

JULY 27, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Minutes

**July 27, 2021 4:00 PM
Courthouse Square
Salem, OR**

MCPSCC: John Bauer, Mark Caillier, Kevin Cameron, Rob Carney, Kim Doster, Jayne Downing, Don Frederickson, Tamra Goettsch, Troy Gregg, Roland Herrera, Joe Kast, Alison Kelley, Rick Lewis, Ryan Matthews, Pete McCallum, Todd McCann, Ed McKenney, Tracy Prall, Mike Runyon, Shaney Starr, Shannon Wilson, Trevor Womack, Jeffrey Wood, Hitesh Parekh (recorder).

GUESTS: Debbie Aguilar, Chad Ball, Kevin Karvandi, Justin Kidd

1. ADMINISTRATIVE (INFORMATION/ACTION)

Meeting called to order at 4:05 P.M. by Commissioner Kevin Cameron.

Welcome and introductions

Announcements and upcoming events

- Jayne Downing, executive director, Center for Hope and Safety, said Hope Plaza housing project for survivors will receive \$7.5 M in lottery bonds from the State.
 - Legislators also put \$600,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds into the project.
 - Marion County will give another \$250,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding to the project.
 - Lottery funds will be received in the spring of 2022.
 - Anticipating Hope Plaza housing to be completed by December 2023.
- Alison Kelley, executive director, Liberty House, announced all were welcome to attend the Liberty House luncheon on September 23, 2021 at noon at the Salem Convention Center.
- Shaney Starr, executive director, CASA of Marion County, said December 2, 2021 is CASA's annual lunch event- all are welcome to attend.
- Commissioner Cameron presented Kim Doster (veterans' representative) with a certificate of appreciation as it was her last meeting with the council.
- Commissioner Cameron mentioned Judge Prall had appointed defense attorney Shannon Wilson to replace Jessica Kampfe on the council.
 - The board of commissioners will consider reappointing Rob Carney, Don Frederickson, Mike Runyon, and Cari Sessums to the council at their July 28 meeting.
- Commissioner Cameron also said that the Executive Committee of the MCPSCC recommended adding Salem City Councilor Chris Hoy to the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council. Councilor Hoy is very involved in the homeless initiative, has a public safety background, and would be a great asset to have on the council.

Ratify 2021-23 Specialty Court Grants and 2019-21 JRI Grant Rebalance

Commissioner Cameron presented this item. Summary of presentation:

- The MCPSCC Executive Committee held two special meetings in May.
 - The first was to approve the 2021-23 specialty courts grant application; and
 - The second to balance the personnel budget for the 2019-21 Justice Reinvestment Initiative grant.

MOTION: Ed McKenney made a motion to ratify the approval of the 2021-23 specialty courts grants application and rebalancing the personnel budget for the 2019-21 Justice Reinvestment Initiative Grant. Don Frederickson seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Approve April 13 and April 28, 2021 meeting minutes

MOTION: Rob Carney made a motion to approve the April 13 and April 28 MCPSCC meeting minutes. Jayne Downing seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously. **Attachment A**

2. APPROVAL OF ISSUE BRIEFS 3 AND 4

Commissioner Cameron said the primary purpose of the special meeting today was for the council to discuss the 21-23 Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) grant application and accept the Executive Committee's program funding recommendations. **Attachment B**

Marion County Undersheriff Jeff Wood and Parole and Probation Division Commander Kevin Karvandi presented this item. Summary of presentation:

- By statute, the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council has to approve the Sheriff's Office biennial community corrections plan and JRI grant application.
 - Commander Karvandi and his team have been working on the 2021-23 JRI plan for the past few months.
- Because of baseline funding from the state of approximately \$13 M per year, Marion County can provide the bulk of the evidence-based community corrections and diversion programs in the county.
- Funding from the JRI grant also contributes toward these community corrections programs, but the annual JRI funding amount is smaller, at approximately \$2M.

Commander Karvandi presented Issue Brief #3.

- Marion County will receive \$4.1 M in JRI funds for the new biennium and is also requesting \$917, 435 in supplemental funding.
 - 10% of the \$4.1M must be used for victim services and 3% will be returned to the State for random controlled trials.
 - The total requested for the 2021-23 grant programs was \$3,956,193.
 - All of the programs funded in 2019-21 would be refunded again in 2021-23 with the exception of the Peer Support Program which is new.
 - Commander Karvandi described how programs were chosen for funding and then described the programs in greater detail.
- The 2019-21 program target was to serve a total of 3,100 individuals, but 3,800 were served.
 - This was a surprise considering the COVID-19 pandemic protocols that had to be followed in 15 of the past 24 months.
- On a macro level Marion county decreased its prison beds by 5,200 months.
 - Short Term Transitional Leave (STTL) saved 94,166 prison bed days.
 - These are individuals released as inmates out into the community under supervision.
 - When released they access the county's JRI programs such as housing and treatment.
 - 94% successfully completed their STTL.
 - For the past two years the state's recidivism arrests increased while Marion County's decreased.

Victim Services

- Alison Kelley said 2021-23 JRI funds for victim services of \$209,340 will continue to support the Liberty House Hope and Wellness Mental Health Program.
 - Program employs eight therapists and will serve more than 350 unduplicated children annually.
 - Therapists will provide triage, assessment, individual, family, group, and crisis services for children birth to 21 and their families.
 - Have seen a sharp increase in violent crimes and children being exposed to domestic violence.
- Jayne Downing said the \$209,340 in 2021-23 JRI funding for victim services will be used to fund an intake coordinator who is bilingual/bicultural and provides trauma informed services.
 - In the year before COVID-19 struck, the Center saw more than 10,000 individuals and the intake coordinator immediately connected them with an advocate.
 - Also, the Center has the only program in Oregon with an Information Technology specialist who is a male domestic violence victim advocate trained to help victims with any kind of cyber stalking.
 - Some of the funds will also be used for eyeglasses and miscellaneous requests.

Summary of discussion

Commissioner Cameron said since the county received increased base line funding for community corrections from the state this biennium it was in better shape than the last. He thanked Representative Rick Lewis for his legislative advocacy and assistance.

MOTION: Kim Doster made a motion to approve Issue Brief # 3 and the MCPSCC’s Executive Committee’s funding recommendations for the 2021-23 JRI formula grant programs and recommendation to fund the new Peer Support Program. Tamra Goettsch seconded the motion. Motion passes.

MOTION: Don Frederickson moved to approve Issue Brief # 4 and the MCPSCC’s Executive Committee’s funding recommendation for the 2021-23 JRI supplemental budget proposal. Shaney Starr seconded. Motion passes.

MOTION: Mark Callier made a motion to approve the MCPSCC’s Executive Committee’s funding recommendations for the 10% victim services budgets; Kim Doster seconded the motion. Alison Kelley and Jayne Downing both abstained from voting after declaring a potential conflict of interest.

MOTION: Shaney Starr moved to give 3% of Marion County’s total amount of Justice Reinvestment Initiative funds to the Criminal Justice Commission for statewide evaluations. Judge Prall seconded the motion. Motion passes.

MOTION: Shaney Starr made a motion to delegate authority to the MCPSCC Executive Committee to balance the budgets for both formula and supplemental budget proposals, if, and, as needed, before final submission to the state. Tamra Goettsch seconded motion. Motion passes.

3. SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT

Salem Police Department Chief Trevor Womack presented this item with Lt. Debbie Aguilar. Summary of presentation:

- In July 2020, Salem City Council voted to request an audit of the Salem Police Department, focusing on some key areas including interactions with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis; community engagement; response to assemblies; crowds; demonstrations and the use of force; and officer accountability.
 - Hillard Heintze was hired to conduct the assessment.

- A steering committee of eleven members assisted in identifying community stakeholders for interviews.
- The assessment took approximately six months to complete and a final report was presented to the city council in March 2021. **Attachment C**
- Assessment focused on eleven areas:
 - Mission/Vision/Values; Community Policing Strategies; Organizational Transformation; Data Collection; Unsheltered–Behavioral Health; BIPOC and LGBTQIA+; Youth Engagement; Assemblies and Demonstrations; Recruiting, Hiring, Promoting; Use of Force; Accountability.
 - Lt. Aguilar provided a detailed presentation of each of the key findings.

Summary of discussion:

The Salem Police Department is accredited through the Oregon Accreditation Alliance, which is local. (Most Oregon law enforcement agencies are accredited through it.) In reference to the School Resource Officers (SROs) the Woodburn City Council was approached by the Woodburn School District and asked to discontinue the Woodburn School Resource Officer program. The council suggested they design a survey for the community, students in middle and high schools, and a separate survey for parents. The Woodburn School Board did this and found the results overwhelming in favor of retaining SROs. So the Board worked out a new arrangement and initiated a new contract for a one-year SRO program starting in July 1, 2021 which will be reevaluated again in a year. Contract was signed last night. Chief Womack said his department has been discussing the SRO program with the Salem-Keizer School District. A lot of work has been going on in the Salem Police Department as a result of the report. City is designing what a geographic-based policing model looks like for the City of Salem. Hillard Hines is doing an additional staffing analysis for the City of Salem. Ms. Kelley said the process of children responding to trauma and healing always involves identifying safe people. The number of officers and detectives who have been ‘safe people’ for kids is commendable.

4. CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL CJAC

Commissioner Camron said the MCPSCC will now switch hats and become the Criminal Justice Advisory Council, chaired by Marion County Circuit Court Presiding Judge Tracy Prall.

Summary of Judge Prall’s presentation:

- There is a smaller CJAC Executive Committee that has met weekly since March 2020, but is now meeting every two weeks. County jail is still under COVID restrictions and capped at 300. (Non-Covid cap is 415).
 - Want to keep pre-trial defendants out of jail by doing pre-trial releases.
 - Planning for another round of operating under COVID-19 restrictions since the numbers have started rising again.
 - Very grateful to have good working relations amongst members, so can adjust operations quickly.

5. LEGISLATIVE ROUND UP FROM 2021 SESSION

Commissioner Cameron introduced this item. He said the Association of Oregon Counties summarized all the legislative items from the 2021 legislative session and called on council members to share any legislative highlights they might have.

- Commander Wood said it was a relief that HB2002 did not pass. As a result, counties received a boost in their community corrections biennial allocations, and funding for the JRI was not impacted.
- Mike Runyon, juvenile parole and probation supervisor, Oregon Youth Authority, provided an overview of legislative item affecting youth. **Attachment D**

- District Attorney Paige Clarkson forwarded a list of bills the Oregon District Attorneys Association has been tracking to the council. **Attachment E**
- Judge Prall reviewed a handout of bills that would impact court services. **Attachment F**
- Jayne Downing said there were multiple victim services bills, but one significant bill provided \$5M in housing for survivors and Senator Kathleen Taylor will provide an additional \$1.25 M from her share of ARPA funding for this housing project. This will make a huge difference for survivors.
- Shaney Starr said the CASA budget was doubled by the state this biennium. This was after a decade of asking. Amendments to statute were also passed for the CASA network to ensure program service quality and delivery prior to receiving state funds.
- Alison Kelley said this biennium child advocacy centers were finally granted an additional \$6 M- after eight years of asking.
- Ryan Matthews, administrator, Marion County Health and Human Services said HB 1524 invested \$470 M statewide for behavioral health. \$21.5 M was also set aside for 'aid and assists' and community restoration. \$6.5 M was set aside to enhance mobile response teams.

Summary of discussion

- Representative Rick Lewis said the legislature did a lot of work on wildfire recovery this session.
- American Rescue Plan Act funds will be distributed in October 2021.
- HB2927 - Oregon Office of Emergency Management will not be a division with the Oregon Military Department and will be a stand-alone agency or a division of the Oregon State Police.
- Commissioner Cameron said thanks to Representatives Rick Lewis and Brian Clem, Marion County received approximately \$58 M for wildfire recovery.
 - Funds will be used for a sewer system in Gates and upgrading the Mill City sewer system so that the two city sewers could then be connected.
 - County working on finalizing the engineering plans.
 - \$10 M of the money will be used for research and engineering in the Detroit-Idanha area.
 - Cannot put any water into the McKenzie, Clackamas, or Santiam watershed from the sewer.
 - Also have money for revenue loss replacement for the cities of Gates and Detroit.
 - There is money for fire equipment and a fire station for Idanha and Detroit.
 - These are just a few of the funds that came our way from state.
 - The Community Services Department received a \$600,000 grant to install a fiber-optic cable after the fire.
 - Marion County has a total of \$67 M in ARPA funds coming over the next two years.
 - These are one-time funds which should only be used for infrastructure projects that will last for generations.
 - In October 2020, county will also know what the earmarks are in Congress. County will hire a consultant to help plan how to spend the money.
 - Finally, money from FEMA reimbursements are also coming in.
 - County is disbursing \$2.2 M received for COVID-19 impacted business.
 - These grants (maximum amount of \$3,500) will be going out in August.
 - County also has \$20 M in rental assistance for both landlords and tenants.
 - County is also working with City of Salem on CAHOOTS.
 - City of Salem has just acquired a navigation center for the homeless.

6. EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS

Oregon attorneys no longer have to pass the bar to practice in the state if graduated from an accredited school in the state of Oregon. Bar only had to be taken if individual was from out of state.

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