

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council**  
at Commissioners Hearing Room  
1115 Commercial St NE  
Salem, Oregon  
**July 9, 2013**

**Attendees:** Commissioner Patti Milne, Walt Beglau, Mark Caillier, Rod Calkins, Angie Denning, Jayne Downing, Tom Ewing, Faye Fagel, David Ferre, Don Frederickson, Alison Kelley, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Todd McCann, Jerry Moore, Jason Myers, Anna Peterson, Tracy Prall, Bob Royer, Scott Russell, Tom Sermak

**Guests:** Fariborz Pakseresht, Joe O’Leary, Shannon Myrick, Oregon Youth Authority  
Judge Lindsay Partridge, Marion County Juvenile Court  
Doug Olson, FBI

**Staff:** Don Russo

**Chair - action items**

At 4:05 pm, Commissioner Patti Milne called to order a meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Council. Minutes of the May and June PSCC meetings were approved as presented.

For the benefit of special guests, Commissioner Milne asked all to introduce themselves. She also invited council members to serve as volunteers for “Striking Out Meth” on July 26.

**FBI**

Doug Olson, Senior Supervisory Resident Agent of the U.S. Dept of Justice FBI, was welcomed as a special guest. He transferred to the Salem office in February from New York City, and supervises a group of seven agents who cover five counties. Mr. Olson said he is interested in meeting more local law enforcement officials. Mexican criminal enterprise, he said, is currently the top priority for his staff. Most cases involve both drug trafficking and gang activity, and are often prosecuted in federal court in Portland. He said his staff are continually interacting with local law enforcement agencies.

Walt Beglau extended a warm welcome to Mr. Olson, and expressed strong local interest and a positive history of working well together in Marion County. Mr. Olson was invited to attend PSCC meetings at any time.

**OYA Youth Reformation System**

Fariborz Pakseresht said that Oregon Youth Commission convened a symposium two years ago to examine the juvenile justice system in Oregon and devise top strategies to meet future needs. The use of data and research was one of the top initiatives that OYA decided to develop further. He came today to PSCC to explain some of the work being accomplished in the use of predictive analytics and to offer some common tools that can help all in decision making. His goal is to develop better opportunities for youth because the majority of youth offenders return to the community and become our neighbors, and all leaders share an interest in helping them live a crime-free lifestyle.

An emerging philosophy at the national level says that youth correctional facilities are dangerous, unproductive and costly. Those in law enforcement, he said, believe there is often justifiable need for incarceration. Important questions need to be asked. Which youth can be helped by incarceration and which youth will be harmed by it? How best to determine length of stay, what interventions are best, what can staff do that helps produce better outcomes, how to determine return on investment?

A slide presentation was used to describe the use of predictive analytics in juvenile justice, which he called the Youth Reformation System. Shannon Myrick described some of the research used to assist in decision making.

Mr. Pakseresht added that OYA can predict which youth will end up in the juvenile justice system. For example, 25% of OYA youth have been expelled or suspended from school seven times or more. Using predictive analytics, he said, we can expect fewer victims, safer communities and lower recidivism. This data is used only for the juvenile population, not those youth convicted of Measure 11 offenses. He said OYA desires to involve PSCC members in using the tools of data analytics now available. He said OYA wants people to react to the use of data analytics, push back, and help make decision making more effective. He appreciates the leaders in Marion County and invited their further involvement.

Mayor Peterson asked if the funding will follow youth from state treatment to community treatment. Mr. Pakseresht said he is working with the Oregon Legislature to shift funding to community programs by reducing the number of and funding for closed custody beds. Another important issue, he said, is adolescents with significant mental health issues that are low-level on the criminal scale but are committed to OYA where their condition worsens.

Tom Ewing asked how OYA works with community mental health programs. Angie Denning responded that OYA works with local agencies when serious psychoses develop and also at the time of discharge, but not upon entry, which is set by criminal offense.

Sheriff Myers said reentry is the weakest link in Marion County, and asked how OYA can help strengthen reentry here. Mr. Pakseresht said reentry is very important, and that Dick Withnell and he are touring the state talking to business leaders about reentry because of the vital role business leaders play in reentry. Alison Kelley invited OYA to work further with the Commission on Children and Families because reentry recognized as a vital part of success.

Pete McCallum asked how schools can be more involved. Youth in confinement are required to go to school everyday in the facilities, said Mr. Pakseresht, because education is probably the most important factor in reducing recidivism. Youth need to learn and develop skills that can help them gain employment, he said.

Angie Denning commented that OYA is interested in working more closely with other community resources on the reentry of youth who are moved to community supervision. Sheriff Myers said Marion County has a robust system of reentry for adults, but is weak on serving youth. Faye Fagel added that it is more appropriate for communities to develop reentry services rather than the state. She said Marion County is interested in further conversations about creating a community-based reentry program here. Angie Denning added that OYA youth are not bound to return to their home county like adult offenders are; wherever a family placement is best served, OYA will build it into the case plan. There was further discussion about the role of schools in reentry, mental illness and gang affiliation, which all pose further difficulties when youth offenders face return to community.

#### **Next meeting**

The Public Safety Coordinating Council will meet Tuesday, August 13.

#### **Adjourned**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Minutes by Don Russo