



PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

A meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Council was held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 via Zoom virtual meeting platform

x	Judge Wells Ashby (<i>Chair</i>)	x	Nick Lelack, <i>County Administrator (Vice Chair)</i>
x	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>
	Devin Lewis, <i>Redmond Police Chief</i>		Keith Witcosky, <i>Redmond City Manager</i>
	Mike Womer, <i>Sunriver Police Chief</i>		Thomas Spear, <i>Defense Attorney</i>
	Sara Crosswhite, <i>Director 9-1-1 Operations</i>	x	Deevy Holcomb, <i>Director Community Justice</i>
x	Phil Chang, <i>County Commissioner</i>		Janice Garceau, <i>Director Health Services</i>
x	Angie Curtis, <i>Court Administrator</i>		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>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*; Tanner Wark, *Deputy Director Community Justice*; Heather Dion, *Executive Director CASA Central Oregon*; Stephen Lopez, *Sunriver Police Lieutenant* and Angie Powers, *Administrative Assistant BOCC*.

Media present: None present

1. Call to Order and Introductions:

Judge Ashby called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

2. Approval of LPSCC Meeting Minutes:

Action: Motion made by DA Gunnels to approve the September 5, 2023 minutes.

SECOND: Chief Krantz

VOTES: All yes. Motion carries.

3. Public Comment:

None presented.

4. FY 23-25 Supervision of Individuals with Drug and Property Offenses (Attachment 2):

Deevy Holcomb spoke about the county's M57 program, which serves eligible clients with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and property offenses. Trevor Stephens provided some background on 2008's Ballot Measure 57, aimed towards increasing sentences for certain repeat drug and property offenses. With the goal of reducing recidivism, M57 increased funding towards supervision, services and sanctions for M57-eligible clients.

Deevy shared that community corrections offers a unique balance between positive healthy relationships with clients and accountability. She described the relationship as trustworthy, compassionate, and person-centered. Furthermore, this relationship must include accountability. The components of a M57 plan include: assessment, case plan, motivation, skill building, and stabilization.

Trevor shared some M57 outcomes as snapshots in time and provided a summary of the budget based on a two-year budget cycle.

Responding to Sheriff Nelson, Trevor said that the FTE in Attachment 2 are based on current, not new, FTE.

Action: Motion made by Sheriff Nelson to approve the Measure 57 Plan Application

SECOND: Donna Mills

VOTES: All yes. Motion carries. It was noted by Nick Lelack that Janice Garceau was unable to attend this meeting but sent an email that she was supportive of a yes vote on this item.

5. Treatment Court White Paper Request (Attachment 3):

Deevy highlighted Attachment 3, which describes the requirements and challenges of operating a model treatment court program. Deschutes County had a drug treatment court for 17 years, which transitioned from a Family Drug Court to an Adult Treatment

Court. It was a comprehensive, resource-intensive program that required collaboration between agencies and entities. Drug court contributed to success for many participants, particularly those who were able to complete the program. The challenges to sustaining the components are outlined in the attachment. Deevy highlighted that a requirement for state funding is *fidelity*, in which the program is clinically designed and proven to be effective. Page 2 of the attachment highlights some of the concerns with meeting this requirement.

Angie Curtis shared that a variety of factors lead to the discontinuation of the program. She acknowledged that the need for services continues to exist in our community, but a multitude of factors made it difficult to maintain the program.

Councilor Broadman said that a desire exists amongst Bend City Council, and the community as a whole, to resurrect the Adult Treatment Court or similar model and acknowledged that the decision to dissolve the program was a difficult one. Accepting that any legislative changes to Measure 110 will affect the adult treatment court model, Councilor Broadman shared a comprehensive recommendation package with the group, entitled "A Comprehensive Approach to Addressing Oregon's Addiction and Community Livability Crisis". This package was a group effort of eleven policy proposals drafted by the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police, the Oregon State Sheriff's Association, the Oregon District Attorneys Association and the League of Oregon Cities. It addresses Oregon's addiction crisis and Ballot Measure 110.

Commissioner Chang shared his appreciation for the work being done. He had questions about the challenges which led to the dissolution of Adult Treatment Court. More specifically, he questioned which challenges were fundamental, and which were second order. He stated that he was grappling with the decline in referrals over time, and how many of these are attributed to Measure 110.

Chief Krantz highlighted funding as a key component of the recommendation package. He stressed the importance of supporting the overall package of policy proposals. In his professional opinion, Measure 110 led to the demise of the drug treatment court, as there were no longer possession cases. Furthermore, there must be accountability and an effective means to encourage individuals to seek SUD treatment. He believes that legislative changes are needed to fix the problems created by M110.

Judge Ashby added that M110 created a shifting population, and there must be an incentive to participate. Some offenders look for the easiest path through the criminal justice system, as opposed to accepting interventions such as treatment. He acknowledged that participation in Adult Treatment Court was declining prior to M110 but M110 assumes a rational actor and it certainly didn't help.

Discussion ensued regarding a working group tasked with looking at alternate models of a drug treatment court. Consensus from the group was in support of moving forward with establishing a work group. Tanner Wark shared that Community Justice currently

supervises 980 individuals, and of those 242 people are currently undergoing SUD treatment. The Adult Treatment Court most recently served only 17 people. Due to other demands on Community Justice staff's time, Sheriff Nelson volunteered someone from his department to take a leadership role as convener of the group, possibly Captain Shults. Chair Ashby will speak offline with DA Gunnels, Commissioner Chang and others willing to participate, noting that time is of the essence. Sheriff Nelson was pleased with the momentum created and hopeful that the group will consider alternate community court models.

Commissioner Chang stated that he is confident that innovative ideas will come out of this collaborative group, in determining creative ways of helping people be successful at overcoming addiction.

6. 21-23 Q9 Justice Reinvestment Budget Amendment Approval (Attachment 4):

Trevor spoke about this JRI grant, stating that \$43,853.04 needs to be moved from contractual services into personal services. He added that there are no programmatic changes or changes in FTE. The goal is to ensure that all JRI funds are spent by the end of 2023.

Action: Motion made by Donna Mills to approve the Budget Amendment Request for the 21-23 Formula Grant Budget.

SECOND: Sheriff Nelson

VOTES: All yes. Motion carries.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Chair Ashby highlighted a recent order by U.S. District Judge Michael McShane. The order states that anyone held in jail without a court-appointed lawyer will be released 7 days after their initial court appearance. This order will become operative statewide on November 16. Chair Ashby noted the importance of pretrial custody. More information on this order is to come.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Ashby adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant