

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 11, 2019 4:00 PM

Courthouse Square

Salem, OR

MCPSCC: Mark Caillier, Kevin Cameron, Rob Carney, Paige Clarkson, Jayne Downing, Jim Ferraris, Don Frederickson, Troy Gregg, Justin Hopkins, Rick Lewis, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Jerry Moore, Diane Morse, Tracy Prall, Jeff Wood, Cari Sessums, and Hitesh Parekh (recorder).

GUESTS: Josh Brooks, Jan Calvin, Alison Kelley, Tim Murphy, Daryl Thomas, Ray Wilson.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE (INFORMATION/ACTION)

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

Welcome and introductions

Attendees introduced themselves.

Approve May 14, 2019 minutes (Action)

MOTION: Jerry Moore moved to approve the May 14, 2019 meeting minutes. Seconded by Ed McKenney. A voice vote was unanimous.

Announcements and upcoming events

- Greg Leo has resigned from the council.
- Council memberships for Mark Caillier, Jayne Downing, Levi Herrera-Lopez, and Representative Rick Lewis expire on July 31, 2019.
 - All indicated they wish to serve another term on the Council.
 - Staff will recommend that the Marion County Board of Commissioners reappoint them.
- Sheriff Jason Myers' retirement party is on June 27, 2019. All are welcome to attend.
- Marion County Board of Commissioners Office is interviewing two candidates for the Sheriff's position – Commander Joseph Kast from the Marion County's Sheriff's Office, and Lt. Josh Brooks from the Oregon State Police.
- Marion County was interviewed by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission as a pilot county to start a Behavioral Health Initiative program under Senate Bill 973.
 - State will allocate approximately \$10 million to four counties to start a program.
- Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome and Beyond conference is on September 27 – 28, 2019 at the Keizer Community Center.
 - 30 babies per month at the Salem Hospital are born testing positive for opioid addiction.
- 2019 MCRI breakfast will be held on October 1 at the Keizer Community Center.

2. 2019 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Justice Reinvestment Initiative funding is moving ahead.
- Very high likelihood House Bill (HB) 2244 (CourtCare program) will not be funded for Marion and Polk Counties.
- HB 3180 modifying allocation formula for grants to regional assessment centers and community assessment centers is also moving ahead.
- Victim service advocates are working on a change to the sexual assault protection order.

- With some amendments, the pseudoephedrine bill, HB 2303 looks to pass. Will allow pharmacists to dispense pseudoephedrine after checking a state database.

3. 2019-21 JRI GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS (DISCUSSION/ACTION)

Hitesh Parekh, staff to the council, presented this item. Summary of presentation:

Background:

- HB 3194 passed in 2013 when Oregon was on the verge of building a prison.
- Marion and several of the larger counties in the state were exceeding their baseline prison usage.
- Very expensive to build and staff a prison.
- Oregon Criminal Justice Commission and legislature worked together to come up with legislation to divert non-violent property and drug offenders from prison into community supervision.
- Counties to receive Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) grant funds to divert offenders.
- Purpose of the grant program is to provide funding to counties to plan, implement, or expand initiatives to increase public safety, avert prison costs, and improve offender services that reduce recidivism and increase accountability.
- Marion County applied for and received \$3,754,893 in grant funds for the 2017-19 biennium.
 - 10% or \$375,489 was used for victim services.
- In 2015, when the council received the first JRI grant, it did a lot of work around victim services, developed a flow chart, and added more funds for victim services besides the mandatory 10% set aside.
- 3% of the grant funds to be used for a Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) program evaluation locally or statewide.
- ORS mandates that local public safety councils approve the plan before it is submitted.

Developing the 2015-17 Plan:

- The council learned every aspect of the community corrections and justice reinvestment system over a thirteen month period beginning in 2014.
- Assessed programs in the Sheriff's and District Attorney's Offices.
- Invited other agencies to explain their needs.
- Compiled a list of community corrections services including:
 - Supervision, prison diversion, reentry initiatives, and contracted services.
- Steering Committee went through each of the funding proposals and ranked them.
- Council then discussed the proposals and adopted the plan.
- Process was very thorough.

Developing the 2019-21 Plan:

- Approximately \$ 4 million in new funds will be available to Marion County.
- Goal is to have the council adopt the JRI plan at its July 11 meeting.
- Steering committee will hold an extended meeting in June to review and discuss proposed projects to fund and then bring their recommendations to the full council to consider.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the 2017-19 funded programs, the Sheriff's Office will be developing a performance report to review outcomes and number of clients served.
- Sheriff's Office is also developing budgets for the proposed 2019-21 projects.
- Steering Committee will review these documents at its June meeting.

Summary of Discussion

- \$92,081 in funding for the victim services advocate position has been omitted from the proposed 2019-21 JRI budget. This is an important partnership between victim assistance and the courts. Staff will add back into 2019-21 JRI budget.
- Sheriff's Office has put the preliminary budget numbers together and is already in a deficit of approximately \$435,000. Will be facing some difficult decisions. Also, all funds will have to be spent by December 31, 2019, so there will not be any carryover as in prior years.
- Marion County's community corrections allocation has also been reduced from the prior year.

MOTION: Jerry Moore made a motion that the council readopt the criteria adopted by the council on July 14, 2015 for prioritizing programs and services to be included in the 2019-21 grant application; and that the council approve the timeline as recommended by the steering committee for the 2019-21 JRI application. Seconded by Rob Carney. Motion passes unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF 2019-21 SPECIALTY COURTS GRANT APPLICATION [\(See Powerpoint\)](#)

Marion County Circuit Court Presiding Judge Tracy Prall presented this item. Summary of presentation:

- Judge Prall asked the council to approve a grant application totaling \$2,864,763 to fund five specialty courts for the 2019-21 biennium from a Oregon Criminal Justice Commission grant.
- The five specialty courts are currently funded through a grant from the CJC.
 - The grant goals mirror the goals for the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) grant, which is why the grant has to be approved and submitted by the MCPSCC.
 - Separately, the courts are requesting \$20,000 in JRI grant funds.
 - This money pays for incentives that the CJC grant will not pay for.
 - A county agency must be the grant administrator. The Marion County Health Department has agreed to take on this role.
 - The MCPSCC must be the applicant.
- Total budget request is for \$2,864,763 for the biennium.
 - This is an increase of \$1,375,563 over the current biennium.
 - Much of the increase is due to additional personnel and substance abuse testing.
 - Adult drug court has a proposed budget of \$813,957 to serve 60 participants per month
 - Mental Health Court has a proposed budget of \$664,557 to serve 30 participants per month
 - Veterans Treatment Court has a proposed budget of \$680,631 per month to serve 30 participants per month
 - Fostering Attachment Treatment Court has a budget of \$411,126 to serve 30 participants per month
 - STAR Court has a budget of \$294,469 per month to serve 30 participants per month

Q: The \$20,000 request for funds from the JRI funds, will this be used for drug testing?

A: No. Only asking for funds from the JRI for things that cannot be used by the specialty courts grant funds.

MOTION: Jayne Downing made a motion to approve the Marion County Circuit Court's specialty court grant application from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$2,864,763 for the 2019-21 biennium. Jerry Moore seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

5. CONTINUUM OF CARE: (DISCUSSION/ACTION)

Jan Calvin, consultant from the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments presented this item.

Summary of [presentation](#):

- Ms. Calvin is working with the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments and former Marion County Commissioner Janet Carlson on the homelessness initiative on rural continuum of care.
- Marion County is currently part of the Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC), a group that consists of 28 other Oregon counties.
 - Membership in this group is likely reducing Marion County's access to federal support to combat homelessness.
 - Since joining ROCC, Marion County has seen its level of financial support from federal resources decrease from \$1.05 million in 2012 to just under \$700,000 in 2018.
 - Unless Marion County leaves ROCC, its ability to compete for federal funding will not improve.
- County should form a new Continuum of Care (CoC) alliance with Polk and Yamhill Counties.
- CoC development is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to qualify for funding at the federal level.
 - This funding can assist with everything from construction of affordable housing to domestic violence and addiction services and healthcare for the homeless.
- Marion and Polk counties once operated under their own CoC, but the administrative duties were mostly handled by non-profits.
 - In an effort to ease the burden of administrative duties, local leaders opted to join the ROCC in 2012.
 - This had a negative effect on the federal money available to serve the local homeless population.
- Problem with Marion County being in the ROCC is that the score the Department of Housing and Urban Development uses to determine funding levels is diminished by other communities not doing as much. (Scores are based on data collection and successful outcomes.)
 - The ROCC's current score is less than 140, while Clackamas County has a score of 190.
 - These scores translate into dollars to combat homelessness.
 - The 28 counties operating under the ROCC get \$550 per homeless person.
 - Washington County receives an allocation of roughly \$5,900 per year per homeless person; Clackamas County receives just under \$5,000; and Lane County, which has operated under its own CoC for at least 20 years, gets \$2,400 per person.
- Ms. Calvin analyzed the merits of Marion/Polk and Yamhill counties forming their own CoC, the recommended organizational structure for this CoC, and what the next steps are for the three counties to form their own CoC.
- Ms. Calvin requested a letter of support from the MCPSCC to establish a CoC for the Mid-Willamette region including Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties.

MOTION: Mark Caillier made a motion to approve a letter of support from the MCPSCC to establish a Continuum of Care for the Mid-Willamette region. Seconded by Pete McCallum. A voice vote was unanimous.

6. EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS

- MCPSCC chair is reviewing by-laws of the MCPSCC and steering committee.
- Wants to be cognizant of everyone's time.
- Exploring if steering committee will be able to make formal decisions for the full council. If so, steering committee can meet more frequently and the full council can meet less frequently.

Adjourned 5:30 PM