteers:
  - Enables the office to meet high caseloads and round-the-clock crisis response.
- Community partners critical role:
  - Provide shelter.
  - Counseling.
  - Legal aid.
  - Emergency resources:
    - Especially for underserved and non-English-speaking populations.
- Center for Hope and Safety:
  - Decades-long work supporting victims:
    - Domestic violence, trafficking, and sexual assault.
  - Hotlines, bilingual staff, shelter, legal advocacy, and intensive case management.
- Liberty House:
  - Children's Advocacy Center.
  - Medically and psychologically support abused children.
  - Use multidisciplinary, trauma-informed model:
    - Provide assessment, family support, prevention education, and therapy.
- Collaboration, confidentiality requirements, and need continual state and community funding.

## **7. WALLACE MARINE PARK**

-Commissioner Colm Willis

### ***Summary of presentation:***

- Concern about criminal activity and victimization relating to the park:
  - Drug dealing, physical and sexual assaults, trafficking, and unsafe living conditions.
- Many living in the camp have criminal histories, and outstanding warrants:
  - Prevalence of out-of-state offenders.
- Law enforcement and service providers accounts:
  - Daily assaults.
  - Severe neglect.
  - Unreported overdoses.
  - Challenges serving individuals with mental health and addiction needs.
- Collaboration among city, county, and nonprofit partners to address safety and service gaps:
  - Focus on navigation, shelter placement, and wrap-around services.
- Challenges:
  - Limited behavioral health provider capacity.
  - Resource constraints for intensive intervention.
  - Difficulty of safely sheltering individuals with co-occurring addictions or psychosis.
- Enhanced cross-jurisdictional cooperation.
- Stakeholder meetings for sustainable solutions, improved outreach, and holding perpetrators accountable.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting.