

**Marion County Children & Families Commission**  
**January 28, 2016 Meeting**  
**11:30 AM Broadway Commons, Salem, Oregon**  
**Summary Notes**

**Commission Members Present:** ~~Jaime Arredondo, Cyndi Astley, Walt Beglau, Gladys Blum, Gayle Caldarazzo-Doty, Rod Calkins,~~ Commissioner Janet Carlson, ~~Marilyn Dedrick, Donald Dodson, Faye Fagel, Randy Franke, Terri Frohnmayer,~~ Ruth Gelbrich, Ron Hays (by phone), ~~Levi Herrera-Lopez,~~ Chuck Lee, Krina Lee, ~~Mathew Lucas,~~ Pete McCallum, Chief Jerry Moore, Sheriff Jason Myers, Sam Osborn, Allan Pollock, Judge Tracy Prall, Jim Seymour, Sam Skillern, Shaney Starr, ~~Stephen Thorsett, and Lyndon Zaitz~~

**Guests:** Sue Bloom, Boys and Girls Club; Heidi Strauch, Marion County Circuit Court; Patricia Wagner, Marion County Housing Authority; and Dick Withnell, Withnell Motors

**Staff:** Denise Clark- recorder; Cathy Crocker, and Tamra Goettsch

**Meeting Convened:** 11:50 AM

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Announcements:**

*Together towards Tomorrow*, the breakfast event will be held on February 2 at 7:30 AM at the Keizer Community Center. Table hosts are still needed. There will be no financial ask. Approximately 85 people have given their RSVP so far. Sue Bloom indicated that she could host a table. (Sue is the new Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club)

Commissioner Carlson reported that a new task force has been established that will be focusing on homelessness. It was suggested the group considers job availability.

Ruth Gelbrich was introduced as a new member of the commission. She is the Director of Student Services for the Salem- Keizer School District.

Dick Withnell, a former commission member, was presented with a plaque. He encouraged commission members to remember those leaders in the community that have passed on, saying, "We need to step into their shoes." He stressed the importance of bringing together decision makers.

**Bylaws Review-**

- A draft of the bylaws was distributed at the last meeting, which removed formal administrative responsibilities associated with the old commission system and updated subcommittee references;
- Updated goal areas;
- Updated membership language and changed the name of the executive committee to now be called the "steering committee";
- If approved by the commission, the bylaws will go through the county process for final approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Carlson made a motion to approve the new bylaws incorporating the suggested changes. The motion was seconded by Shaney Starr. Motion passed.

October 22, 2015 Summary Notes: The packet distributed at the meeting included corrections referencing the number of bullets in correlation to the actual number of bullets. Also there was a correction in the spelling of Casey "Gwinn." Commissioner Carlson made a motion to approve the summary notes with the identified changes; Chuck seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### Youth Resources Action Team (YRAT)- Commissioner Carlson

- With the CFC's new goal of more attention on youth, YRAT has been reconstituted.
- Target areas are listed on the handout distributed at the meeting.
- When "Get-out-of-the-way" is listed, it means other organizations are taking the lead.

There are three areas in which YRAT recommended the commission be the lead:

1. Coordinating the training of the Family Check-up;
2. Youth Employment- establishing a system for kids to work while gaining needed skills;
3. Collaborative Grant writing
  - Tamra pointed out the initial thoughts on which CFC members could take the lead and bring reports back to the CFC. The leader(s) will determine next steps and bring them back to the CFC for consideration.
  - Sue Boom, Sam Osborn and Shaney Starr offered to be a resource for youth employment

Sheila Lorange, Sheriff's Office Operations Commander, presented on the Marion County Jail Survey findings. *(Copy of slides attached will be attached to these Summary Notes.)*

- Jail surveys were done in 2005, 2007, 2011, 2015
- Bud Brown of Western Oregon University did the first three surveys; NPC Research conducted the 2015 survey.
- Information in the survey is a point-in-time snap shot of who was in the county jail at the time of the survey.
- Commissioner Carlson indicated that the Reentry Initiative used this data - it's great information for writing grants.
- The slide presentation will be sent out to all CFC members. The raw data is also available for those interested.

#### Alliance for Hope document recommendations:

- The Alliance for Hope created a community assessment report from its visit to Marion County and provided recommendations for improvement.
- Not all organizations were visited by the Alliance, but the assessment team looked at core services in our area and identified areas for improvement; there were a total of 28 recommendations.
- The Alliance recommended adding domestic violence representation to the CFC membership.
- Another recommendation is to send a team to the upcoming April conference in San Diego – Commissioner Carlson, Faye Fagel, Jayne Downing, Alison Kelley, Kim Larson, Walt Beglau, and Tamra are attending.
- Jayne Downing, Center for Hope and Safety, has been invited to join the CFC.
- The Community Corrections Board, which consists of the three county commissioners and the Sheriff, is taking the lead on addressing each of the recommendations. Once that has been finalized, a recommendation will come back to the CFC for consideration.

Family Check-up Update:

- A grant to fund the implementation of the Family Check-up was submitted to Willamette Valley Community Health in December 2015.
- If successful, five cohorts will be trained in the Family Check-Up. Two of the cohorts will also be trained in Everyday Parenting.
- If funded, the implementation plan will be brought back to the CFC in March.

Other:

- Sue Bloom agreed to host the May 19 CFC meeting at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Staff will be sending appointments out to appropriate CFC Steering Committee members. The steering committee will meet in the months that there isn't a CFC meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:15 PM.