



PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

A meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Council was held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 via Zoom virtual meeting platform

x	Presiding Judge Wells Ashby (<i>Chair</i>)	x	Nick Lelack, <i>County Administrator (Vice Chair)</i>
	Stephen Gunnels, <i>District Attorney</i>		Kent van der Kamp, <i>Deschutes County Sheriff</i>
x	Mike Krantz, <i>Bend Police Chief</i>		Donna Mills, <i>Citizen Member</i>
	Devin Lewis, <i>Redmond Police Chief</i>		Keith Witcosky, <i>Redmond City Manager</i>
x	Pete Rasic, <i>Sunriver Police Chief</i>	x	Mike Riley, <i>Bend City Councilor</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>		Holly Harris, <i>Interim Director Health Services</i>
x	Christa Neal, <i>Interim Trial Court Administrator</i>	x	Gil Levy, <i>Citizen Member and Director KIDS Center</i>
	Vacant, <i>Defense Attorney or Public Defender</i>		
x	Joseph Mabonga (<i>non-voting</i>), <i>Juvenile P&P Supervisor Oregon Youth Authority</i>		Brandon Smithers (<i>non-voting</i>), <i>Lieutenant Oregon State Police</i>
	Todd Rich (<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: Trevor Stephens, *Business Manager Community Justice*; Erik Kropp, *Deputy County Administrator*; Angie Powers, *Administrative Assistant BOCC*; and Nicole Borchert, *Director Mary's Place*

Media present: Richard Coe, *Editorial Page Editor The Bulletin*

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Vice Chair Nick Lelack called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

2. Membership – New members and transitions

Deevy Holcomb welcomed Mike Riley, Bend City Councilor, to the committee.

Councilor Riley replaced Anthony Broadman as the City Councilor representative on the committee.

Holcomb noted that Judge Ashby will be appointing TJ Spear's replacement as the public defender or defense attorney representative on the committee.

3. Public Comment – None

4. Approval of April Meeting Minutes *(no May meeting)*

Motion: Mike Riley moved approval of the April 1, 2025 minutes

Second: Nick Lelack

Votes: All yes. Minutes approved.

5. Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) – Victim Services Programs

Trevor Stephens presented a slide deck for the JRI Program Victim Services Grant Award program for the 2025-2027 biennium. He thanked those who participated on the application review committee. 10% of the JRI funding received by Community Justice goes to victim services organizations, and the County is the pass-through entity. Six applications were received, with \$326,000 in total requests. \$150,000 is anticipated to be available to award.

Stephens provided an overview of the applications and the subcommittee's recommendations. He provided each organization's requested amounts as percentages of the \$150,000 available to award. Applications were received from the following organizations:

- CASA of Central Oregon
- J Bar J Youth Services Anti-Trafficking Project
- KIDS (Kids Intervention and Diagnostic Service) Center
- In Our Backyard
- Saving Grace Imagine Life without Violence, and
- Restorative Justice and Equity

Restorative Justice and Equity is a new applicant this cycle. They proactively support the implementation of restorative practices. Their target population are victims of bias incidents in Deschutes County. Stephens said that each of the organizations

who applied this year received funding the previous year, aside from Restorative Justice and Equity.

The subcommittee reviewed all applications and scored them. Scores were averaged out, along with the recommended percentages and based the awards on these numbers. Lelack, Holcomb, Crosswhite and Mills served on the application review subcommittee and provided scores. A slide summarized the subcommittee's recommendations, as shown below:

Scores and Recommendation

Agency	Panel Application Average Score	Panel Application Average Recommended Percentage	Anticipated Grant Award Based on \$150,000
CASA of Central Oregon	78	17%	\$25,500.00
In Our Backyard	71	6%	\$9,000.00
J Bar J Anti Trafficking Project	83	18%	\$27,000.00
KIDS Center	87	25%	\$37,500.00
Mary's Place/Saving Grace	87	26%	\$39,000.00
Restorative Justice and Equity	72	8%	\$12,000.00
Totals	80	100.00%	\$150,000.00

Holcomb noted that historically, the committee honors the state of Oregon's values, and their intent is to spread the funding around. All the applicant organizations are doing important work serving victims in the community. Holcomb summarized scoring criteria.

Joseph Mabonga shared that he had the opportunity to review applications last year. He applauded each organization for the important work they are doing in our community. Responding to Mabonga, Stephens said there are other victim services organizations in our community who are not represented in this cycle's pool of applicants, and he described the outreach process. Local treatment providers and victim service organizations are included in the initial solicitation.

Riley asked about the scoring and award discrepancy between J Bar J and In Our Backyard, as they serve a similar target population. Lelack and Holcomb provided some feedback. J Bar J did an excellent job at addressing the criteria and made a compelling case for a higher award. Scoring discrepancies were based on J Bar J's fine-tuned application with a clarity of responses about the specific services provided and their outcomes.

Gil Levy, Director KIDS Center, thanked the application review committee. He was pleased to see a new organization in the applicant pool.

Nicole Borchert, Director Mary's Place, echoed Levy's comments and thanked all of the applicants for the important work they are doing.

Chair Presiding Judge Wells Ashby joined the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Commissioner Chang thanked each of the applicant organizations and the review panel. Councilor Riley echoed Commissioner Chang's comments, and emphasized his appreciation for organizations serving victims of crime.

Motion: Deevy Holcomb moved formal recommendation and approval of the application review committee's recommendations, based on the awards as shown on slide 10.

Second: Chief Krantz

Votes: All yes; Gil Levy abstained as he represents a recipient organization. Motion passed.

6. Court Update

Chair Ashby provided a brief court update. Notably, Zoe Wild has been hired as the new Trial Court Administrator (TCA). She has extensive court experience at both the state and federal levels. She begins on July 7. He thanked those who participated in the TCA interview process.

Chair Ashby recently toured the courthouse expansion project area and described it as an exciting experience. He thanked the County Commissioners and County Administration for their support. Lelack echoed Chair Ashby's comments, and commended Lee Randall and the Facilities team for doing an excellent job on the project.

7. Agency Updates and Other Business

Holcomb provided a legislative update related to community corrections funding. The Public Safety subcommittee of the Ways and Means committee voted yesterday morning on the Community Corrections budget. This is the main funding mechanism for Deschutes County Adult Parole and Probation. The Community Corrections budget was funded at a current service level, based on the current population and a daily rate of \$15 per person for those on supervision.

This presents potential challenges for community corrections. Based on a 2024 cost study, the actual cost per person under supervision is \$18.18 daily. If this proposed budget passes, significant service reductions will be necessary. These reductions will have an impact on the level of supervision and level of subsidizing treatment and housing services.

Mabonga shared an update related to the Oregon Youth Authority. OYA has an Interim Director, and Governor Kotek will be appointing a new director. OYA is also experiencing budget issues.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Ashby adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant