



PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

A meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Council was held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 via Zoom virtual meeting platform

	Presiding Judge Wells Ashby (<i>Chair</i>)	x	Nick Lelack, <i>County Administrator (Vice Chair)</i>
x	Stephen Gunnels, <i>District Attorney</i>		Ty Rupert, <i>Deschutes County Sheriff</i>
	Mike Krantz, <i>Bend Police Chief</i>	x	Donna Mills, <i>Citizen Member</i>
	Devin Lewis, <i>Redmond Police Chief</i>	x	Keith Witcosky, <i>Redmond City Manager</i>
	Pete Rasic, <i>Sunriver Police Chief</i>		Mike Riley, <i>Bend City Councilor</i>
x	Sara Crosswhite, <i>Director 9-1-1 Operations</i>	x	Tanner Wark, <i>Deputy Director Community Justice, for Deevy Holcomb</i>
x	Phil Chang, <i>County Commissioner</i>	x	Holly Harris, <i>Director Health Services</i>
	Zoe Wild, <i>Trial Court Administrator</i>	x	Gil Levy, <i>Citizen Member and Director KIDS Center</i>
	Vacant, <i>Defense Attorney or Public Defender</i>		
	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>
x	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*; Amber Clegg, *Program Manager Behavioral Health*; Shannon Brister-Raugust, *Program Manager Behavioral Health*; Angie Powers, *Administrative Assistant BOCC*; Abby Rowland, *Saving Grace*.

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

meeting the needs of priority populations. January 1, 2026 is the target date for signature of the new agreement.

Harris noted that part of the requirement is to bring the plan before groups such as the Public Safety Coordinating Council. She offered to share a draft of the 40-page local plan with the group.

Amber Clegg shared a slide listing CFAA requirements for the local plan. The local plan is a robust and detailed template, along with a budget narrative. Clegg then outlined unmet needs and critical gaps.

Harris noted that the size of Deschutes County and its ability to provide outpatient services is unique. Deschutes County offers a robust array of services outside of the mandated services for the community.

Brister-Raugust addressed how the County plans to meet the unmet needs and critical gaps in services. She highlighted the expansion of the youth psychiatric facility in Redmond, describing it as an exciting step forward. Over \$6 million in funding has been received for this project, with an estimated spring 2027 completion date. She recognized community partners who have worked toward this goal. She then spoke about several additional unmet needs and critical gaps, including but not limited to underfunded geriatric behavioral health services and medical transport.

Responding to Commissioner Chang, Harris elaborated on the local plans. OHA has expressed that there is more flexibility in the agreement than counties believe. As local plans are developed, they will be designed to serve priority populations but not at the expense of all other services and plans will demonstrate how both can be accomplished. The deadline was October 1 for counties to submit their draft local plans. Harris is optimistic that Deschutes County's local plan is robust, and she is confident that Deschutes County can come to an agreement with OHA.

Donna Mills congratulated Holly Harris for being named as Health Services Director. Responding to Mills, Harris said there is not a regional plan. Each county submitted its own local plan. Being a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) allows Deschutes County to generate revenue and do more community outreach, engagement and prevention activities.

Commissioner Chang suggested there may be an opportunity for Behavioral Health (BH) crisis teams to receive some funding from regional law enforcement, citing an example of a past meeting with the Sunriver Service District, at which it was suggested that the SSD may be willing to contribute towards BH crisis services. A presentation before Central Oregon Law Enforcement Services (COLES) could present an opportunity for local law enforcement jurisdictions to contribute towards

Behavioral Health's crisis services. Keith Witcosky provided additional input in response to Commissioner Chang's question.

Harris acknowledged that the Stabilization Center continues to have a gap in funding and thanked the group for their continued support of their services.

DA Gunnels suggested reaching out to law enforcement leaders who serve on the LPSCC in advance of any proposals to COLES.

Commissioner Chang spoke briefly about the expansion of permanent supported housing, highlighting a project in Redmond. Harris has awareness of the project, as she sits on the FUSE Board.

6. Agency Announcements / Other

Trevor Stephens spoke about Community Justice (CJ) budget challenges and population changes affecting both the Adult Parole and Probation and Juvenile Justice divisions.

Population needs and budget challenges over the next five years prompted CJ to examine their services, size and structure, to ensure they can balance their budget and meet the needs of their population. There is decreased state funding for community supervision in both adult and juvenile populations. CJ's evaluation includes a four-step process: searching for other revenue streams, reducing expenses, assessing juvenile services while ensuring a 24/7 response, and current vacancy savings and staffing structures.

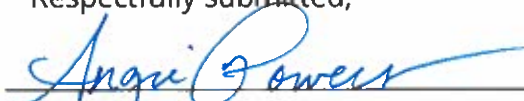
A Juvenile Detention Assessment group will meet a total of five times. They will study the current population and look for service adjustments while maintaining a 24/7 community response. This group will make a recommendation to LPSCC at the December meeting, and this recommendation will then go before the BOCC for consideration of approval.

Stephens noted that the December LPSCC meeting will be held in person, in the DeArmond room. There will be a November LPSCC meeting, and it will be virtual.

Lelack again congratulated Holly Harris as Deschutes County's new Health Services Director.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Ashby adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant