



# PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

A meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Council was held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 via Zoom virtual meeting platform

	Judge Wells Ashby ( <i>Chair</i> )	x	Nick Lelack, <i>County Administrator (Vice Chair)</i>
	Stephen Gunnels, <i>District Attorney</i>	x	L. Shane Nelson, <i>Deschutes County Sheriff</i>
x	Mike Krantz, <i>Bend Police Chief</i>	x	Anthony Broadman, <i>Bend City Councilor</i>
x	Devin Lewis, <i>Redmond Police Chief</i>	x	Keith Witcosky, <i>Redmond City Manager</i>
x	Stephen Lopez, <i>Sunriver Police Chief</i>		Thomas Spear, <i>Defense Attorney</i>
x	Sara Crosswhite, <i>Director 9-1-1 Operations</i>	x	Deevy Holcomb, <i>Director Community Justice</i>
x	Phil Chang, <i>County Commissioner</i>	x	Janice Garceau, <i>Director Health Services</i>
x	Angie Curtis, <i>Court Administrator</i>	x	Gil Levy, <i>Citizen Member and Director KIDS Center</i>
x	Donna Mills, <i>Citizen Member</i>		
x	Joseph Mabonga ( <i>non-voting</i> ), <i>Juvenile P&amp;P Supervisor Oregon Youth Authority</i>		Brandon Smithers ( <i>non-voting</i> ), <i>Lieutenant Oregon State Police</i>
	Jason Van Meter ( <i>Interested Party</i> ), <i>Black Butte Ranch Police Chief</i>		Roger Olsen ( <i>Interested Party</i> ), <i>NAMI Central Oregon</i>

**Also present were:** Erik Kropp, *Deputy County Administrator*; Trevor Stephens, *Business Manager Community Justice*; Lisa Cohen, *Saving Grace*; Gail Bartley, *Saving Grace*; Mary Anderson, *Chief Deputy District Attorney*; Angie Powers, *Administrative Assistant BOCC*

**Media present:** Heather Roberts, *Oregon Radio News Network*

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### 1. Call to Order and Introductions:

Vice Chair Lelack called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

**2. Approval of LPSCC Meeting Minutes:**

**Action:** Vice Chair Lelack acknowledged that no committee members were in opposition to approval of the November 7, 2023 minutes, so the minutes were approved as submitted.

**3. Public Comment:**

None presented.

**4. Justice Reinvestment Semi-Annual Report:**

Trevor Stephens provided a summary of the 2023-2025 Deschutes County Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP) Grant Semi-Annual Report for Q1 and Q2, with an update to the funding received from the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) as well as the first reporting cycle for the formula grant and the competitive grant. Attachment 2 covers this agenda item in detail.

Trevor noted there are two funding streams we receive for JRP - the formula grant and the competitive grant. The formula grant is an allocation based on the percentage of individuals supervised under Adult P&P.

The formula grant was approved. Our JRP program focuses on Downward Departures (DD), Alternative to Incarceration Program (AIP) and Short-Term Transitional Leave (STTL). The total budget for the formula grant was \$1,872,386. Providing transitional and sober housing, barrier reduction and access to treatment are key focus areas.

A portion of our competitive grant was approved. \$514,403 was received for key personnel, focused on DD. A key aspect of the DD program will be gender-responsive services.

\$244,914.81 was received for victim's services agencies. Saving Grace (Mary's Place), CASA of Central Oregon, KIDS Center, J Bar J Anti-Trafficking Project and In Our Backyard will receive portions of this funding.

Because the formula grant was approved, the Q1 and Q2 reporting periods are now due. They are utilizing transitional housing, sober housing, stability, treatment, and barrier reduction. Additionally, a major component of the program is Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), namely Moral Reconciliation Program (MRT) which has a 77% successful completion rate for 2023.

Relative to the competitive grant, work has begun on gender responsive services. They are working with the DA's office on changes to the Defendant Assessment Report. Over

the past six months, they've had 61 downward departures with 29 going to JRP caseloads. Trevor shared some statistics on participant accomplishments.

**Action:** Motion made by Donna Mills to approve the submission of the Q1 and Q2 JRP report to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Chang

**VOTES:** All yes. Motion carries.

## 5. HB 4002 / Ballot Measure 110 Reform:

Vice Chair Lelack stated that HB 4002 was approved this short session and moves to the Governor's Office for signature. He acknowledged the roles played by everyone in attendance at today's meeting. Mary Anderson, Chief Deputy District Attorney, stated her office's commitment to participating in both deflection and diversion programs. We will see a recriminalization of possession of user amounts of hard drugs under a new class U misdemeanor. Law enforcement will be able to respond in a proactive manner with arrest or citation, while providing opportunities for treatment.

Janice Garceau, Health Services Director, is pleased there will be incentives for treatment and accountability. She wished to keep in everyone's sight the fact that people of color and marginalized populations are incarcerated at much higher rates. She doesn't want to lose sight of the initial intent of BM 110 which was noble but poorly written. She clarified that she is not placing blame, but acknowledged this is our culture, with housing disparity being another reality.

Chief Krantz said he felt BM 110 was a failure from the start. It caused a tremendous amount of harm to our communities and those suffering from addiction. It was the first attempt at a fix. Acknowledging that there has been a lot of bipartisan support for HB 4002, he stated the law enforcement community must now take the next step to make it work for our community. He added there are some good tools in the package which will allow law enforcement to make our communities safer, but there are also a lot of unanswered questions about the counties' and cities' roles. HB 4002 is a start, with a long road ahead. He expressed the need for a state-funded sobering center in our region, noting that the Stabilization Center and Hospital Emergency Rooms are not the same as sobering centers.

Sheriff Nelson shared that 20 to 45-year-old white males make up the bulk of our incarcerated population and expressed confidence in law enforcement's arrests. He hopes that treatment will become a more attractive option for those suffering from addiction.

Commissioner Chang asked how deflection works at the local level, and questioned if we have the organizational capacity for deflection to work. Mary spoke to the funding and resource identification for deflection to work. The overall idea of deflection is similar to that of conditional discharge. It starts with law enforcement contact, who has discretion (arrest or citation). Deflection is pre-charging. There will be a longer citation/

release date, closer to 60 days. Treatment information and access to resources will be provided. If the individual declines treatment, a charging decision is made. If a charge is filed, the person has an opportunity to divert. They will be under supervised probation and assigned a Parole Officer (PO), with the goal of getting them into treatment. There will be no conviction if the individual is conditionally discharged to treatment.

Councilor Broadman echoed Chief Krantz and Sheriff Nelson's comments. He gave credit to the group in getting the legislature to a much better result than the first draft of HB 4002. It's a difficult fix to something that wasn't working. He urged the region to continue to lead with common sense and just public safety solutions that benefit the entire state. He thanked everyone for working together.

Deevy spoke to what probation and supervision might look like. A letter of support for HB 4002-33 was provided by the Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD). Person-centered supervision will be provided to those whose risk and needs mean that they will be helped in our system. She highlighted some powerful testimonies about how these laws will impact different populations. They are seeking a specialized approach with those coming in with the new misdemeanor U. Clients will be supported to be treatment-oriented and "off-ramps" for individuals will be provided. She credited the DA's office/Parole & Probation's recent and ongoing partnership in working on racial disparities in prosecution and P&P's outcomes, noting that Judge Crutchley is also heading a circuit court workgroup on diversity, equity and inclusion. They'll work together to monitor and ensure this program doesn't result in racial or ethnic disparities. Janice noted that off ramps are difficult to take advantage of when housing continues to be a challenge. Investment in treatment and housing must go together. She noted that funding for deflection has been identified, but still far away from being enough for robust treatment court.

Chief Krantz said this offers hope for families and loved ones of those with addiction. He anticipates positive impacts coming from the treatment and accountability options. Family members often hope that incarceration will result in their loved ones being safe and receiving treatment.

Gil Levy echoed Chief Krantz's comments, expressing optimism for the new tools provided in HB 4002.

Joseph Mabonga, Oregon Youth Authority, said that it's heartbreaking for families of youth who often come to them asking for their child to be arrested in hopes for them to get into treatment. It's a real problem. In addition to substance abuse, mental health issues are prevalent and often go together. He said that a presentation from DHS might be helpful for a future PSCC meeting. Deevy noted the conversation about HB 4002 didn't include youth or juveniles, but Rep. Kropf shared that another task force focused on youth will be developed. Janice sees youth prevention as a missed opportunity with this legislation.

## **6. Agency Updates and Other Business:**

Vice Chair Lelack thanked everyone for their insight and collaboration. He shared that \$1.5 million in funding for the Stabilization Center was secured this short legislative session.

Commissioner Chang shared that Community Justice is implementing a justice-involved post-release housing project. This population struggles to secure housing post-release. The County has received a large amount of opposition from neighbors and Commissioner Chang encouraged anyone in the group to provide their feedback or opinion to the commission if so inclined.

Chief Krantz shared there's a new drug called OPVEE, used to counteract synthetic opioids. It's FDA-approved and currently used in Michigan with positive results. His officers respond to many overdoses and end up administering multiple doses of Narcan to counteract fentanyl. Janice will do some research on this new drug with her team and share feedback.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Vice Chair Lelack adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant