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## MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Work Session Summary Minutes

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### HB 4002

August 18, 2025. 2:30 PM  
Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem  
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Board Room

#### ATTENDANCE:

**Commissioners:** Kevin Cameron, Colm Willis, and Danielle Bethell.

**Board's Office:** Chris Eppley, Heather Inyama, Toni Whitler, Matt Lawyer, Gary White, and Toni Whitler.

**Legal Counsel:** Steve Elzinga.

**Juvenile Department:** Troy Gregg, and Melissa Rounds.

**Health and Human Services:** Ryan Matthews, and Rhett Martin.

**Sheriff's Office:** Nick Hunter.

Commissioner Daniell Bethell called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

### 2025-2027 Budgeting Process

- Phase 1:
  - State is allocating funding for HB 4002 projects in two phases.
  - Phase 1 is a guaranteed amount for each jurisdiction.
  - Application for Phase 1 is due August 30, 2025:
    - Budget for \$544,000 is to be submitted as the guaranteed allocation.
  - The application is similar to previous submissions:
    - Updates to reflect current operations.
  - The process involves checkboxes and a narrative:
    - Focus on what is currently being done.
  - The budget for Phase 1 should reflect the allocated amount:
    - The narrative should clarify that the full program costs exceed this allocation.
- Phase 2:
  - Funding is competitive and based on plans to expand or grow the program.
  - The application for Phase 2 is due in October.
  - The total program budget is approximately \$1.25–\$1.4 million per year:
    - Only a portion may be funded through Phase 2.
  - There is a reduction in anticipated funding by about \$214,000 compared to previous cycles.
  - Submit the full budget in both phases:
    - Making clear the need for full funding to maintain program success.
  - If full funding is not received, priorities and potential program adjustments will be discussed in a future meeting.

- The CJC (Criminal Justice Commission) is still determining metrics for Phase 2 funding:
  - Best practices guidance has been delayed to 2027.

### **Transition Center**

- The Transition Center will not be moving forward with opening at this time.
- The budget impact of this will be discussed in a work session scheduled 8/21/25.
- Important to communicate to the community about the reasons for the delay:
  - The impact of decreased legislative funding.

### **RESTORE Court**

- The program was budgeted for 50 participants:
  - Current enrollment is 44–45, nearing capacity within the first year.
- Some are unable to perform physical community service due to disability restrictions:
  - Alternatives are being explored.
  - The court and partners are working to find non-physical community service options.
- The main priority is ensuring victims are made whole through restitution:
  - Regardless of the type of service performed.
- The number of unrepresented individuals has decreased significantly:
  - Current numbers at 268, down from much higher levels in previous years.
- The program is considered successful:
  - Positive feedback from victims.
  - Ongoing efforts to further reduce unrepresented numbers.
- Data will be provided at the next meeting:
  - Participant numbers, hours worked, and program status.

### **Health and Human Services (HHS)**

- Deflection and restore court referrals, including data since October 2024:
  - 17 deflection referrals received:
    - 9 individuals still engaged in treatment.
  - Majority of referrals came from the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program, others from local police departments and sheriff's office.
- 6 referrals ineligible for LEAD went into PRIME+ program for recovery support.
- CARES team began making referrals in July:
  - Expectations for increased future referrals.
- RESTORE Court referrals totaled 44:
  - 30 actively enrolled in treatment.
  - 5 discharged.
  - 3 completed.
  - Others in various statuses.
- Spike in deflection referrals earlier in the year.
- Recent decline in referrals:
  - Need for renewed outreach and communication.
- Strategies to increase awareness among law enforcement:
  - Attend police briefings, Chiefs' breakfasts, and community meetings.
- Maintain regular communication and relationship with law enforcement and public safety partners.
- Recognized the positive impact of the program:

- 39 individuals currently engaged in treatment who otherwise would not be.
- The program's focus on adults (18+).

**Next Steps:**

- Submit Phase 1 application and clear narrative on total program costs.
- Prepare for Phase 2 application:
  - Include full budget and justification.
- Reconvene to prioritize and potentially rescale programs if full funding not given.
- Let the community know about the Transition Center status and funding impacts.
- Monitor and adapt RESTORE Court operations:
  - Especially regarding service options for participants with disabilities.
- Provide requested data and updates at the next scheduled meeting.

**Adjourned** – time: 3:13 p.m.

**Minutes by:** Mary Vityukova

**Reviewed by:** Gary L. White