



# PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

A meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Council was held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 via Zoom virtual meeting platform

	Judge Wells Ashby ( <i>Chair</i> )		Nick Lelack, <i>County Administrator (Vice Chair)</i>
x	Stephen Gunnels, <i>District Attorney</i>		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	Mike Womer, <i>Sunriver Police Chief</i>		Jason Van Meter, <i>Black Butte Police Chief</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>		Janice Garceau, <i>Director Health Services</i>
x	Angie Curtis, <i>Court Administrator</i>		Thomas Spear, <i>Defense Attorney</i>
x	Gil Levy, <i>Citizen Member and Director KIDS Center</i>		Roger Olsen, <i>NAMI Central Oregon</i>
	Joseph Mabonga, <i>Oregon Youth Authority</i>		Brandon Smithers, <i>Lieutenant Oregon State Police</i>

**Also present were:** Erik Kropp, *Facilitator and Deputy County Administrator*; Trevor Stephens, *Business Manager Community Justice*; Tanner Wark, *Deputy Director Community Justice*; Gail Bartley, *Program Manager Mary's Place*; Cassie MacQueen, *Executive Director Saving Grace*; Donna Mills, *Citizen*; Lucía Barragán, *Labor Trafficking Coordinator J Bar J Youth Services*; Angie Powers, *Administrative Assistant BOCC*; and Barb Campbell, *Bend City Councilor*.

**Media present:** None present

## 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Acting Vice Chair Erik Kropp called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

## 2. APPROVAL OF LPSCC MEETING MINUTES:

Action: Motion made by Chief Lewis to approve the August 1, 2023 minutes.

SECOND: Chief Krantz

VOTES: All yes. Motion carries.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None presented.

## 4. COMMUNITY CORRECTION PLAN:

Deevy Holcomb, Community Justice, and Tanner Wark, Adult Parole & Probation, presented the 2023-2025 Community Corrections Plan.

- Deevy provided an overview of CJ's core values, and their mission of "Protecting the public, repairing harm, holding clients accountable and facilitating pro-social thinking".
- An Open House was recently held at the Adult P&P building, to showcase their remodel and expansion.
- The landscape this biennium presents challenges of maintaining or improving outcomes for justice-involved individuals in the face of budget cuts. A slide illustrated curves of post-prison and probation populations, showing that we're currently sitting in a trough for funding. The trend is upward for the number of individuals to be served, but not reaching pre-COVID levels. Chief Krantz commented that these numbers reflect their calls for service and reported crimes, with a ~3% increase per year since COVID. Some factors include:
  - Budget cuts of \$1.5 million in grant and aid from the state for Deschutes County
  - Ballot measure 110 reduced the number of people coming into the system, as did COVID.
- Workforce sustainability and wellness is another topic of concern. Stress related to secondary trauma is now recognized as an impact to the workforce. Some strategies this biennium include:
  - Nurturing partnerships (trauma-informed training to provide trauma-informed care to justice-involved individuals)
  - Diversifying revenue (JRP funding)
  - Flexible organizational structure (doing more with less, maintaining open FTEs)
  - Improving client outcomes through balanced supervision and accountability
- Deevy shared a letter from a client commending PO Feta for her care and commitment.

- CJ balances **supervision, services and sanctions**. Deevy shared their scope of activities and an overview of outcomes based on data. CJ is doing well with best practices.
- Prison utilization has remained below the baseline.
- The largest items in the CJ budget are for administration and support, felony supervision (PO's, Probation Specialists and Administrative staff) and custodial and sanction beds (direct payments to the jail).
- Angie Curtis asked about services that may be able to be absorbed in the community, such as substance use/abuse treatment. Deevy responded that Measure 110 did not result in an immediate increase in treatment providers in the community, but nurturing partnerships is part of their strategy.

Action: Motion made by Councilor Broadman to approve the Community Correction Plan, to go before the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

SECOND: Chief Womer

VOTES: All yes. Motion carries.

