



MARION COUNTY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 25, 2022 – 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Via In Person and Microsoft Teams Video Conference

Commissioners Board Room
555 Court Street NE, 5th Floor
Salem, OR 97301

Attendees:

Council members (present)

Vice-Chair Kevin Karvandi, Commander, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections
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
Jimmy Jones, Executive Director, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
Sherry Bensema, EMS Coordinator, Lyons Rural Fire District
Kevin Cameron, Commissioner, Marion County Board of Commissioners
Paige Clarkson, District Attorney, Marion County District Attorney's Office
Jessica Howard, President, Chemeketa Community College
Shannon Wilson, Executive Director, Public Defender of Marion County

Quorum is present.

Council members (absent)

Chair Jeff Wood, Undersheriff, Marion County Sheriff's Office
Joe Kast, Sheriff, Marion County Sheriff's Office
Tim Murphy, Executive Director, Bridgeway Recovery Services
Erik Andersson, President, Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR)
Dick Withnell, Business Member

Others

Mike Aranda, Clinical Supervisor, Bridgeway Recovery Services
Leticia Longoria-Navarro, Executive Director, The Pathfinder Network
Kim Gibson, Corrections Programs Manager, The Pathfinder Network
Hitesh Parekh, Management Analyst 2, Board of Commissioners Office

Peggy Lowery as recorder



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Welcome and Introductions

- Commander Karvandi called the meeting to order and introduced the attendees.

Minutes Approval

- Jessica Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from January 24, 2022.
 - Alison Kelley seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation – Liberty House

Alison Kelley presented this item.

- Liberty House is the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) serving Marion and Polk Counties.
 - Located off of Salem Parkway.
 - Clinical offices are also located in West Salem which help serve overflow for crimes that happen in Salem as well as serving Polk County.
- Within Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 418 is the requirement that the District Attorney in every county convene a multidisciplinary team for the purposes of responding to and investigating concerns of child abuse, neglect, and maltreatment.
- 30-40 years of research has asked the question “how do we best respond to crimes or concerns of maltreatment against children?”
 - Responding well and intentionally counts for everything.
 - Important to have one child friendly building, with all the critical professionals working within that building, so the kids who have been traumatized do not have to go all over the place.
- Liberty House is a nationwide and global model of the standard of care.
- It is important to have children interviewed by people who have special training and can provide a gentle environment.
- Mission: Excellence in the assessment, treatment, and prevention of child abuse, neglect, trauma, and grief in order to promote health and hope in children, youth, families, and communities.
- Hope and Wellness Therapy Program was added six years ago. Therapists provide:
 - Evidence-based treatment
 - Parent-child interaction therapy
 - Trauma focus cognitive behavioral therapy
- Liberty House also serves adult survivors of childhood trauma and children who have been witnesses to violent crimes.
- 2021 Facts
 - 922 clinic visits
 - 400 mental health clients
 - 1,221 children served (includes repeat visits)
 - 60 adult survivors



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- Karly's Law services (requires that children with suspicions of physical injuries be seen by medical providers within 48 hours)
 - 295 specific Karly's Law children in clinic
 - 52 specific Karly's Law children consults
 - Review of records for children who had to go to urgent care or primary care doctor when Liberty House was unable to see children within required time limit.
 - Better if the children are seen by Liberty House's medical team who are board certified specialists in child abuse medicine.
 - Adding more staff have reduced the consults considerably compared to 2018 and 2019 (145 and 234 respectively).
 - The Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) is staffing cases daily (compared to 4/year in 2013).
- Child maltreatment is a global crisis.
 - True prevalence is hard to determine.
 - Oregon Legislature just passed a bill that authorized a University of Oregon research team to take their studying statewide in order to get a better determination of prevalence within the State.
 - Economic cost of child maltreatment:
 - Average aggregated lifetime economic cost of child maltreatment is \$210,000 per child.
 - Oregon accruing \$2,000,000,000 of new aggregated lifetime costs annually.
- Recommended reading: *The Body Keeps the Score* by Bessel Van Der Kolk, M.D.
 - Largely considered the preeminent expert on childhood trauma.
- Covid-19 effect on childhood trauma:
 - Family violence
 - Job loss
 - Death of family members
 - Separation from school
 - Return to school
 - Escalation of violence in school
 - Social media/cyberbullying
- When childhood victims go through a CAC they do better. Additional charges can be brought forward in a case, because of better evidence to hold the offender accountable. There is a higher plea bargain or conviction rate.
- The Liberty House team:
 - Pediatricians
 - Forensic interviewers
 - Family support specialists
 - Marion County Victim's Assistance
 - Marion County District Attorney's Office



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- Takeaway: Childhood trauma is invasive and can be very sudden. Healing from trauma, if gradual and with lots of opportunities for the child to consent, will make a difference.
- Questions/Discussions
 - Discussion: District Attorney Paige Clarkson discussed the strong coordination and collaboration within Marion County. Liberty House has grown and is serving more children all the time. The ability to collaborate with local police agencies has brought a lot of resources for children who would otherwise be suffering longer and more intensely.
 - Discussion: Liberty House services are neutral and are required by ethics and law to be impartial. A lot of people who end up becoming offenders themselves came from disastrous upbringings and home environments. Important to recognize the compassion of our public defender partners and the hard work they do.

Presentation – Bridgeway Recovery Services

Mike Aranda presented this item.

- Bridgeway has been around since 2009.
- Bridgeway is credited with the Council of Accreditation (COA accredited).
- Voted top 100 best nonprofits to work for in Oregon for six years.
- Programs to support reentry and our community:
 - All of the clients have participated in risk screenings and assessments and have been identified as medium to high risk to reoffend.
 - Specialty Courts
 - Adult Drug Court
 - Mental Health Court
 - Fostering Attachment
 - Veterans Court
 - Supervised Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Court
 - Adolescent program
 - Prison Diversion
 - Senate Bill 416
 - Family Sentencing Alternative Program (FSAP)
 - Link-up
 - Allows Bridgeway mentors to engage with clients prior to release from the institution and help with release planning. Mentors meet clients on day of release and help get them to their first appointment with their probation officer, as well as help with housing, assessments, treatment plans, counselors, obtaining a phone, and other needs.
 - Residential care for problem gambling
 - Medically managed withdrawal services (Detox)
 - Community Outreach Program



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- Most recent grant program for the purpose of supporting the black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) community.
 - Focus is on low barrier housing, treatment, medical care and insurance, translation services, and mentor services for parents of children who are in treatment.
 - Do not need to be Bridgeway clients to receive assistance from this program.
- New Options transitional housing
- Upcoming in 2022/2023
 - Grand opening of Bridgeway Plaza
 - Open house is May 19, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.
 - Dental services
 - Reopening of Women's Residential Home
 - Reopening of Men's Residential Home
 - Groundbreaking for the new Detox and Medical Clinic
- Questions/Discussions
 - Question: How often is a client receiving co-occurring treatment for gambling while in the alcohol and drug program?
 - Answer: Not as much as you would think. It can take a while for a mentor to learn about all the struggles a client has until a relationship is built. A lot of times the client is receiving gambling education but does not actually go into the gambling program.
 - Question: Do you have to be mandated to get into the residential care for problem gambling treatment?
 - Answer: This is mainly self-referral. If someone commits a certain crime the court may recommend gambling treatment, or the attorney will use it as a mitigating factor for sentencing.
 - Question: Are you involved with the clients who are in the Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR) program?
 - Answer: Those services are provided by the Sheriff's Office, Health and Human Services, and Chemeketa Community College.

Presentation – Resilience & Recovery Project

Commander Karvandi and Leticia Longoria-Navarro presented this item.

- The Resilience & Recovery Project is a collaboration between Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and The Pathfinder Network.
- Grant funding awarded by the Criminal Justice Commission for MCSO's Justice Reinvestment Application to help support diversity, equity, and inclusion in the community.
- Program connects Community Corrections clients with a Peer Mentor who can help identify issues and barriers needing to be addressed to help the clients succeed.



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- Probation Officers (PO) can walk a client directly from their office to the Peer Mentor for a person-to-person handoff.
- Peer Mentors have lived experience that can help them connect with clients in ways that a PO cannot.
- Peer Mentors meet clients right where they are in the lobby and start to build relationships. They walk alongside the client and help identify needs, strengths, barriers, wishes, and all the things that are important to help people develop goals and resources that will help them withstand being on supervision and for the rest of their lives.
- Client focus is on building long-term resilience and recovery, helping them successfully complete supervision, and helping them reenter in a way that helps support the goals that they have.
- Types of Services
 - Wraparound peer support and navigation
 - Examples are transportation to appointments, sharing a cup of coffee and discussing action steps and goals, connecting to positive support and resources, and building motivation to reach goals.
 - Drop in support
 - Clothing/boots for a specific job
- Peer support cognitive behavior classes and groups
 - Trauma coping skills
 - Recovery
 - Skills and tools needed to overcome challenges
- Besides reviewing the risk assessments, mentors use the resilience and recovery capital scale to help identify areas where people already have capital and where they can build it.
- Besides a soft handoff by the PO, they are also receiving soft handoff from the Transition Center and meeting with clients in the jail.
- Questions/Discussions
 - Question: What are the metrics we are going to be able to measure for next year to talk about the success of this program?
 - Answer: We are measuring and reporting monthly. Examples are:
 - Number of clients served
 - What services have been provided
 - Cognitive and programming hours
 - How many referrals have been made by the POs
 - Are we connecting people to remove barriers
 - Pre and post assessment that measure outcomes



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Consider Expanding Participating Agencies for the MCRI Client and Victim Services Support Account

Tamra Goettsch presented this item.

- Resources donated to the Marion County Reentry Initiative (MCRI) Client and Victim Services Support Account (Account) are managed through the Marion County Community Services Department (MCCS).
- Donated resources are distributed annually from the Account to authorized MCRI expenses and victim services per policy.
- MCCS is recommending that the MCSO Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program be added as a participating partner to receive funds from the Account.
- Commissioner Cameron made a motion to add the MCSO LEAD Program as a participating partner.
 - Jessica Howard seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Questions/Discussions
 - Question: Will the Council receive a report on how the fund is doing?
 - Answer: The fund is doing well. MCCS is currently down a position. Hoping to have this position filled soon and then a report to share next quarter.

Announcements

- Attendance for MCRI breakfast is full. They are approximately 50 people over target. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. Program begins at 7:30 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held Monday, July 25, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. by Commander Karvandi.

Completed by: Peggy L. Lowery

Completed date: May 9, 2022

Attachments: Liberty House PowerPoint Presentation
Liberty House Fast Facts 2021
Bridgeway PowerPoint Presentation
Resilience & Recovery Project Flyer
Marion County Resilience & Recovery Project Info Sheet
MCRI Client and Victim Service Support Account Policy and Procedures