

# MEETING MINUTES

## Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council

*Marion County Commissioners' Board Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor*

*Courthouse Square*

**August 12, 2014**

**Attendees:** Commissioner Janet Carlson, Bob Royer, Walt Beglau, Ray Byrd Jr., Rod Calkins, Mark Caillier, Jayne Downing, Tamra Goettsch, Judge Courtland Geyer, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Chief Jerry Moore, Sheriff Jason Myers, Mike Runyon, Chief Scott Russell, Tom Sermak, Tom Ewing

**Guests:** Dean Andretta, Scott Tiffany, Todd Londin, Commander Jeff Wood, Jolene Kelley

**Staff:** Hitesh Parekh, Sara Zavala (recorder)

### **Administrative - Action**

Commissioner Janet Carlson, chair, welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order at 4.00 PM. Jayne Downing made a motion to approve the July 8, 2014 Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council (MCPSCC) meeting minutes. Chief Jerry Moore seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

### **"Striking Out Meth" Debrief**

Commissioner Carlson began the "Striking Out Meth" debrief discussion. She said this was the first time she had ever attended and saw many members of the (MCPSCC) at the event. She asked the group for their thoughts.

Discussion included:

- Chief Moore said the event went well.
- Ms. Downing said it appeared as though there were more youth attending than in the prior year.
- Jolene Kelley, one of the event organizers, mentioned the Boys & Girls Club brought additional youth attendees this year.
- Commissioner Carlson thanked Ms. Kelley for her work on the event.
- Ms. Kelley said the "Striking Out Meth" event coordinators were always looking for ways to improve the event and feedback is always welcome.
- Jayne Downing said youth were unable to find all the stamps.
- Mr. McCallum said there were also no maps of the tables. Ms. Kelley said that she would make sure everyone had access to the maps next year..

### **Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council Future Direction**

Commissioner Carlson distributed a MCPSCC meeting matrix (reviewed and approved by the MCPSCC Steering Committee) that outlined topics for council discussion for the monthly meetings ending December 2014. Commissioner Carlson welcomed comments and suggestions. Sheriff Myers said he appreciated the road map provided by the matrix. Commissioner Carlson said that a new matrix will be developed for the next six months after December 2014.

### **House Bill 3194 Implementation**

Commissioner Carlson introduced Commander Jeff Wood from the Marion County Sheriff's Office Parole and Probation Division who made a presentation on House Bill 3194. Commander Wood distributed a flow chart of the Marion County adult criminal justice system and provided an overview of the community corrections process in Marion County (see Attachment A PowerPoint presentation). He said approximately 3,600 offenders are supervised annually in Marion County. The Oregon State Legislature passed HB 3194 and Justice Reinvestment Grant Funds during the 2013 legislative session for communities to divert the prison population, control state prison growth and reinvest savings from prison beds into local communities. The state wanted to utilize evidence based practices to reduce recidivism at the local level. For Marion County, the community corrections allocation for Justice Reinvestment Grant Funds is based upon a caseload percentage of 10.17 or \$753,917 per year for two years.

Marion County also participated in the Senate Bill 416 pilot program which, at the recommendation of the District Attorney's Office, diverted non-violent drug and property offenders from prison to community corrections. Results from the program showed a distinct reduction in recidivism when compared to state recidivism data. Commander Wood explained criminogenic risk factors and said the Parole and Probation Division targeted resources on medium to high-risk offenders who were a larger return on investment. Judge Geyer added that low risk offenders are also less likely to reoffend.

Commander Wood said there is a potential increase to Justice Reinvestment Grant Funds (estimated at \$60 million) for all counties in the 2015-17 biennium. The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission is establishing the rules and coordinating the funds. Not less than 10 percent will go to agencies that serve crime victims. The Community Corrections Act funding formula will still be used, and the plan for the funds will need to be approved through local public safety coordinating councils.

Chief Moore asked Commander Wood to define recidivism. Commander Wood said the current definition of recidivism was, "A new felony conviction within three years of release". The new definition of recidivism will soon be, "The arrest, conviction or incarceration of a person previously convicted of a crime if the arrest, conviction or incarceration is for a new crime within three years and the person has been on probation or released from prison". The major difference is that "arrest" and "conviction" are now included, as are misdemeanors.

Chief Moore commended the Sheriff's Office and the Parole and Probation Division. He added he has concerns about the new definition of recidivism which will make it appear as though rates will increase. Commissioner Carlson said the county could break out the new definition into specific components so that it could still compare these to the old definition.

