

# MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

## MINUTES

March 12, 2019 4:00 PM

Courthouse Square

Salem, OR

**MCPSCC:** Kevin Cameron, Rob Carney, Paige Clarkson, Jayne Downing, Jim Ferraris, Don Frederickson, Courtland Geyer, Tamra Goettsch, Troy Gregg, Levi-Herrera Lopez, Justin Hopkins, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Todd McCann, Jerry Moore, Cary Moller, Diane Morse, Jason Myers, Tracy Prall, Cari Sessums, John Van Dreal, Kim Wallis, and Hitesh Parekh (recorder).

**GUESTS:** Matthew Dice, Jan Calvin, Julie Huckestein, Alison Kelley, Tim Murphy, Tricia Ratliff, Susan Tripp, Jeff Wood, and Barbara Young.

### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE (INFORMATION/ACTION)

Meeting called to order at 5:05 P.M. by Commissioner Kevin Cameron.

#### Welcome and introductions

Attendees introduced themselves.

#### Approve February 12, 2019 minutes (Action)

MOTION: Jerry Moore moved to approve the February 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Seconded by Jayne Downing. A voice vote was unanimous.

#### Announcements & Upcoming Events

- Justice Reinvestment Initiative Summit featured some excellent speakers and workshops .
  - More than 900 people attended.
  - Notable was 11th Judicial Circuit Court Judge Steve Leifman’s presentation on ending the criminalization of mental illness in Florida.
  - Very impactful presentation from representatives of the Norwegian corrections system.
- Commissioner Cameron said he had just returned from Washington DC to confer with the county’s federal legislative delegation.
  - Want congress to pass legislation to ease and/or undo the federal Medicaid inmate exclusion and require states to suspend, instead of terminate, Medicaid coverage for justice involved individuals.
  - Also want the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide additional state flexibility in the Medicaid program to cover justice-involved individuals.

#### MCPSCC Meetings

- New council meeting time from 4:00 - 5:30 PM on the second Tuesdays of the month.
- This will allow judges to attend the meetings for a half hour past 5:00 PM.

#### 2020 CENSUS

- California has budgeted \$90 M to form complete count committees for the 2020 census.
- Undercounting a state’s population results in loses of billions in federal funding and loss of state representatives in congress.
- A joint Marion County/City of Salem team is coordinating Marion County’s effort for everyone in Marion County to be counted on Census Day April 1, 2020.
- This year the census will not be solely by mail.
  - Respondents will also be able to complete the census form on line.

### Alcohol and Drug Planning Commission

- Commission is holding a two day training on neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome in September 2019.
- Marion County and Bridgeway Recovery Services are sponsoring this.
- More information will be available soon.

### Center For Hope and Safety

- The Greyhound bus terminal adjacent to Center will be demolished in a few weeks to be replaced by a business and housing project.

## **2. STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2019 (DISCUSSION/ACTION)**

### House Bill 2244 CourtCare

- Includes CourtCare funding for Marion, Polk, Jackson and Deschutes counties.
- A total of \$500,000 for the biennium.
- Counties must provide a 10% grant match.
- Want to see program continue but courts are short of funding.
- The three commissioners have not had a chance to discuss this yet.
- Will need to go into the county budget for next year if it passes.
- Commissioner Cameron will go and testify at the legislature in favor of the bill.

### Other Bills

- Sheriff Myers testified in support of HB 2328, unauthorized use of vehicles; and
  - HB 2797 Taylor's Law.
    - Currently there is no law available to any of Oregon's 36 district attorneys enhancing the punishment for someone who delivers a controlled (or manufactures) a substance that results in someone's death.
    - Taylor's law will establish minimum mandatory penalties for those delivering controlled substances.
- Sheriff Myers also testified in support of SB 763 which lowers the bar on civil commitments; and
  - Chief Ferraris testified against HB 2303 deleting the requirement that pseudoephedrine be classified as a Schedule III controlled Substance.
    - Oregon has gone from 600 meth labs to none today. So law is working.
  - Behavioral health committee also has a bill that will be released shortly.
- There is also a bill prohibiting the suspension of driver's licenses for failure to comply.
  - Association of Oregon Counties is supporting this
    - But revenues from fines are tied to a multitude of programs.
    - Concern is the passage of this bill may result in funding cuts to other vital public safety programs.
- SB 608 –tenant protection bill has passed and will be signed by the governor.

### Summary of discussion

- The unauthorized use of vehicles bill has some costs attached to it.
  - Still trying to work through this and to fix a few problems created by the legislature.
- Concern about unfunded mandates. There are a lot of criminal justice 'reform' packages.
- Currently a bill exists that limits what prosecutors are allowed to negotiate. This will impact who gets into specialty courts.
- Juvenile Department work group is working on adjudicated youth and Medicaid reimbursement issue.
- SB 6515 - \$10 M ask for domestic and sexual violence fund. Hearing on March 14, at 3:00 PM.
- Hearing on funding for the 2019-21 Justice Reinvestment Initiative grant funds is on May 2.
- Julie Huckestein said a college is getting some corrections funding. She is concerned since Chemeketa Community College serves a large number of inmates and may not receive any.
- Major collective bargaining legislation is being discussed regarding paid time off.

