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Glen Rader

- 1) Welcome – Chair Rader welcomed the group and asked everyone to review minutes from June 14th and August 16th meetings.

- 2) Review Minutes from June 16, 2011 and August 16, 2011 meeting. Discussion:
 - a. Vanessa made a motion to approve the June 14th meeting minutes; Cari seconded. Approved. Glen said that at the last meeting, we had a good presentation about animal abuse investigations.
 - b. Glen made a motion to approve August 16th meeting minutes; Marya seconded. Approved.

- 3) Top five issues – Glen asked Sheriff Myers and group members to share their top five issues;
 - a. Sheriff Myers: 1) **Mental Health:** We are in the process of planning another jail survey study that focuses on mental health issues; these types of studies were performed in 2004 and 2007, so we are due for another one. This is in partnership with Dr. Bud Brown of Western Community Policing Institute. Sara will send a copy of the Jail survey to the Community Advisory Committee members. This is an anonymous survey that is proctored by a non-Sheriff's Office team to encourage full participation (about an 88% participation rate last time). 2) **Cultural Sensitivity / Secure Communities concerns:** Talking about processes and making presentations to establish relationships with all community groups. 3) **Patrol coverage** and ability to provide services: This is a hurdle that

we are going to have to deal with. Sheriff asked the group what their concerns are:

- b. Cari: 1) **Drug abuse**: still an issue in Stayton / canyon area. This could tie into visibility. 2) **Relationships with POs**. Other issue is getting to know Marion County and what they have to offer. Strained relationship with some residents in Stayton because of Sublimity contract.
- c. Sylvia: 1) **Gang issues**. 2) **Drug and alcohol abuse prevention**. Some concern over the “arrest” mentality and shifting to a “prevention / treatment” mentality. Glen added that maybe having Juvenile sit down with juvenile offenders and their families to help them understand the system and issues. Sheriff Myers is on a Youth Resources Team Work Group that is looking at generating some resources for juvenile offenders. Resources are needed for both the kids and the parents. Sheriff is pushing for the group to get some representatives from the various communities. Sylvia added that the school district offers parenting classes, which haven’t been well attended in the past. Sheriff offered to invite the Children & Families Commission director to a meeting to present this information. If any CAC member has an interest, contact Sara for more info.
- d. Marya: 1) **Teen Alcohol and Drug prevention**. Marya was disappointed at the loss of DARE program. Middle schools are the extremely important. She also said that the Citizens Academy is a very neat program that kids might benefit from being part of. 2) **Mental Health issues** – 3) **Visibility** – friendly, helpful.
- e. Vanessa: 1) **Budget** is always a concern. The business community recognizes certain requirements of running a “business.” They want to see smart use of the funds. 2) **Domestic Violence** - ongoing unemployment issues translates into DV. 3) **Cultural Sensitivity** – Considering proposal that will make diversity a priority.
- f. Ken: Agreed with **Sheriff**. Added that **Domestic Violence** is still a major issue that many who aren’t in law enforcement, justice or health fields don’t see. It knows no boundaries and with family stressors continues to be a major issue. **Drugs** – particularly marijuana issues are a problem. Ties in with the **juvenile / education issue**. Issued parental responsibility law that held parents civilly liable for kids’ offenses – this creates a resolution at the local level. Also successful is the peer court – Ken considers this the best investment the city of Silverton has made. They also have a Juvenile Justice Court with a municipal Judge. The group liked the immediacy of this court and that it doesn’t drag out. Marya agreed that the program is very effective. Ken added that this would not have been successful without the commitment of Marion County juvenile.
- g. Blake: Also going through the Citizens Academy and said it has been mind blowing. He has concerns about the amount of **mental health issues**. Not sure that this is something that the Sheriff’s Office should be

focusing on. Build an army of advocates to help work in the community with the Sheriff's Office. 1) **Gang enforcement**: would like the Sheriff's Office team to try to connect at the youth level – example of the Team 18 Search and Rescue Crew. 2) **Cultural Sensitivity** – more a community sensitivity – making sure you know your neighbors and keep them proud of their neighborhood; people in certain areas get used to the seeing the disarray of neighborhoods, so they seem to accept. Make sure that many groups are reached out to when dealing with communities; be mindful of the fact that not everyone of a particular ethnicity are necessarily part of a specific group (example NAACP). 3) **Visibility**.

- h. Shelley: There is a lot of good training addressing the need to understand mental health issues. Met with Jail Commander Sheila Lorance, nurse and a mental health specialist recently. When booked into jail, a person is not allowed to bring prescription meds in. They are assessed by a nurse; no psychiatrist prescribes medications, only done by a physician. When asked why, Commander said that there isn't a psychiatrist around who wants to work in the Jails. Thinks that there needs to be outreach by the Sheriff's Office to psychiatrists. OYA issue: 60- 70 percent with MH issues, many of which end up in the Jail. Issues with developmentally disabled population being labeled.
- i. Levi: Summer was a very busy season. 1) **Secure Communities**: this is the top concerns for clients that come to Mano a Mano. This is connected to the **cultural sensitivity** topic. Secure communities is a complicated program that is easy to misunderstand. Nationwide movement opposing this program. We need to manage the perceptions carefully. Levi will be presenting at a conference next month on the positive relationships that have been established between his program and Marion County. Levi wants to see more community support for prevention of all these issues – the Sheriff's Office's job is to keep people safe. Prevention is not necessarily all on the Sheriff's Office. Quality of life issues: there is overlap with the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Myers added that the Sheriff's Office isn't trying to be mental health professionals, but we do come into contact with people in crisis. We just received a grant to fund our Crisis Outreach Response Team. One deputy is assigned full time, who is trained in mental health issues. Salem PD and the MC Health department also support the team. They try to intercept those in mental health crisis and redirect them to the appropriate resources before issues of violence arise. We don't have all the resources, but we do know that we need to do something to prevent filling the Jail with people who are in crisis.
- j. Glen added that our current culture leaves all social problems to law enforcement. Top three items from Jan Ree: 1) **Patrol Visibility** / Traffic Enforcement – need deputies to realize they aren't always going code 3 to a call. 2) **Gang / Graffiti / Cultural Sensitivity** – sense of pride in neighborhood. Community Relations – wants to see more positive

interactions in this regard – example of talking to a person mowing their lawn.

- 4) Jail Information– A PowerPoint presentation was shared regarding the closure of part of the Jail.
- 5) Committee Member Reports – Vanessa: Recently attended a conference that provided a presentation on Sex Trafficking. Presented by Jayne Downing of Mid Valley Women’s Crisis Center. Blake shared more on the Diversity Conference which is organized by the state; He offered information to any Sheriff’s Office employees who may want to attend. Glen asked Blake to bring more information on this next time. Levi: Guido Calderazzo Cultural Consortium – charter is to advise the Children and Families Commission and there are openings if anyone is interested. Last Thursday the Salem Film Series showed Natural Causes which talks about social health. Google the film for more info.
- 6) Next Meeting. Discussion about when to set next meeting – January 17th. Third Tuesday, quarterly thereafter.
- 7) Closing Comments: