



# PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

A meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Council was held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 via Zoom virtual meeting platform

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

**Also present were:** Trevor Stephens, *Business Manager Community Justice*; Gail Bartley, *Program Manager Mary's Place*; Sergeant Stephen Lopez, *Sunriver Police Department*; State Representative Jason Kropf; and Angie Powers, *Administrative Assistant Deschutes County Board of Commissioners*

**Media present:** Richard Coe, *Bend Bulletin*

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF LPSCC MEETING MINUTES:**

Action: Motion made by DA Gunnels to approve the June 6, 2023 minutes.

SECOND: Chief Lewis

VOTES: All yes. Motion carries.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None presented.

**4. CRIMINAL SEMI-ANNUAL ADULT TREATMENT COURT 21-23 REPORT:**

Trevor Stephens, Business Manager Community Justice, presented the report. Adult Treatment Court (ATC) continues to ramp down its operations. It is anticipated that the last two remaining clients will graduate in coming months. They are doing their best to provide the best possible service to the two remaining clients so they are able to finish the program. The treatment provider for ATC still provides a vital service to the community for Substance Use and Abuse Treatment, and they are regularly utilized by Adult P&P.

Due in part to the way in which CJC structures their grant funding, Trevor reported that treatment providers' billing for case management represented one of their biggest challenges.

Judge Crutchley, who oversees the ATC, provided an overview of the program. The two remaining clients are anticipated to graduate within 60 days, and are both in phase 4 working on their restoration projects. ATC is a valuable resource to the community, and he expressed his disappointment at its discontinuation. Some goals of the ATC included: crime reduction, production of better substance use disorder treatment outcomes, reduction in recidivism, increased public safety, and intensive case management to create productive citizens. Unfortunately, ATC lost its Treatment Coordinator, and the program cannot continue without a coordinator to run the program. ATC also lost its Treatment Provider, who participated in case management and team meetings at court. Best practices include responsiveness to those in crisis and immediate interventions and sanctions. The treatment model for ATC has 10 components, one of which is case management, and if we're unable to provide case management we are unable to meet the standard. He recognized ATC's Probation Officer, Janelle Combs, for her expertise. He thanked DA Gunnels and the DA's Office,

for providing continuity and for being an integral part of the program. He also recognized Sheriff Nelson for his support for the program and its graduates.

Judge Ashby spoke about the future of the ATC. As it was ramping down, it was discussed whether to transition its existing clients to supervised probation. It was decided to honor commitments, and many resources have been invested into these two individuals. ATC started out as family treatment court, then moved to an adult treatment court aimed toward helping people escape addiction and get back on their feet. Measure 110 changed the way in which the courts can make ATC a viable option. It is indisputable that fentanyl has changed the landscape of addiction, and drugs cut with fentanyl lead to an increase in fatalities. The grant funding model posed some challenges, and it is important to remember that treatment providers are running a business which must be economically viable. They had three failed recruitments in their search for a new Treatment Coordinator, and Judge Ashby acknowledged that the high cost of living in our area was a discouraging factor for candidates. He noted that it is easy to create harm within an adult treatment court, via the wrong treatment or over-supervision, among other factors. The closure of ATC was ultimately out of our control and could not be overcome. He recognized Judge Crutchley for his compassion and dedication to finish what was started with full commitment and integrity.

Action: Motion made by Chief Lewis to approve and submit the CJC Semi-Annual Adult Treatment Court 21-23 Report.

SECOND: Nick Lelack

VOTES: All yes. Motion carries.

##### **5. CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION SEMI-ANNUAL JUSTICE REINVESTMENT 21-23 REPORT:**

Trevor Stephens, Community Justice Business Manager, presented the report. He shared that the remodel of the Adult Parole and Probation office in Bend was completed in spring 2023, allowing for the return of some in-person services for the Cognitive-Based Behavioral Therapy (CBT) groups. These groups focus on changing criminal thinking patterns. Virtual services remain an option. Some gender-responsive CBT services target female clients, will be relaunching. Trevor summarized some of JRP's successes. A technical assistance grant from the National Institute Corrections will provide funding towards gender responsive services. Their in-house Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) is one of the JRP's most promising practices aimed toward addressing criminal thinking and reducing recidivism. Thirteen Defendant Assessment Reports were completed in the first half of 2023, which are provided to the courts and provides a risk and needs assessment. He shared some data on recidivism, which represent a small improvement over previous cohorts.

Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP) clients include: Alternative to Incarceration (AIP), Downward Departure and Short-Term Transitional Leave (STTL) clients. Clients are supervised based on their risk-needs assessment. In an effort to reduce barriers and provide treatment services, transitional and sober housing options continue to be



provided. A reduction in prison population is an important aspect of the JRP. He shared relevant data with the group, showing that Deschutes County is below its three-year baseline representing prison bed savings.

Trevor summarized some of the JRP's cross-cultural community programs. The BRIDGE pilot program targets persons of color and is sponsored by the Father's Group. First Light is a new program that looks at culturally-affirming community ties and provides added support for those on P&P supervision.

The supplemental part of the program funds pretrial efforts, which requires close coordination with the DA's Office and the Sheriff's Office. The focus is barrier reduction to increase success.

Responding to Janice Garceau's question asked about how the recidivism rates compare to previous or to other benchmarks or targets, Trevor said that benchmarks or targets are not provided. 3% of the funds go towards research, and Trevor suggested technical assistance targeted towards counties would be helpful.

Judge Ashby spoke about downward departure. There is a grid block that takes into account crime seriousness and criminal history, and which grids out someone who may qualify for a county jail or prison sentence. Downward Departure is an agreement between the defendant to plead and accept and for the DA to offer a probationary sentence, as opposed to going straight to prison. The defendant will be on probation and if they violate, they may be sent to serve the presumptive sentence. Downward departures can result in a significant shift in resources and supervision.

Nick Lelack asked why Deschutes County trends higher for recidivism as compared to the statewide numbers, citing page 2 of the report. DA Gunnels responded that it is largely base on the level of policing in our community. Other parts of the state may exhibit less aggressive policing on low-level offenses, which may contribute to the skewed numbers.

Action: Motion made by Donna Mills to approve the CJC Semi-Annual JRI 21-23 Report as presented.

SECOND: Chief Womer

VOTES: All yes. Motion carries.

## **6. CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION VICTIMS SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION REPORT:**

Trevor reported that the deadline for the CJC Victims Services Grants next biennium closed last week. A total of five applications were received, from: KIDS Center, J Bar J Anti-Trafficking Project, CASA of Central Oregon, Saving Grace (Mary's Place) and In Our Backyard. The review process is beginning, and applications will be reviewed over the next several weeks. The evaluation subcommittee consists of: DA Stephen Gunnels, Donna Mills (citizen member), Deschutes County Commissioner Phil Chang and Joseph Mabonga (Oregon Youth Authority). Funds available for award total \$187,239 and the

subcommittee will make a determination on how to best distribute these funds and come to LPSCC with their recommendation in September.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- None presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Ashby adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant