



MARION COUNTY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 15, 2017 – 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Board Room

Courthouse Square, 555 Court Street NE

5th Floor, Board of Commissioners Office

Salem, Oregon 97301

Attendees:

Council members: Commissioner Janet Carlson; Commissioner Kevin Cameron; Sheriff Jason Myers, Commander Jeff Wood (chair); Tamra Goettsch, Marion County Community Services; Paige Clarkson (for Walt Beglau), District Attorney's Office; Michael Laharty, Creekside Counseling; Jeanine Knight, Union Gospel Mission; Julie Huckestein, Chemeketa Community College; Patrice Altenhofen, Family Building Blocks

Others: Amy Ryan, Keizer City Council; Jeff Steeprow, Worksource Oregon; Aaron Norris, Union Gospel Mission; Martha Dodsworth, Oregon Department of Human Services Vocational Rehabilitation; Deb Giard, Parole and Probation; Jan Calvin, Full Circle Consulting; Anne-Marie Bandfield, Marion County Health Department; Alison Kelley, Liberty House; and Allycia Weathers as recorder.

Welcome, Introductions

- Commander Wood called the meeting to order and requested introductions.

Justice Reinvestment Council Presentation

- Presentation:
 - Marion County Reentry Initiative:
 - Initial focus was post-prison supervision;
 - Services provided at the time such as Student Opportunity for Achieving Success (SOAR) on the Chemeketa Community College campus:
 - Intensive 12 week program;
 - Services for high risk males;
 - Collaborative project with Marion County Sheriff's Office, Chemeketa Community College, and Community Action Agency.
 - Second Chance Act grants funding reentry services in 2009:
 - Sheriff appointed Marion County Reentry Council as governance and advisory role to the Sheriff.
 - Service partners collaborating on post-prison services:
 - Chemeketa Community College, Bridgeway Recovery Services, Community Action Agency, Family Building Blocks, Union Gospel



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Mission, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Marion County Board of Commissioners, and Marion County Health Department; and

- Very successful in reducing recidivism for the population.
- Prison population:
 - Risk and needs assessment to provide services to the highest risk population; and
 - Pre-release reach in to educate population on supervision process:
 - Previously a 30% no show rate prior to reach ins; and
 - Reduced to about a 3% no show rate after implementation.
- Local Control population:
 - Felony sentence of 12 months or less;
 - Post-prison supervision after sentence;
 - Programming for this population:
 - Younger, more impulsive, predominately male, addiction issues;
 - Jail Reentry Program for males, Women's Accelerated Reentry Program for females:
 - Services including counseling, treatment, employment, resource referral, cognitive classes, and parenting; and
 - Different risk factors for males and females; and
 - Trauma informed care very important for population.
 - Higher recidivism rate;
 - De Muniz Resource Center:
 - Relocated to Marion County Transition Center;
 - Provides assistance to reentry population.
 - Post-Prison Supervision, Prison, and Local Control fall into Reentry Services;
- Probation:
 - Prioritize services for high and medium risk population;
 - Assessing criminogenic risk factors; and
 - Services to this population are similar to post prison population.
- Special programs:
 - Need to divert growing prison population:
 - Prison growth at an unsustainable level;
 - Address issues and manage safely in the community;
 - Initiated SB 416 pilot:
 - In conjunction with District Attorney's Office, courts, defense consortiums;
 - Target nonviolent drug and property offenders;
 - Provide pre-sentence assessment and intensive supervision; and
 - Five beds available at the jail for sanctions;
 - Family Sentencing Alternative Program:
 - Initiated in January 2016;



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- Five counties were designated for funding;
- Target is dual jurisdiction with Oregon Department of Human Services (population with children);
- Divert from prison sentence to a collaborative model of supervision and services; and
- Interrupt intergenerational cycle of criminality.
- Marion County previously had a high incarceration rate:
 - Have done a good job of decreasing the prison population;
 - Marion County has shown the most dramatic reduction:
 - Reduction in crime is not a factor for the reduced incarceration rate; and
 - Outcomes have improved.
- Sentencing options:
 - DUII diversion;
 - Deferred drug sentencing program:
 - Target population with addition issues;
 - Want to stop criminalizing addition;
 - New to the criminal justice system;
 - Potential felony level drug charges;
 - District Attorney discretion to file charges as misdemeanor and deferring sentence for participants;
 - Required to contact treatment agency;
 - Early show-proof date with court;
 - Required to meet with De Muniz Resource Center:
 - Assistance with signing up for Oregon Health Plan;
 - Services available to population.
 - Required community service;
 - Typically nine months check in;
 - Can dismiss sentence if participant completes 18 months bench probation;
 - Prevents felony charge and associated barriers:
 - Employment;
 - Driving privileges
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD):
 - Constantly in contact with law enforcement;
 - Livability offenses;
 - More service resistant;
 - Addiction and or mental health issues;
 - Marion County Sheriff's Office and Salem Police Department participating;



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- Model in Seattle;
 - Divert from criminal justice system to services in the community;
 - Provide services at the moment the person is in crisis;
 - Navigator to coordinate services;
 - Coordination with District Attorneys' office regarding charges;
 - Population identified by law enforcement in the field;
 - Harm reduction model;
 - Grant application submitted to plan and implement LEAD;
 - Justice Reinvestment Council to act as governance for LEAD implementation.
- Jail population:
 - National Institute of Corrections technical assistance around pre-trial services:
 - Services and supervision to reduce failure to appear rate;
 - Better manage jail bed usage;
 - Provided a draft guidance to the Sheriff's Office recently;
 - Aid and assist population:
 - Evaluation process can cause a longer jail stay;
 - Assigned deputy district attorney for those with mental health issues;
 - Marion County second highest aid and assist population at Oregon State Hospital;
 - Programs developed:
 - Transitional case management;
 - Prescription funding; and
 - Jail mental health providers.
 - Have reduced the aid and assist population at Oregon State Hospital.
 - Public Safety Checklist:
 - Assessing risk to reoffend; and
 - Identify level of custody.
 - Mental health screening at the jail;
 - Providing release planning.
 - Arrest point in the criminal justice system:
 - Crisis Outreach Response and Mobil Crisis Response teams to divert people with mental health crisis from the jail;
 - Stepping Up Initiative:
 - National effort lead by National Association of Counties and Psychiatric Doctor's National Association;



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- Marion County has signed a resolution to be part of the initiative to divert mentally ill population from criminal justice system;
- Identified gaps through process mapping; and
- Will be pulling stakeholders together.
- Justice Reinvestment Council oversees all of the points in the criminal justice system including arrest through the end of post-prison supervision.

Bylaws

- Crafted by the Sheriff's Office and reviewed by legal counsel;
- Council will be looking for a vice chair;
- Need to keep victim services representative on the council;
- Recruiting some new members is still in process;
- May either be present or call in to be able to vote;
- Being a member of the Justice Reinvestment Council does not preclude receiving funding:
 - Need to follow conflict of interest guidelines;
 - Funding decisions not likely to happen in this council; and
 - Conflict would have to impact the person personally.
- Recommendation to change from "community member" to "business member"; and
- Michael Laharty made a motion to approve the bylaws:
 - The motion was seconded by Julie Huckestein; and
 - A voice vote was unanimous.

Minutes Approval

- Minutes from December 13, 2016 Marion County Reentry Council meeting were reviewed;
- No changes requested; and
- Commissioner Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes:
 - The motion was seconded by Michael Laharty; and
 - A voice vote was unanimous.

Other

- Governor's Reentry Council Update:
 - Attended Dave's Killer Bread Second Chance Summit:
 - Keynote was impressive;
 - Presentations by employers and employees; and
 - Loyalty was a key message from both groups.
 - Will use a similar model locally:
 - Bring employers together;
 - Will finalize date soon; and
 - Deb Giard involved in the process.
- Children with involvement with the criminal justice system:



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- Marion County has done a great job;
- Liberty House has seen the investment in early interventions and prevention working to break the intergenerational cycle;
- Appreciate breaking down the silos; and
- Important to remember the big picture.
- Incite workforce board hiring a new executive director:
 - Consensus about moving forward; and
 - Able to find funding for training for the reentry population.
- Next meeting September 21, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m. by Commander Wood.

Completed by: Allycia R. Weathers

Completed date: 6/23/2017

Attachments: Marion County Justice Reinvestment Initiative Bylaws Draft