Todd Londin said as an employer, he found ex-offenders unprepared to hold a job. He'd like to see offenders taught job retention skills. Tom Sermak asked if the Parole and Probation Division offers life skills programs. Sheriff Myers said this is a component of the Student Opportunity to Achieve Results program, but program spaces are limited. Mr. Beglau added he believes House Bill 3194 will continue to control prison growth and the reinvestment grant dollars should be available for counties in the future.

### **Health Care Transformation**

Commissioner Carlson introduced Dean Andretta, chief financial officer of WVP Health Authority, and acting director of Willamette Valley Community Health (WVCH), a coordinated care organization that began administering and governing care for Oregon Health Plan/Medicaid members in Marion and Polk Counties in 2012. Mr. Andretta said as a result of the federal Affordable Care Act, membership to WVCH jumped from 59,342 members in 2012 to more than 100,000 as of June 2014. He described the governing structure and the breakdown of participants in Marion County and said the primary membership expansion has been from new adult members. Mr. Andretta said WVCH has seen a 40 percent decline in the number of hospital emergency room visits. This was accomplished through Emergency Department Intervention Teams (EDIT) comprised of peers and professionals who helped educate users for the proper use of the emergency room visits. Sheriff Myers added that the Marion County Crisis Outreach Response Team could have also contributed to this decrease.

Mr. Andretta said the WVCH is evaluated through seventeen quality metrics established by the Oregon Health Authority. If the WVCH meets these metric requirements it is rewarded with additional funding. The annual Medicaid budget for Marion and Polk Counties is more than \$350 million, and by meeting 14.6 of the seventeen state metrics, WVCH was awarded an additional \$5 million this year. The WVCH spent \$36 million annually on prescription drugs. A half-million pain tablets have been prescribed during first five months of 2014.

Mr. Beglau said the community is struggling with the effects of synthetic opiate addictions. Mr. Andretta says this issue needs to be worked on and acknowledged the challenges of limiting opiate access while responding to required protocols regarding chronic and severe pain. Mr. Beglau suggested that law enforcement representatives participate on the Oregon Health Plan/Department of Health Services Joint Stakeholder Committee

Commissioner Carlson commended Mr. Andretta for his work and knowledge. She added that as of next week Mr. Andretta will no longer have dual roles. Bill Guest has been appointed as the new permanent CEO of WVCH.

Commissioner Carlson then introduced Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network executive director Scott Tiffany who addressed the mental health aspects of changes in the healthcare system. Talking points included the following:

- The State of Oregon is making substantial changes to Medicaid coverage for incarcerated individuals. Coverage can now be suspended instead of terminated. For local jail budgets there is now a possibility that certain patient procedures will be covered by Medicaid.
- Since April 21, 2014, the Marion County Health Department and local law enforcement mobile crisis teams encountered 155 people. Of these only ten received new charges and three were arrested on outstanding warrants. Without intervention up to a quarter (or 39) individuals would have been arrested.
- “Behaviorists” have been placed at several clinics in the county to assist individuals manage chronic health conditions, implement brief mental health therapy and provide on-site intervention.
- The WVCH is also supporting the development of primary care homes.
- Demand for psychiatric prescribers is higher than supply. Discussion is continuing to maximize access to psychiatric prescribers.
- The Recovery Outreach Community Center and Project ABLE provide outreach for those released from incarceration with mental health issues.
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Mr. Tiffany said (in a response to a question from Tamra Goettsch) the MVBCN still needs to do more to communicate about these changes to the public safety sector.

After the presentation, general discussion included:

- Mr. Begalu said there is a definite overlap between the ongoing healthcare transformation and public safety. He would like to continue hearing about progress and challenges as the healthcare field continues to evolve. Specifically, he would like to see how this transformation will affect outcomes.
- Sheriff Myers added that both Mr. Beglau and he have witnessed the positive impact that the Marion County Mobile Crisis Response Team is having. Tom Sermak said Medicaid suspension has a huge effect on his clients. Many of his clients struggle to get coverage, and if admitted to jail, found it difficult to restart services upon release. He said this new, holistic approach is encouraging, and he hoped the MCPSCC could continue to monitor progress of the ongoing statewide health care transformation.

### **Emerging Issues**

Ms. Downing said the new Center for Hope and Safety will be opening on September 2, 2014. She offered to host a MCPSCC meeting and tour at the center on a future date.

Chief Moore said the Salem City Council is working on the marijuana dispensary ordinance since the moratorium on new marijuana dispensaries in the city runs out in two months.

### **Other Business**

Commissioner Carlson thanked all the council members for attending and participating.

**Adjourned.**