#### 5. **CJC VICTIMS SERVICES GRANT SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

*Note: In the interest of time and maintaining quorum, this item was covered prior to Item #4.*

- Trevor provided an overview of the Justice Reinvestment Program: Victims Services Grant Program.
- Five applications were received, from: In Our Back Yard, Saving Grace Imagine Life Without Violence (Mary's Place), CASA of Central Oregon, J Bar J Anti-Trafficking Project and KIDS Center. Trevor provided a brief overview of these five applications, including each organization's requested amounts, service offerings and target populations.
- \$187,239 in funds are available at this time.
- The subcommittee consisted of DA Gunnels, Citizen Member Donna Mills, OYA's Joseph Mabonga and Commissioner Chang.
- The subcommittee reviewed the applications and scored each one. Scores were averaged for each of the five organizations, then assigned an average percentage recommendation. The actual awards will be based on the average percentage recommendations, as recommended by the subcommittee:
  - In Our Backyard 17%
  - Mary's Place 26%
  - CASA 18%
  - J Bar J Anti-Trafficking 18%
  - KIDS Center 21%
- Next step: If LPSCC approves, Trevor will reach out to the organizations to find out if these awards can work within their budget.

Action: Motion made by Chief Womer to approve the CJC competitive grant application submission as recommended by the subcommittee.

SECOND: Chief Lewis

VOTES: All yes. Motion carries.

## 6. CJC FORMULA BUDGET AND COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION:

Trevor Stephens provided an overview of the CJC Formula Grant and Competitive Grant Program.

- The Formula Grant is focused on Downward Departures (DD), Alternative to Incarceration Program (AIP) and Short Term Transitional Leave (STTL). The grant amount is \$1,872,386 over a two-year grant period.
- The Competitive Grant is focused on DD and the key personnel for the operation of the DD program. Deschutes County's request is for \$915,012.
- Deevy Holcomb thanked the DA's office and the courts, for their partnership in allowing supervised release of individuals to the community. She reported that prison numbers have remained below the baseline set as a target for these funds.

Action: Motion made by Angie Curtis to approve for the CJC Formula Grant and Competitive Grant program applications.

SECOND: Chief Krantz

VOTES: All yes. Motion carries.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Councilor Broadman shared that Bend City Council meets the following day and may request information on Criminal Regulatory Authority as it relates to homelessness, from Chief Krantz, DA Gunnels and Judge Ashby. City Council has not yet given any direction to law enforcement. He will come back to LPSCC with an update next month.
  - Chief Krantz spoke about the impacts of Measure 110 and the limitations on law enforcement to its enforcement. A city code change on public consumption may be required if Measure 110 legislative changes don't occur at the state level.
  - Councilor Campbell reported that she recently spoke with Rep. Kropf, and he believes legislative change to Measure 110 is needed. The City of Bend may ask their lobbyist to keep an eye on this topic for the short session.
  - DA Gunnels said that a city ordinance would likely not have much of an impact on circuit courts. The best solution would be for the state legislature to take it up and create enforceable misdemeanors.
- At Erik's request, Deevy provided an update on a recently issued Housing RFP. The property would serve as a transitional shelter, and possibly a longer-term shelter, for justice-involved men under supervision who are convicted sex offenders or cannot be within 1000 feet of minors. This is a very difficult population for whom to secure housing, and the location of this housing is a sensitive topic. The hope is that this would increase public safety and allow for better tracking of these individuals post-release.

- Erik provided an update on Opioid Settlement Funds. Health Services has worked in partnership with Community Justice to fine-tune the use of these funds. The Board of Commissioners approved a multi-strategy five-year plan on August 30<sup>th</sup>, with targeted opioid prevention plan. Angie P. will send out the Agenda Request/Staff Report and slide presentation to LPSCC in an email.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Erik Kropp adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant