

DESCHUTES COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

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Meeting ID: 881 0342 4024 Passcode: 736013

Tuesday, January 7, 2025; 3:30pm

Agenda

- I. Call to Order & Introductions**
Chair Presiding Judge Wells Ashby
- II. October Minutes** **Attachment 1**
Chair Ashby
Action: Approve October Minutes
- III. Public Comment**
Chair Ashby
- IV. Officer Elections**
Chair Ashby
Action: Nominations and voting for Chair and Vice Chair (3-Year Term)
- V. Justice Involved Women on Community Supervision** **Attachment 2**
Community Justice - Adult Parole & Probation – Supervisor Justin Bendele
Behavioral Health Services – Peer Support Specialist Erica Wimbish
Presentation/Discussion
- VI. Ongoing Program Updates**
Public Defense Crisis – Chair Ashby
- VII. Agency Updates and Other Business**
Chair Ashby

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DESCHUTES COUNTY GENDER RESPONSIVE

Supervision & Case Management

2024

Adapted from Jackson County Community Justice materials

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Objectives:

- Know "Three Things" social science tells us about working with justice-involved women
- Understand "Five Things" Deschutes County P&P is Doing
- Learn "Three Things" We try to do when working with women

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“Three Things” social science tells us

- **Women’s pathways** to Justice System *tend to be* different than men’s.
 - Trauma, mental health challenges, unsafe relationships, parent roles, and economic vulnerability are crime-driving factors for women and not always for men
- **Women require a primarily supportive, relational approach** to reach behavior change – patience, excellent communication, and genuine trauma-informed care is required!
- **Women more successful when this happens.** Jackson County experienced a 26% decrease in arrests when supervised on a Gender responsive caseload.



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“Five Things” we are doing now

- 2018: **Ask the right questions:** guide supervision on factors that drive and prevent women’s offending
- 2020: **Focus on what prevents crime** and work to build skills with people on supervision
- 2023: **Check ourselves** - Assessed operations to see if we were using effective practices for women
- 2024: **Get better**
 - Improve Org. Culture through Trauma-Informed Care approach
 - Improved staff safety and trust in working with / leadership decision making
 - Create Gender Responsive Program
 - Restarted Group Skill Building Curriculum built for Justice Involved women: “Moving On”
 - Contracted for Additional Life and Recovery Skills with “M Perfectly”
 - Established caseloads of only women (3)
- 2025: **Implement and evaluate**
 - Design Gender Responsive Physical Space
 - Establish Gender Responsive Case Management policy and procedure
 - Design Evaluation and Evaluate Program Outcomes

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“Three Things” when working with women

- **Public Safety:** in general, women pose less public safety risk, more personal safety or technical violation risk
- **Accountability:** Assess if defiance/non-compliance is a coping skill/survival skill or criminal thinking and respond accordingly
- **Rehabilitation:** Reinforce, Relate, Build Resilience

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Recap!

3: women’s pathways are different; relationships matter; we can positively impact outcomes when we believe and act on these two things

5: ask the right questions, focus on what prevents crime, check ourselves, make improvements, do what we said and evaluate how we did

3: public safety, accountability and rehabilitation – balanced supervision

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