

MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF THE MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING & REENTRY COUNCILS

May 12, 2015, 4:00 PM
Commissioners' Board Room
555 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

- *MCPSCC:** District Attorney Walt Beglau, Commissioner Janet Carlson, Mark Caillier, Jayne Downing, Faye Fagel, Tamra Goettsch, Pete McCallum, Todd McCann, Ed McKenney, Chief Jerry Moore, Diane Morse, Sheriff Jason Myers, Mayor Anna Peterson, Judge Tracy Prall, Chief Scott Russell, Tom Sermak, Hitesh Parekh (recorder).
- **MCRC:** Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Nancy Green, Mike Laharty, Tim Murphy, Commander Jeff Wood
- GUESTS:** Ross Caldwell, Jan Calvin, Angie Denning, Cary Moller, Jeff Puterbaugh, Chief John Teague
- * Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council (MCPSCC) members*
*** Marion County Reentry Council (MCRC) members*

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Commissioner Carlson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Recap and approval of March 10, 2015 meeting minutes

MOTION: Sheriff Myers moved approval of the March 10, 2015 MCPSCC meeting minutes. Seconded by Chief Jerry Moore; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

- Justice Reinvestment Summit held on April 6 and draft RFP for grant was released:
 - Deadline for applications will be pushed back to September or October 2015.
- The Marion County Fair will be honoring veterans on July 9 at 4:30 P.M. on the main stage.

Ratification of Letter of Support: Bureau of Justice Assistance Second Chance Act Grant

MOTION: Walt Beglau moved to ratify a letter of support from the MCPSCC to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for a Second Chance Act reentry grant application that would expand transitional housing for reentry clients. Seconded by Tom Sermak; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Request for Specialty Court Letters of Support: Marion County Circuit Court

MOTION: Sheriff Myers made a motion to approve letters of support for the Veterans' Treatment Court, Adult Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Fostering Attachment Treatment Court and STAR Court for an Oregon Criminal Justice Commission grant application. Seconded by Ed McKenney; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

MCPSCC Membership Issues

Three vacant positions on the MCPSCC:

- Veterans' representative:

- Members suggested inviting Kim Brady who is Marion County’s liaison on the Marion County Veterans’ Task Force.
- Alcohol and drug abuse representative:
 - Jeff Puterbaugh from the Oregon Department of Health Services may be interested in this position.
- City representative:
 - City of Keizer Police Chief John Teague is willing to serve as a city representative.
 - Oregon statute requires “concurrence” from cities. Past practice has been to poll the cities for their approval after which Marion County Board of Commissioners will appoint.

MOTION: Ed McKenney made a motion to recommend Chief John Teague as a member of the MCPSCC. Seconded by Jayne Downing; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Other

- Walt Beglau stated that all Marion County law enforcement agencies did an exemplary job responding to a gunman at a Walmart in South East Salem. Senate Bill 111 protocols were used to ensure the use of deadly force complied with the law.

Legislative Updates:

- A number of public safety bills have gone out of legislative committees with the exception of the grand jury recordation bill.
- If the State of Oregon’s May financial forecast is positive, more funds could be available for the Justice Reinvestment grant funds.
- Two domestic violence related bills are moving forward.
 - Police officer issued restraining order.
 - Defining physical pain after an assault.
- House has approved a bill banning employers from asking about a job candidate’s criminal history on an application –nationally known as “Ban the Box”.

HOUSE BILL 3194 IMPLEMENTATION (INFORMATION/DISCUSSION)

Problem-Oriented Policing (POP)

City of Keizer Police Chief John Teague presented this item.

POP:

- Departed from the crime-fighting model of the 1980s by making the police officer a neighborhood problem solver rather than an incident-driven crime fighter.
- Is a policing strategy seeking to identify and solve root social disorder problems including crime.
 - Tactics include data driven community policing (evidence-based policing).
 - Reduces crime, victimization and incarceration.
 - Significant focus on community interacting with police.

Summary of discussion:

- A number of police agencies are studying POP in Marion County.
- Challenge trying to get the public to understand community policing.

Jail Capacity Management Plan

Sheriff Jason Myers presented this item.

- History of county jail bed capacity:
 - Prior to 2011 Marion County jail had bed capacity of 528 and work center 144.
 - 2011 state budget cuts forced closure of “G” pod with a loss of 128 beds.
 - Bed loss resulted in inmate management issues and overcrowding.
- Today:
 - Jail has 415 operation beds and work center 144.
 - Sheriff’s office has excellent jail capacity management plan.
 - Jail averages 3.5 forced releases per day.

- Lower risk individual is replaced by a higher risk.
 - Work release center is a great tool to manage those transitioning back into community.
- Future:
 - Sheriff would like to reopen “G” Pod.
 - Commissioners are supportive of this, but sustainable funding is a problem.
 - Costs \$2.3 M to open “G” pod at 128 bed capacity.
 - \$1.5 M to open “G” pod at 64 bed capacity (not as cost effective).

Discussion:

- How many beds should our community have based upon population demographics?
- Jail medical costs have decreased due to changes in the Affordable Care Act.
- Costs of prescriptions are increasing:
 - Jail will spend \$300,000 for psychotropic medications this year.
- County should look at providing shelter services for the homeless since jail sees a lot of homeless people.
- Jail levy may be an option for sustainable funding to open “G” Pod.

Specialty Courts

Judge Tracy Prall and Diane Morse from the Marion County Circuit Court made this presentation.

- Marion County has five treatment courts:
 - Fostering Attachment Treatment Courts serves up to 30 parents.
 - STAR Court is an adolescent drug court serving up to 30 participants .
 - Adult Drug Court currently treating 27 non-violent felony drug offenders.
 - Mental Health Court currently serving 24 participants.
 - Veterans Treatment Court currently serving 21 vets.
- The Veterans Treatment Court is funded with Bureau of Justice Assistance grants.
- The remaining four courts are funded with Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) grants.

Discussion:

- Four judges “volunteer” to staff these courts half day per week.
- Treatment court coordinators are essential to keeping courts working.
- In 2008 courts were unable to fund treatment court coordinators.
- Grant funding from the CJC and Bureau of Justice Assistance enabled courts to continue operating.
- Oregon Judicial Department has requested more funds this biennium from the legislature for specialty courts.

EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS

None

Adjourned 5:50 PM