

# MINUTES

## MEETING OF THE MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

January 12, 2016, 4:00 PM  
Commissioners' Board Room  
555 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

**MCPSCC:** District Attorney Walt Beglau, Kim Brady, Mark Caillier, Rod Calkins, Jayne Downing, Faye Fagel, Lt. Tim Fox, Tamra Goettsch, Jessica Kampfe, Pete McCallum, Todd McCann, Ed McKenney, Diane Morse, Mayor Anna Peterson, Jeff Puterbaugh, Mike Runyon, John Van Dreal, Hitesh Parekh (recorder).

**GUESTS:** Commissioner Kevin Cameron; Jolene Kelley, Marion County Public Information Coordinator; Todd Londin, ABC Window Cleaners; Commander Jeff Wood, Marion County Parole and Probation Division; Barb Young, Marion County Government Relations Manager.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

#### Selection of Temporary Chair

**MOTION:** As vice-chair Bob Royer was unable to attend the meeting, Faye Fagel moved to designate District Attorney Walt Beglau as chair. Seconded by Ed McKenney; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

*Chair Beglau called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.*

#### Recap and approval of December 8, 2015 meeting minutes

**MOTION:** Mayor Anna Peterson moved approval of the December 8, 2015 MCPSCC meeting minutes. Seconded by Mark Caillier; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

#### Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Mr. Beglau welcomed guest Kim Travis from the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department.
- "What Works: the Public Safety Culture Shift" event is on January 14 at the Willamette Heritage Center.
- Fundraising event for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will also be held at the Willamette Heritage Center on January 14.

### FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDAS

Barb Young, Marion County Government Relations Manager, gave this presentation:

#### Federal Agenda

- Marion County began creating federal legislative agendas in 2001.
  - Each fall, Marion County departments develop an agenda of federal legislative issues for the next calendar year.
  - Once federal agenda is developed, Board of Commissioners ratifies it and a commissioner will travel to Washington, DC to educate our legislative delegation with the help of Conklin Fiskum and McCormick (CFM), the county's federal lobbying firm.

- Contract with CFM has been fruitful. From 2007 to today, Marion County received approximately \$ 11.5 million in federal funds. Examples include:
    - \$3.8 M for the Woodburn interchange project;
    - \$1.4 M for the Marion County Reentry Initiative;
    - \$348,000 for veterans court; and
    - \$800,000 for slides on the North Fork Road in the Santiam Canyon.
    - After 2011 Congress no longer provided earmarks, so county focused on competitive grants.
- Marion County also works with the National Association of Counties (NACo) on issues such as the Secure Rural Schools Act which provides annual funding for schools, and county projects in the Willamette National Forest and land owned by the Bureau of Land Management in Marion County.

#### State Legislation

- Since 2010, the Oregon State Legislature has met annually, with longer sessions in odd years and shorter sessions, in even years. 2016 will feature a short state legislative session.
- Marion County works closely with the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) and other affiliates such as Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association, and Oregon State Sheriffs' Association on potential legislative items.
  - At the end of a legislative session, work starts on legislation for the next year, culminating each November when the AOC holds an annual convention and solidifies a final state legislative agenda for all counties in Oregon.
- Marion County frequently testifies at the Capitol during legislative sessions due to its proximity.

#### Summary of discussion:

- Grant funding for shelters and permanent low income/moderate housing should be researched.
- Grand jury recordation will be a significant issue at the 2016 state legislative session.
- If council members have legislative questions they should contact Ms. Young.

#### **TRANSITIONAL REENTRY HOUSING**

Summary of discussion presented by Marion County Parole and Probation Division Commander Jeff Wood, Marion County Housing Authority Director Shelly Ehenger and Sharon Nielson, the Nielson Group (attachment A):

- In Marion County more than 600 offenders released from state prison and 200 released from local control annually to the community.
  - Of these, almost 50% do not have a viable residence and more than 60% have either a drug and alcohol, mental health, or co-occurring diagnosis.
- Marion County has only 101 transitional beds at any given time.
  - These are housing beds with no additional services such as substance abuse or mental health treatment services, both necessary to keep this population from recidivating.
  - At a minimum an additional 50 community beds are needed.
- St. Vincent de Paul opened a 13 bed transitional center for Marion County ex-offenders in 2009 called "Quest for Change" (later operated by Community Action), but the center closed in 2013 due to diminishing revenues.
- Since 2014, the Marion County Reentry Initiative has set up a transitional housing steering committee to plan future transitional housing for ex-offenders. (Ms. Ehenger and Ms. Nielson both serve on this steering committee.)
- Steering committee met and explored various housing models and funding scenarios. Concluded that:
  - The Marion County jail campus on Aumsville Highway is an ideal location for a future residential transitional center.

- Proximity to the jail means the center will have alcohol/drug and mental health, supervision, and other treatment programs available on-site.
- Committee is currently considering a 24-bed modular residential facility at the jail campus based on the Sponsors Roosevelt Crossing transitional housing model in Eugene.
  - Sponsors began providing housing in 1988 and today manages twelve buildings on five sites with 145 beds for transitional, long-term, and permanent housing for people with criminal histories. In-house services include:
    - A reentry resource center;
    - Mentoring program;
    - Education program;
    - Cognitive behavioral therapy;
    - Substance abuse treatment;
    - Mental health treatment; and
    - Parenting classes.
  - Providing these services on site is critical. A high number of offenders have diagnosed substance abuse and mental health illnesses.
- In today's market, Marion County cannot replicate what Sponsors did over the past 28 years in Lane County.
  - Success for the 24-bed facility in Marion County depends on securing an ongoing source of sustainable revenues.
  - The steering committee is currently exploring funding options through Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS).
  - Costs and timelines for the proposed 24-bed project will be developed in the next few months.
    - Very important that an affordable rent structure be in place to offset the ongoing transitional facility maintenance and utility costs.
    - Cannot support a transitional facility with clients' Medicaid payments.
    - Want ex-offenders to become self-sufficient homeowners, and live and work in Marion County.
      - Those completing their transitional housing successfully (without recidivating) will receive Section 8 housing vouchers. Vouchers allow bearers to shop for permanent housing in the community.

Summary of discussion:

- OHCS received \$40 M at the last legislative session, of which Marion County is eligible for \$20 M. Steering committee is exploring whether some of these funds could be used to build the 24-bed transitional facility in Marion County.

**EMERGING ISSUES/PROBLEM SOLVING (INFORMATION/DISCUSSION)**

Staff is scheduling community forums and neighborhood association meetings and researching telephone town hall meetings. A more comprehensive list of confirmed meetings will be available at the next council meeting.

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Sponsors Replication in Marion County  
Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council  
January 12, 2016



## Marion County Snapshot

- Marion County
  - 600 Release from DOC every year
  - 200 Release to Local Control PPS (Marion County Supervisory Authority)
  - 40-50% do not have a viable residence
    - Homeless
    - Family
    - “Couch Surfing”
    - Supervision Conditions

## Marion County Snapshot

- Marion County "Homeless"
  - DOC PPS
    - 60% have a Drug & Alcohol/Co-Occurring/MH Diagnosis
  - LC PPS
    - 90%
  - 101 transitional beds available
    - UGM (Shelter, Greer St., Restoration House)
    - Bridges to Change
  - Need an additional 50

## Sponsors



## Sponsors History

- Founded by a group of Catholic Nuns and community activists in 1973
- Began providing housing in 1988, beginning with 5 beds



Today the agency manages 12 buildings on 5 sites with a total 145 beds of transitional, long-term, and permanent housing for people with criminal histories



## Sponsors Philosophy

Sponsors philosophy is based on the belief that people can and do change, and that a strategic intervention at the appropriate moment can serve as a catalyst in that change.











## Various House "Types"



Transitional Housing



Long-term Housing



Permanent Housing

## Roosevelt Crossing



## Roosevelt Crossing



## Roosevelt Crossing-Kitchen



## Roosevelt Crossing-Facilities



## Honors/Resource Center/P&P



## Fitness and Recreation Center



## Administrative and Conference Space

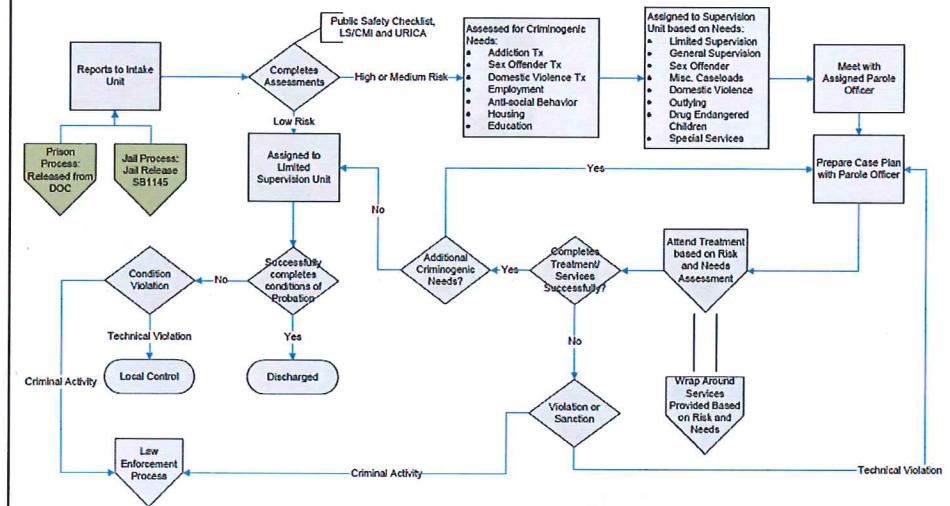


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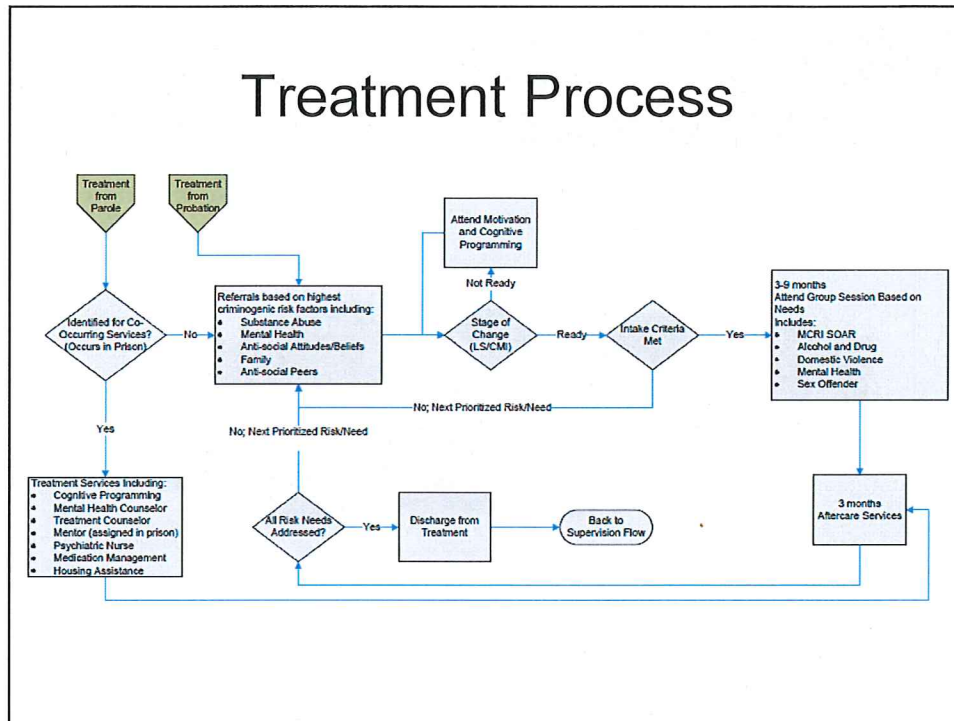
In-house services include:

- Reentry Resource Center
- Mentoring Program
- Education Program
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (MRT)
- Level I & II Substance Abuse Treatment
- Veteran's Grant and Per Diem
- Parenting Classes
- UO/Sponsors Legal Clinic

# Supervision







## Marion County

- 2009: Quest for Change
  - 13 Bed transitional housing project
- Opened through a federal appropriation, COPS Grant, and Marion County's first Second chance Act Grant award
- Closure in 2013
- 2015: Second Chance Act Adult Reentry Demonstration Grant
  - Small Scale: Transition housing for 24 people
  - Connected to the Aumsville Campus
  - Access to supervision, treatment, and the De Muniz Resource Center

## Modular Concept



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*"To whom much is entrusted, much is expected."*

**MARION COUNTY REENTRY  
INITIATIVE (MCRI)  
TRANSITIONAL REENTRY  
HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM**

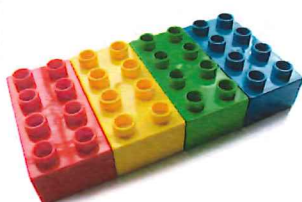
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The Marion County Reentry Initiative (MCRI), started in 2008, is a collaborative effort involving:

- community corrections
- education
- law enforcement
- health and non-profit community agencies

**A critical element  
to achieve the  
MCRI mission to  
“rebuild lives”**



## **Transitional Service Supported Housing**

**The MCRI model is service supported housing and requires multi-discipline collaboration to serve the reentry population as they are housed initially on release and then provides permanent housing support via a tenant based voucher upon graduation from the program.**

## MCRI 2014 - 2015

With the leadership of Commissioner Carlson and Sheriff Myers a “transitional housing steering committee” has explored:

- development funding scenarios
- housing/service operating models
- various potential sites

### MCRI transitional service supported housing model is inspired by the Sponsor's Inc. model in Lane County

- ✓ Residential model with direct on-site support services
- ✓ Housing developed in 2008 by HACSA (Lane County Housing Authority), funded by Oregon Housing and Community Services and is operated by Sponsors, Inc.
- ✓ Residents pay modest rent with general grants funding balance of building operating costs
- ✓ Services are funded by a combination service contracts, foundation grants, and/or donations.
- ✓ Sponsor's provides 24/7 staffing
- ✓ The housing consists of 2 two-story residential buildings, an administration building, a warehouse and a bike storage building.
- ✓ It is a residential model in with 45 studio units with common kitchens and community living space.


## MCRI MODEL

- The MCRI transitional housing project is intended to:
  - initially be a small pilot program (12 units serving, 24 individuals)
  - leverage the support services of Marion County Parole & Probation (MCP&P) and the MCRI collaborative to serve the reentry population.
  - located on MCP&P, Aumsville Road Campus
  - residential design vs. institutional design
    - exploring modular construction
  - De Muniz Resource is located on the MCP&P campus

## Development Funding

- ❖ The “steering committee” will be exploring funding options through Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS).
- ❖ Development costs and timelines will be developed within the next few months.
- ❖ A building operating budget will be created.
- ❖ An affordable rent structure will be created to support the transitional housing maintenance and utilities, etc.

## Service Model Funding

- A comprehensive service program budget will be created.
  - Long-term funding sources to sustain the services will be created.
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## Long-Term Housing

Upon certified successful residency and program participation, each resident will be given a Section 8 voucher and support to find permanent housing.

# Q & A

