

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL (MCPSCC)
Full Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
Commissioners Boardroom, Courthouse Square, Salem, Oregon

MCPSCC: Colm Willis, Don Frederickson, Trevor Womack, Jayne Downing, Julie Hoy, Chris Zohner, Paige Clarkson, Doug Cox, Mike Hartford, Anna Jefferson, Ryan Matthews, Chris Eppley, Troy Gregg, Jay Bergmann, Nick Hunter, Pete McCallum, and Robert Carney.

Guests: Aaron Gosney on behalf of Michael Runyon, Ben Goldberg on behalf of Shannon Wilson, Bruce Anderson on behalf of Kelley Alison and Gary White.

Commissioner Willis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE (INFORMATION/ACTION)

-Colm Willis

Welcome and Introductions

- New MCPSCC members:
 - Julie Hoy;
 - Doug Cox; and
 - Jay Bergmann.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

- Marion County Reentry Breakfast;
- Marion County SIM hosted by Willamette Health Council:
 - Intersection of health and public safety.

Approve August 8, 2023, MCPSCC Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Jayne Downing made a motion to approve the August 08, 2023, MCPSCC meeting minutes. Seconded by Don Frederickson. Motion passed unanimously.

2. GENERAL TOPICS

-Colm Willis

Mossman Update

-Paige Clarkson

Summary of presentation:

- The goal of the litigation and letter is for Oregon State Hospital (OSH) to be complying by having a seven day turn around from the time somebody is in jail until they are entered into the state hospital if they are unable to aid and assist in their defense.
- OSH has reported they are compliance for close to 60 days:
 - If there is compliance for 90 days, the Mossman decreased timelines go away; and
 - The Mossman Order is in effect only if non-compliant.

- Those not at OSH go to Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) for community restoration:
 - Pre Mossman, we had about 20ish people in community restoration.
 - Post Mossman there are about 60 individuals at MCHHS; and
 - Not sustainable as there are not enough resources.
 - Not managing clients appropriately or responsibly;
- Things are manageable if OSH remains in compliance, and we return to more manageable statutory timelines then those pressures might ease up;
- Legislative solutions have been discussed:
 - Representatives Tom Andersen and Ed Diehl have been very involved and listened to solutions; and
 - The short session is 30 days and not much may be done.
- Solutions continue to be offered and are being worked through;
- We need the state hospital to do their job and they have been derelict in their duty towards these individuals who are suffering.
- Marion County and other counties are working through this and are finding creative solutions;

Summary of discussion:

- Multiple counties are experiencing the rise in work volume;
- Funding is capped and no new funds in the new biennium:
 - Larger counties will lose funding as previously some counties received no funds.
- Community Behavioral Health Programs will receive \$6 million:
 - Do not do community restoration but offer support; and
 - Marion County does not have such programs.
- System is at risk to fall apart further:
 - Collaboration and partnership from the community has been helpful.
- Individuals have the choice to join the community restoration program, as it is voluntary:
 - The majority of people comply; and
 - Currently about a dozen are unaccounted for.
- A solution is having a consequence for non-compliance:
 - Those released from OSH do not need to comply and by statute the community can't monitor individuals; and
 - Often those in crisis do not realize they need help.
 - Some sort of hammer is needed.
- Systems have bottlenecks and lack of resources:
 - Wait time for mental health evaluations, for trials, are six to eight months; and
 - State is prioritizing evaluations for patients at OSH to try to move them out;
 - Funding is lacking and it falls to the county.

Measure 110

- Colm Willis

Summary of presentation:

- Marion County Board of Commissioners to have a proclamation to repeal the measure:
 - The measure is seen as a failure.

Summary of discussion:

- The District Attorney and Sheriff are in favor of the proclamation:
 - It has created further behavioral health and public safety problems;
 - Intervention needs to take place; and
 - The concept is good, but the removal of public safety has been a disaster.
- Police contacts result in citations which should get individuals to go to get treatment:
 - Many do not get treatment and police stop issuing citations;
 - Previously many received help because of criminal referrals, no longer a viable option:
 - Currently many come in from social referrals and may not be as motivated.
 - Offenses get worse as the addiction progresses early intervention worked to minimize and deescalate criminal behaviors; and
 - Incentives for treatment and services need to be in place.
- Law enforcement will not solve all the problems;
- Problems need to be stopped before they escalate to bigger issues:
 - Police come in when addiction is out of control and major crime is happens; and
 - Low level issues are easier to resolve, upstream versus downstream.
- An effective tool has been removed, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD):
 - Individuals avoid incarceration, receive help, there are consequences, and courts manage if the issues grow worse; and
 - This is individual crisis management and not incarceration.
- Community corrections funding has decreased as the supervision population decreased;
- One group would like to repeal, and a legislative group would like to reform the measure:
 - It would not be a full repeal and would require diversion; and
 - Trying to make the promise work.
- Measure 110 was largely funded through out of state donors and in state donors are funding for change.

