



PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

A meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Council was held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 via Zoom virtual meeting platform

x	Presiding Judge Wells Ashby (<i>Chair</i>)	x	Nick Lelack, <i>County Administrator (Vice Chair)</i>
x	Stephen Gunnels, <i>District Attorney</i>	x	Kent van der Kamp, <i>Deschutes County Sheriff</i>
x	Mike Krantz, <i>Bend Police Chief</i>	x	Donna Mills, <i>Citizen Member</i>
x	Devin Lewis, <i>Redmond Police Chief</i>		Keith Witcosky, <i>Redmond City Manager</i>
	Stephen Lopez, <i>Sunriver Police Chief</i>		Thomas Spear, <i>Defense Attorney</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>	x	Janice Garceau, <i>Director Health Services</i>
	Angie Curtis, <i>Court Administrator</i>	x	Gil Levy, <i>Citizen Member and Director KIDS Center</i>
	Mike Riley, <i>Bend City Councilor</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>
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: Erik Kropp, *Deputy County Administrator*; Trevor Stephens, *Business Manager Community Justice*; Angie Powers, *Administrative Assistant BOCC*; Mandy Gautney, *Parole & Probation Officer*; Angella Bright, *Student and Community Member on supervision with P&P*; Holly Harris, *Director Behavioral Health*; Nicole Borchert, *Director Mary's Place*; Dominic Passarelli, *Administrative Supervisor District Attorney's Office*

Media present: Richard Coe, *Bend Bulletin*

1. Call to Order and Introductions – Chair Presiding Judge Wells Ashby

Chair Ashby called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. He reported that he made the decision to close the courthouse at 4 p.m. this date due to inclement weather and hazardous road conditions.

2. Approval of LPSCC January Meeting Minutes - Chair Ashby

Motion: Deevy Holcomb made a motion to approve the January 7, 2025 minutes as presented

Second: Chief Devin Lewis

Votes: All yes; motion carried

3. Public Comment – None presented

4. Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP) Update/Report – Deevy Holcomb

Holcomb introduced Angella Bright, a student and community member currently under Community Justice supervision with a downward departure, receiving services supported by the JRP program. Bright's Parole & Probation Officer (PO), Mandy Gautney, was also in attendance. Bright has lived in Deschutes County since the fourth grade. In the past, she struggled with drug use and violated a restraining order which landed her in jail. She was granted a downward departure and put on probation. She was released to a treatment center and has been clean and sober for 7 months. She is grateful for the opportunity to rebuild her life after being released from jail.

Bright described her PO as her "journal" and sees her as both an asset and a resource. Her PO checks in with her regularly and they communicate openly. Bright is participating in the "Moving On" class at Adult P&P and is a candidate for Early Discharge (EDIS).

Bright said the key to securing a home and gaining custody of her daughter was getting clean and sober. Her daughter now lives full time with her, and Bright is working towards a bachelor's degree in human services. Bright said she is trying to be the best version of herself.

Her advice for public safety leaders is to consider giving deserving people a second chance. She believes that jail is not always the solution and there is merit to rehabilitation. She is beyond grateful to Judge Ashby for giving her a second chance, and she has more purpose in her life than she's ever had. Life is good, and she is working toward giving back to her community. She acknowledged that it can be a

difficult decision for public safety leaders in determining *who* is worthy of a second chance.

Judge Ashby thanked Bright for sharing her story. He applauded her for living her best life and credits her efforts for saving not only her own life but that of her young daughter. Janice Garceau thanked Bright for her courage in sharing her experience.

Trevor Stephens summarized the JRP (Justice Reinvestment Program) Semi-Annual Report. He noted there are two separate grants, the formula grant and the competitive grant.

Stephens highlighted some key reporting points for the formula grant. They continue to supervise in accordance with the risk and needs principle. They are utilizing transitional and sober housing and focus on reducing barriers. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) programs include Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) and the female-specific Moving On program which boasts a 90% completion rate. There are no major increases in recidivism, for certain drug and property offenses. One of the goals is prison utilization reduction, and Stephens reported that we are at 57% of our current baseline.

He then highlighted some key reporting points for the competitive grant. They have implemented gender responsive services, including the Moving On class mentioned by Bright. They have set up meetings with the DA's Office. They have had a total of 56 new downward departures to JRP program in the last 6 months, and 10 revocations from the program. He shared some data on participant numbers, noting that a full copy of the report is provided with the meeting agenda packet.

Motion: Donna Mills made a motion to approve the submission of the Q5 and Q6 JRP Semi-Annual Report to the Criminal Justice Commission

Second: Nick Lelack

Votes: All yes; motion carried

- 5. Court Update** – Judge Ashby applauded the valuable work being done in the community by the Community Justice department. He thanked Commissioner Chang for the Board of Commissioners' continued support following a recent vote approving increased costs for the Courthouse Expansion project.

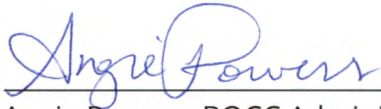
- **Follow up from January 2025 Federal Immigration Enforcement Discussion**
An Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) rule has been incorporated into statutes. The courts will not facilitate or assist but they will not hinder federal immigration officials if they have a valid arrest warrant. In the relevant statutes, the courts are safe zones. Courts are here to serve the people seeking justice who are entitled to legal relief.
- **Trial Court Administrator (TCA) Recruitment Update**

Angie Curtis, Trial Court Administrator, has accepted a new role as a Treatment Court Coordinator in Union County. Although Judge Ashby is excited about her new opportunity, he is sad to see her go. The recruitment notice for her replacement will soon be posted.

6. Agency Updates and Other Business – No additional updates

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Ashby adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant