



MARION COUNTY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 26, 2021 – 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Via WebEx Video Conference

Attendees:

Council members (present)

Chair Jeff Wood, Undersheriff, Marion County Sheriff's Office
Vice-Chair Kevin Karvandi, Commander, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections
Joe Kast, Sheriff, Marion County Sheriff's Office
Paige Clarkson, District Attorney, Marion County District Attorney's Office
Tamra Goettsch, Director, Marion County Community Services
Ann-Marie Bandfield, Program Manager, Marion County Health and Human Services
Kristy McIntosh, Interim Director, Salem Health – Care Management, Regulatory and Patient Safety
Alison Kelley, Chief Executive Officer, Liberty House
Skip Miller, Deputy Chief, Salem Police Department
Tim Murphy, Executive Director, Bridgeway Recovery Services
Jimmy Jones, Executive Director, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
Sherry Bensema, EMS Coordinator, Lyons Rural Fire District
Jessica Howard, President, Chemeketa Community College
Kevin Cameron, Commissioner, Marion County Board of Commissioners

Quorum is present.

Council members (absent)

Erik Andersson, President, Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR)
Dick Withnell, Business Member

Others

Matt Meier, Lieutenant, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections
Tom Sermak, Interim Executive Director, Public Defender of Marion County
Anna Jefferson, Lieutenant, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections
Allycia Weathers, Sr. Administrative Services Manager, Marion County Sheriff's Office
Debra Giard, Program Coordinator, Marion County Sheriff's Office
April Cox, Director of Reentry Services, De Muniz Resource Center
Martha Dodsworth, Salem/Yamhill County Branch Manager, Vocational Rehabilitation

Peggy Lowery as recorder

Welcome and Introductions

- Undersheriff Wood called the meeting to order and introduced the attendees.

Minutes Approval



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- Sheriff Kast made a motion to approve the minutes from January 25, 2021.
 - Tim Murphy seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed with none opposed.

Marion County Reentry Initiative MOU Input

Tamra Goettsch presented this item.

- Time to renew the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Marion County Reentry Initiative.
- History
 - Current MOU was established five years ago by the Marion County Reentry Council.
 - MOU laid out the purpose of the Marion County Reentry Initiative.
 - Each organization who participated in the creation of the MOU outlined what they were committing to contribute to the MCRI effort.
 - The MOU was used to apply for grants to help with established efforts.
- Current MOU language is outdated and needs updating.
- Current MOU expires June 30, 2021.
- Tamra Goettsch and Kevin Karvandi are going to pull together a team to look at the language needed for the new MOU and identify who and what should be included.
- The MOU guides Marion County Community Services in what they accrue through MCRI fund raising efforts and assistance with requests for expenditures from those donations.
- Tamra will be reaching out to the JRIC members as potential partners to the new MOU.
- Will bring back the new MOU for review once it is updated.
- Questions/Discussions
 - Question: When does the new MOU need to be completed?
 - Answer: Goal is to have it completed by the end of this fiscal year.

Presentation-

De Muniz Resource Center

April Cox presented this item.

- History
 - October, 2010, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency agrees to operate a resource center as part of the Marion County Reentry Initiative.
 - Started as the Pine Street Resource Center in January, 2011, with four client computer stations.
 - De Muniz Resource Center moved into current space in 2019 and has nine client computer stations with a dedicated area for our community clients.
 - Recent Highlights (2018 – present)
 - In 2018, received \$40,000 from Community Corrections to help secure a second Navigator position.
 - In 2019, the Center added an Employment Specialist, received a \$50,000 grant



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from Willamette Workforce Partnership, and moved into a larger space on Marion County Community Corrections Campus.

- In 2020, the Center received a \$62,000 grant from Willamette Workforce Partnership for continue employment services. The Center joined the new Transition from Jail to Community Program (TJC).
- In 2021, the Center received a \$149,000 grant from Meyer Memorial Trust to add a Bilingual Housing Navigator. The Center recently received a \$91,000 grant from Oregon Housing & Community Services/Federal CARES Act which will allow them to add another Housing Navigator.
 - These grants will give De Muniz the opportunity to become reentry housing experts, make solid relationships with landlords, and get a lot of reentry clients housed.
- Some of the client services available:
 - Family Support
 - Popular Classes
 - Success Planning;
 - Problem Solving;
 - RENT;
 - Parenting Inside Out;
 - Interviewing Skills; and
 - Maximizing Strengths.
 - Community Referrals
 - Transportation Assistance
 - Employment Services
 - Dedicated Employment Specialist;
 - Strong partnership with Worksource Oregon;
 - Resume help to include adding work history while in prison;
 - Mock interviews;
 - Job leads;
 - Small budget to help with tools, work gear, ID's, food handlers permits; and,
 - Coaching and encouragement.
 - Supports the De Muniz Legal Clinic (separate non-profit)
 - All pro bona;
 - Family Law;
 - Expungements;
 - Landlord Tenant;
 - Clemency; and,
 - Administrative Law.
- Some percentages on how clients spend their time at the center:
 - Employment 32%;



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- Basic Needs 28%;
- Health and Mental Health 23%; and,
- Housing 9%.
- Partners
 - Northwest Human Services helps with Oregon Health Plan (OHP) enrollments every week.
 - Maps Credit Union offers a financial literacy class.
 - Bridgeway gives a gambling presentation.
 - Northwest Hub offers bicycle vouchers.
 - Employment Partners:
 - Goodwill Job Industries;
 - All-Star Staffing & Labor; and,
 - Worksource Oregon.
 - Volunteers provide narcotics anonymous meetings.
 - GED tutors.
 - Project Able provides peer-to-peer mental health support.
- The Center has had many success stories even through the pandemic.
- Questions/Discussions
 - Question: Was the grant for housing a one or two-year grant?
 - Answer: Two grants received. First grant is for two years. Second grant is for fifteen months. Goal is to eventually have a reentry housing complex.
 - Question: What is the percentage of clients served between the community and reentry?
 - Answer: Large majority of clients served are under supervision. The Legal Clinic sees some clients from the community.

Transition from Jail to Community Program (TJC)

Matt Meier presented this item.

- History
 - Our local control population is the highest recidivating group. We wanted to develop a program that targeted this group.
 - Previously, the Department of Corrections (DOC) ran a couple pilot programs at the Transition Center (TC) and we saw some success.
 - Our Program Coordinators researched programs and found the TJC Program founded by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC).
 - October, 2019, components of the TJC Program were implemented.
 - January, 2020, fully launched the TJC Program.
- Goals
 - Give clients the tools to be successful upon release from the TC.
 - Have positive impact on recidivism rates.



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- In turn, increase public safety.
- Components
 - Serving Adults in Custody (AICs) housed at the TC.
 - Providing wrap-around services to program participants.
 - Using risk assessments.
 - Connecting them with community supports.
 - Helping with employment.
 - Increasing cognitive skills that will help AICs to be successful post release.
- Partners
 - The Pathfinders Network
 - Providing motivational and cognitive programming.
 - DeMuniz Resource Center
 - Employment assistance.
 - OHP enrollment.
 - Cognitive programming.
 - RENT class to help with housing.
 - Community Corrections
 - Jail Counselor and PO:
 - Completing risk assessments;
 - Helping with plans to address barriers and needs to help the program participants to be successful upon release;
 - Arranging appointments with treatment providers; and,
 - Assisting with housing and transportation.
 - Program Coordinators:
 - Making sure program is working;
 - Analyzing data; and,
 - Addressing issues or problems.
 - Outcomes
 - Jan 2020 – Dec 2020
 - 819 AICs in the TC.
 - 776 AICs received some form of service (95% service rate).
 - 689 AICs received on average five services per person by Jail Counselor and PO.
 - 269 AICs received at least 3 cognitive/skills classes per person.

Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR)

Debra Giard presented this item.

- History
 - Vision behind SOAR was turning what services were already out there and where these services were already happening into a collaborative effort.



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- Collaboration is the key. SOAR succeeds because of the commitment from dedicated community members:
 - Marion County Board of Commissioners;
 - Marion County Sheriff's Office;
 - Chemeketa Community College;
 - Marion County Health and Human Services;
 - Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency;
 - Bridgeway Recovery Services;
 - Union Gospel Mission; and,
 - St. Vincent De Paul.
- Funding
 - First funding came from Second Chance Act Grant in 2010.
 - We have been able to continue to find funding to keep it going.
- Design
 - The design and implementation was based on research literature on best practices for community based interventions.
 - 90-day intensive transition program for men with substance use disorders in a cohort format.
 - Goal is to reduce criminal behavior and enhance a pro-social, clean and sober lifestyle.
- Target population is drug addicted high-medium risk male offenders transitioning to the community.
- The Program
 - A variety of intensive wrap-around services:
 - Clothing closet;
 - Food baskets;
 - Housing;
 - OHP enrollment; and,
 - Addiction treatment services moving forward.
 - 90 days, 250 + evidence based curriculum hours.
 - Cognitive restructuring.
 - POs are heavily engage in enhanced supervision.
 - Structured support system.
 - Continued higher education opportunities beyond SOAR.
 - Recidivism reduction is the key.
- Student Recruitment
 - Brochures to help market the program.
 - Recruitment reach-ins start in DOC.
 - AICs fill out an application.
- Enhanced supervision helps build positive relationships.
- Recidivism Rates



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- Students who graduate from the Program have lower recidivism rates for new arrests, new convictions, and new incarcerations than those who did not attend or graduate.
- Outcomes
 - Reduced recidivism.
 - Clean and sober lifestyle.
 - Secured employment.
 - 63% maintain stable housing.
 - Enhanced education opportunities.
 - Family reengagement.
 - Contributing members of our Community.
- Since January, 2010, 746 men have participated with 433 successful graduation.
- Success Story
 - Debra recently had an HVAC technician from Advantage Heating and Air come to her house for furnace work. The technician was a graduate from the fifth SOAR Program and he recognized Deb. Over a cup of coffee he informed Deb that he had changed his name and moved out of the area in order to have a healthy separation from bad influences. This gentleman got married, bought a home and now has five children. He informed Deb that the success he has in his life would not have happened without the SOAR program and the community partners who invested in him.
 - Deb asked if he would be willing to share his story with other SOAR classes. He took the day off work to talk to the men in the new program.
- Questions/Discussions
 - SOAR is one of the more unique programs in the Pacific Northwest. A special thanks to Chemeketa Community College for their support. Attend a graduation if you have the opportunity. We'll get graduation dates out to everyone.

Announcements

- Tim Murphy
 - Bridgeway is pushing forward on a new sobering center.

The next scheduled meeting will be held Monday, July 26, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m. by Undersheriff Wood.

Completed by: Peggy L. Lowery
Completed date: May 4, 2021

Attachments: De Muniz Resource Center Presentation
Transition from Jail to Community Program (TJC) Presentation
Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR) Presentation