

MEETING MINUTES
Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council
at the Board of Commissioners Hearing Room
1115 Commercial St NE
Salem, Oregon
April 9, 2013

Attendees: Commissioner Patti Milne, Walt Beglau, Rod Calkins, Mark Caillier, Jayne Downing, Tom Ewing, Faye Fagel, David Ferre, Courtland Geyer, Alison Kelley, Pete McCallum, Todd McCann, Ed McKenney, Jason Meyers, Anna Peterson, Tracy Prall, Bob Royer, Tom Sermak

Guests: Angie Denning, Oregon Youth Authority

Staff: Don Russo

Chair - action items

At 4:00 pm, Commissioner Patti Milne called to order a meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Council. Minutes of the March PSCC meeting were approved unanimously as presented.

Review of March 12 meeting with Oregon legislators

Commissioner Milne invited ideas about communicating more with legislators in the future. One idea suggested was to invite legislators to attend regular meetings of PSCC and send agendas, minutes and other materials via email. A second idea suggested by Walt Beglau was to send periodic "Legislative Safety Notes," based on a summary of minutes and other materials that PSCC discusses. Mr. Beglau said that legislators often ask him for briefings on legislative issues and community issues, and "Notes" could be helpful to all our legislators. Mayor Peterson suggested expanding the list to members of key legislative committees, and sharing these notes with council members in some of the cities in Marion County.

Commissioner Milne said the county websites for PSCC and "Striking Out Meth" have been updated recently, and suggested the websites could be used to communicate more with others interested in public safety.

Tom Sermak suggested three topics that could be of value to legislators – 1. how the Oregon Department of Corrections budget effects community corrections services, 2. regular updates on the reentry initiative and its effects on communities, and 3. housing shortages that relate to the success of reentry in lowering recidivism. Commissioner Milne added the testimony offered by Sheriff Myers on SB 3194 could also be helpful to share with legislators. Bob Royer suggested sending the notes to PSCC members as well.

Alison Kelley suggested top priorities in condensed version at regular intervals during legislative sessions, with fewer messages sent when the legislature is not in session. She also offered to help design the message format.

Prevention and intervention in gang activity

Faye Fagel explained the Juvenile Department has received a grant of \$15,000 to fund a mapping exercise of available resources in prevention and intervention in gang activity for comparing to a national model to identify next steps. There is potential state funding next year for developing community strategies to fight gang activity. She invited members of PSCC to join a work group on the project.

Other ways to use the maps of mental health-public safety continuum

Sheriff Meyers stated that Chief Moore and he met recently with US Department of Justice officials about the disinvestment in mental health resources in Oregon. The first phase of improvement centered on rebuilding the

state hospital, and now the Department of Justice is in a second phase to evaluate benchmarks in community mental health services. He said the maps proved helpful in documenting strengths in local efforts, as well as areas that need improvement. DOJ officials found the maps helpful for use in other communities moving toward the federal model they want to see developed.

Rod Calkins said federal officials advocate for community services at times of crisis. Research data is just now starting to measure current activity on the value of intervention, he said. Sheriff Myers added that CCOs are expected to receive additional funding for mental health, and expressed concern that increased funding is actually used for mental health service improvements.

Faye Fagel suggested using the maps in their current format, and offered to make updates as new developments occur. She recommended that Don Russo serve as the contact for revising and issuing updates to the maps. Walt Beglau suggested a group of council members review the latest version, and Alison Kelley suggested asking Ray Byrd to share the maps with school officials for review and brief them on the role and purpose of the maps.

Prescription drug issues, next steps

Commissioner Milne expressed appreciation to Mayor Peterson on issuing a proclamation supporting the DrxugSafe project at a meeting of Salem City Council. Mark Caillier reported that 130 people attended the Oregon Silver Tsunami conference on April 5 on the hidden epidemic of older adults boomers with addiction disorders. He said the presentations were highly valued and all the conference handouts and materials will be posted on the website at <http://www.co.marion.or.us/HLT/CAPS/minutes/ladpcminutes.htm> . The event will be offered again next year, with some improvements.

Alison Kelley explained plans for two upcoming DrxugSafe Summits in Keizer on April 23 and Woodburn on April 25, and the marketing efforts that have been made to promote awareness. A large number of public officials will attend the Keizer event.

Update on Joining Community Forces

Commissioner Milne announced the first meeting of the Steering Committee will be held April 24. There will be efforts to involve cities and volunteers. She also announced that “Striking Out Meth in Marion County” is set for Friday, July 26 at Volcanoes Stadium.

Update on legislation

Walt Beglau testified against a bill that would make public the work of grand juries in cases of police use of deadly force. It is difficult to advocate against the bill, he stated, but the history and tradition of grand jury proceedings keeps them in confidence. He said there was a theatrical hearing on HB 3194 that lasted all afternoon because the bill has created major controversy around revising mandatory sentencing guidelines. Commissioner Milne expressed her support for the testimony given by Sheriff Myers on HB 3194. Woodburn Councilor Pete McCallum said Mayor Figley and he testified against an OLCC bill because of the lack of enforcement when crimes occur repeatedly on the premises of license holders.

Next meeting

The Public Safety Coordinating Council will meet Tuesday, May 14. Walt Beglau was asked how best to invite the public to hear and learn about revisions in Use of Force Protocol. Mayor Peterson offered to host the meeting at Salem City Council Chambers. He will work with Sheriff Myers in making further plans for the meeting.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Minutes by Don Russo