### **3. TAYLOR'S HOUSE**

Commissioner Cameron introduced this item:

- Commissioner Cameron served on the United Way Board when and a student named Raul Marquez came to the board a year ago asking for help to open Taylor's House, a homeless teen shelter.
- The Shelter is now open, less than a year after Raul Marquez presented the idea to the United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley's board.
- Mr. Marquez walked out of that meeting with a commitment of \$100,000, and quickly raised an additional \$300,000, including \$200,000 from the Legislature, to buy and renovate Taylor's House, in a residential neighborhood just north of downtown.

Tricia Ratliff, program director for Community Action Home, Youth and Resource Center presented this item. Summary of presentation:

- Marion County did not have a shelter that exclusively served teens and minors between 11-18 yrs before Taylor's House opened December 14, 2018.
  - Shelter has served 23 youth with 377 nights of shelter.
  - Average stay is 16 nights.
  - First few months were challenging.
- Now have a 100 day challenge to think outside the box and focus on homeless youth.
  - Going to ramp up street outreach.
  - Only 5-10 % of the homeless are street youth.
  - Majority are couch surfing.
  - On the federal level, couch surfing does not count as being homeless, but does on the state level.
  - Youth engage in whatever they can to keep a roof over their heads.
- Also starting a home host program.
  - Large push nationwide to have host homes as an alternative for youth unable to go home for a variety of reasons, don't qualify for VHS care, and cannot stay in emergency shelters for two to three years until they graduate from high school.
  - Different model of transitional living .
  - Community Action Agency has customized a model host home and has applied for grants to support them.
    - Want to start these host homes in Marion and Polk county next year, then spread to Yamhill, Lane, and Benton counties for a regional host home program.

Summary of discussion:

Q: What is your capacity?

A: 10 beds in a three story house.

Q: Has anyone been turned away?

A: Yes, but not due to capacity. Due to appropriateness- not a place to go to when grounded by parents.

Q: Are you connected to Youth ERA?

A: Yes. Connect to them for peer to peer mentoring.

Q: Is the host home the same as safe families program?

A: Similar in idea, but these teens have been abandoned. They are independent, but since they are only 16 years of age, they cannot rent an apartment. Two models to emulate: a roommate model where they can rent a room and start their rental history, and the family model where youth needs to be placed in a family environment. We would do case management on both models. At 16 or 17 a youth may be fully capable of taking care of themselves but unable to get an apartment.

### **4. CJAC QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Judge Tracy Prall presented this item. Summary of presentation:

- Pilot pre-trial justice release program has been launched at the annex.
  - Three individuals are currently on pre-trial monitoring.

- Goal is to have approximately 300 individuals per year in program.
- Focus is on individuals in custody or released, but have a “Failure to Appear” or have committed new crimes.
  - Want to get these individuals out of our jail.
- After pre-trial release program is up and running, council will start planning on speeding up dispositions.
  - Judges are working with the Oregon Judicial Department on “time to disposition” standards for all domestic, civil and criminal cases.
  - These criminal case timelines impact the jail population.
    - The longer it takes to get someone to trial means the longer they are in custody.
      - Trying to get people to trial faster could impact defense attorneys in terms of preparing for a trial, but 98 % of felonies are supposed to be tried within a year. Marion County is at 90%.
      - Want to see what is preventing a swift resolution, so can get individuals into treatment sooner.
- The disposition system has many layers.
  - Sometimes a case is held open so individual can get into a treatment bed instead of going to jail.
    - This takes a while since it is hard to get an evaluator, so individual remains in custody for two to three months.
- Pretrial release may help with getting some individuals out of custody and monitored. But council needs to talk to partners in the criminal justice system about relieving some of these barriers.

Summary of discussion:

- Discovery is a significant part of the process.
- Law requires defense attorney to have everything the prosecution has.
- Big burden on police agencies and prosecutor’s office to ensure defense attorneys are getting the information they need.
- What will help is that the Marion County District Attorney’s Office is upgrading its case management system which will now be electronic.

**5. EMERGING ISSUES AND PROBLEM SOLVING**

- HB 3178, which seeks to provide additional funding for regional and community assessment centers, has been introduced.
- Commissioner Cameron said he is a member of NACos Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee.
  - Their legislative platform includes boosting broadband deployment and accessibility especially in rural areas.
  - An app called TestIT checks your broadband speed.
    - Every time a test is launched, the data results are recorded at the FCC.
    - This is a test, since companies sometimes exaggerate what their broadband speed is.
- Mana A Mano is planning on going live with a FM radio station in the county by November 2019.
  - CCTV and Mano A Mano are partnering on this, and working on an emergency back-up system.
  - Broadcasting studio will be on the ground floor next to the CCTV office in Salem.
  - Funding has been received, and transmission equipment is being purchased.
- Marion County is looking at reconstituting the Marion and Polk Counties Continuum of Care to allow for more effective planning and resource delivery at the local level.
  - A continuum of care is a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals.
    - Not about money, but local control.
    - Current system not serving Marion County very well.

**ADJOURNED 5:25 pm**