Theft

-Colm Willis

Summary of presentation:

- There has been an increase in theft with the drug use driving it up; and
- Stores are closing in Portland because of theft.

Summary of discussion:

- Theft rises when all the other issues continue to rise in various populations including:
 - Homeless populations;
 - Measure 110 population; and
 - Organized crime population.
- Actions and problems are not being addressed causing issues to grow;
- Lack of accountability is an issue;
- Theft for need vs greed or to fuel a drug habit;
- Violent crime is growing causing resources to be spread thin:
 - Gang activity does play a part in this.

- Theft crimes do not seem to be related to gang activity;
- Rise in car break-ins and thefts at state parks;
- Social media plays a role in spreading videos and images of violent activity;
- Theft is something that often happens among the homeless population:
 - Per an individual with firsthand experience.
- Many have been victims of theft; and
- A certain level of crime has been accepted.

Youth Violence & Gun Crimes Report

-Trevor Womack

Summary of Presentation:

- Shooting data from the last five years was looked at;
- A community-based violence prevention strategy needs to be created based off the data;
- The school district will be included at a later time;

Summary of discussion:

- Another component is general juvenile crime;
- Woodburn Mayor Frank Lonergan will present finding in January;
- The city of Woodburn is hiring a Youth Coordinator:
 - Embrace all social services needed to help the families.
- The study encompasses violence committed by all ages;
- The state of Oregon has issues on what is allowed and not allowed;
- Regarding Measure 110, youth are issued citations and there are not requirements:
 - There are no fees, no tracking, or obligations to use resources.
 - No consequences for actions, we have failed as a state.
- The frustrations are high as the work put in does not go as far as it did:
 - The work continues and needs to continue.
- Marion County has need innovative regarding the Mossman order;
- Law enforcement is at the front of the work in the community and the tools are limited:
 - There are many vacancies in law enforcement positions; and
 - Many are leaving the profession as the work does not seem worthwhile.
- Good work is being done by those that have been putting in the work for years;
- The problem is a social issue as there are not consequences and accountability in place;
- MCPSCC hold each other accountable as well; and
- Marion County works to help the whole community.

3. APPROVE APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR DRUG-ADDICTED PERSONS, STUDENT OPPORTUNITY FOR ACHIEVING RESULTS (SOAR) PROGRAM

- Community Corrections Commander Mike Hartford

Summary of presentation:

- Biannual funding was created for individuals with convicted drug crimes:
 - This is the result of Measure 57.
- Each county gets an allocation:

- Marion County, this biennium, receives \$1.36 million; and
- This will provide the bulk of the funding for the SOAR program.
- SOAR is done with Chemeketa Community College and Marion County Health and Human Service (MCHHS):
 - There are four cohorts a year with 24 individuals in each cohort.
- Department of Corrections (DOC) asked to address some of the following issues:
 - Ensure programs are viable regarding Measure 110; and
 - Ensure the local PSCC is on board with the programs.
- This covers the following:
 - Operational support:
 - Materials and services; and
 - Personnel.
 - MCHHS contract which provides:
 - Drug treatment;
 - Mentoring services; and
 - SOAR program provides wrap around services.
- The program was evaluated by the DOC in April:
 - It adheres highly to evidence-based practices:
 - In the top five percents of programs.
 - There have been 43 class graduations with a 58 percent completion rate:
 - Those who complete the class have a 15 percent lower recidivism rate.

Summary of discussion:

- The program turns individuals lives around and allows them to help others in need; and
- Individuals and their families are affected by the program in positive ways.

MOTION: Nick Hunter made a motion to approve the application for supplemental funds for drug-addicted persons, Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR) program. Seconded by Robert Carney. Motion passed unanimously.

4. PSYCHIATRIC CRISIS CENTER UPDATE

-Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- Facility was purchased at 1234 Commercial Street in 2022;
- The improvements with the architect have been finalized;
- Construction will begin August 2024, move-in projected for January 2025;
- Services will continue to be done at the current location at the Salem Hospital;
- 3160 Center Street MCHHS building is open and operating;
- 3180 Center Street MCHHS building will continue services; and
- Services will be on one campus.

Summary of discussion:

- None.

5. CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL (CJAC)

-Judge Tracy Prall

Summary of presentation:

- None.

Summary of discussion:

- None.

6. EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS

- None

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting.