

Marion County Children and Families Commission Meeting



DATE: April 9, 2015

Location: Broadway Commons
1300 Broadway Street NE
2nd Floor, Grant Room
Salem, Oregon



TIME: 12:00 – 1:00PM

12:00 Welcome & Introductions

- Public Comment
- Announcements and Updates
- Consent

Information and Action

Co-chairs
Sheriff Myers
Judge Prall
Tamra Goettsch

- *Approve the 10/ 9/14, 11/ 13/14, and 2/12/15 Summary Notes*

Action

CFC Members

12:05 Executive Committee Update on:

- Barrier Busters Strategy- *Member Input Needed*

Information

**Judge Prall
Walt Beglau**

12:15 Barrier Buster-

Mentors and School Volunteers

Information and Action

**Krina Lee,
Salem Keizer
Education
Foundation**

12:50 Next Steps

Judge Prall

Adjourn

Handouts:

- Agenda
- 10/9/14, 11/13/14, 2/12/15 CFC summary notes
- 2/17/15 Exec Committee mtg. summary notes
- CFC Barrier Buster Schedule
- CFC Exec Barrier Buster Schedule
- Barrier Busters Action Chart

Next Full Commission Meeting:
May 14, 2015, noon to 1 PM, Broadway Commons, Grant Room

NOTE: Meetings are audio taped for the purpose of having a public record of the proceedings.

Marion County Children & Families Commission
October 9, 2014 Meeting
12:00 PM Broadway Commons, Salem
Summary Notes

Summary Notes by Denise Clark

Commission Members Present: ~~Jaime Arredondo~~, Cyndi Astley, ~~Walt Beglau~~, ~~Gladys Blum~~, Commissioner Sam Brentano, ~~Rick Cagen~~, ~~Gayle Caldarazzo-Doty~~, Rod Calkins, Marilyn Dedrick, ~~Donalda Dodson~~, ~~Faye Fagel~~, Randy Franke, Terri Frohmayer, Ron Hays, Levi Herrera-Lopez, Chuck Lee, ~~Krina Lee~~, ~~Matthew Lucas~~, Pete McCallum, Chief Jerry Moore, ~~Sheriff Jason Myers~~, Allan Pollock, Judge Tracy Prall, Jim Seymour, Tim Sinatra, Sam Skillern, ~~Stephen Thorsett~~, Dick Withnell and Lyndon Zaitz

Staff: Denise Clark, Tamra Goettsch, Daniel Lopic (RARE AmeriCorps), Krista Ulm

Guests: Beth Hays, DMA; Lene' Garrett, CASA Executive Director; Kevin Schultz representing Sheriff Myers

Meeting Convened: 12:05 PM

Announcements:

New commission member, Allan Pollock, was introduced to those present. Allan is the General Manager of the Transit District.

Cyndi Astley announced that Teresa Cox has resigned from the Community Action Agency as of Sept. 30. The organization is currently working on a transition plan.

Ron Hays remarked that he is working with Chief Justice Paul Muniz on legislation.

Consent:

Ron Hays moved to accept the July 31 and September 18, 2014 meeting summary notes; Jerry Moore seconded. Motion passed with the correction of the spelling of Lyndon Zaitz's name on the September notes.

Barrier Buster- Impacts of Marijuana on Youth:

Tamra reminded members that the commission is identifying important community issues. Drug and alcohol use has been a concern of the Children and Families Commission for a long time. With the pending ballot measure for adult recreational use of marijuana, concerns regarding youth access were raised. The commission's interest in reviewing this issue is based in the Commission's interest in keeping young people safe.

Chief Moore identified in the distributed barrier buster Issue Brief an error, instead of reading "Commission members will be asked for current efforts that can help to maintain and improve youth's access to and use of drugs." It should contain language indicating there are current efforts to "keep it out of the hands of youth".

Guest Speaker- Commissioner Carlson

The commissioner helped organize a recently prevention forum regarding the impacts of marijuana on youth. The Oregon Health Authority brought in Kevin Sabet. (The issue brief distributed included his recorded credentials.) His visit

to Oregon became controversial and was determined that no county funding would be used on the prevention forum. Therefore, private money was used to sponsor the cost of the prevention forum.

The commissioner shared PowerPoint slides highlighting the following key points:

- Marijuana use is going up; alcohol and cigarettes use is down comparatively.
- The potency of marijuana is going up. (Today's product is different than it was in the 60's.)
- The perceived risk of marijuana is going down.
- Brain receptors are affected in the developmental phase of a person, so youth using it experience more stimulation and more euphoria.
- Dependency on welfare supports correlates to higher use.
- Some psychoses can be tied to use.
- Emergency Room visits are up due to marijuana.
- Smoking marijuana harms the lungs.
- Marijuana use correlates to IQ drops between childhood and midlife.
- Supporters say, "it's just a plant" and "it's natural;" the concentrates don't look like plants so it loses the "natural" allure.
- There are no dosage controls when using marijuana for medicinal purposes.
- Marijuana is now used in e-cigarettes and edibles, such as candy, brownies, and other foods.
- Youth obtain marijuana from other's medical marijuana prescription or it is bought by a friend.
- Traffic fatalities related to marijuana use have gone up.
- Community based prevention works in reducing the use; enforcement and treatment work well together.

Commissioner Carlson conducted a survey in 2004 on the use of methamphetamines (meth) and its correlation to being arrested and being incarcerated in the county jail. After analyzing the data she found that of the survey responders, 60% had tried marijuana before the age of 15. Of those that used meth, none had tried meth before the age 15; they started with alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana.

Cyndi Astley said that the Community Action Agency has found with the youth they work with, they all have some type of marijuana history; it is a gateway drug.

The question before the commission was "how to limit access to youth" and "what role should the Commission play regarding this issue?"

Chuck Lee felt it would be helpful if this group took a no tolerance stance; others agreed. Dick Withnell indicated that the community, as a whole, isn't "on board with this." Companies coming into the area are being affected by these type of laws. Chief Moore said that there are currently eight marijuana dispensaries open in the Salem area and an additional eight dispensaries will be opening in the next two weeks.

Rod Calkins indicated that the Health Department found in their 2011 data that marijuana use had gone down in Marion County to 14 percent. We need an effective strategy to help families say "no" to their children's interest in marijuana. It was suggested that programs can send out information in their mailings. Another suggestion included working with retailers encouraging them not to sell to youth. Parenting classes work, but it doesn't reach everyone.

Beth Hays noted that the anti-tobacco campaign has been effective; there are more individuals using marijuana than tobacco now. She's interested in the brain development piece - what impact it has on the brain should be used in educational campaigns.

Chief Moore indicated that a Salem Police Detective is actively making presentations informing groups and citizens about the risk of opiate addiction and when the cost becomes prohibitive, many turn to heroin for a low-cost alternative. Those that the detective has worked with indicated that their drug use started with marijuana. Many believe marijuana use doesn't affect them. He suggests the commission be resilient and use factual information about its impact, using examples such as it's difficult to hold a job; drive a car; hold a conversation; etc. when high on marijuana. The Chief suggested that the Commission "stay the course."

Tim Sinatra indicated that at a recent Boys and Girls Club conference, marijuana and its affect on youth were top issues. He encouraged the Commission to advocate for prevention dollars addressing taxation levels, mobilization, and strong programs. He believes the new norm is that it's okay to use marijuana, even those who are underage.

Other comments from the general discussion:

- The taxes aren't coming in to other states (Colorado and Washington) as predicted; there is not enough revenue generated through taxes to pay for things like enforcement and prevention.
- Enforcement will go down to zero; there will be no follow-up on those arrested
- Provide access to factual information and continue participation with local schools in conducting surveys. Encourage the school districts to share their findings.
- One educational campaign can be to inform the public about marijuana's harmful effects. (It was also expressed that Oregon shouldn't pass legislation until more is known from Washington's and Colorado's experience.)
- The "No meth" campaign was successful because it identified the harmful impacts. We need to get on the front end of this and include doctors who can educate consumers.
- Take short term action: create a public awareness campaign. Anyone who has contact with kids should create informational flyers to get the message out.
- We need to reach the families and increase family communication. Prevention is the key. Hold more forums to reach people. Enforcement needs to have laws applied equally. Need to have kids talking to kids; 11-16 yr. olds won't listen to adults telling them not to use marijuana.
- Commission members were reminded that since county resources couldn't be used in pre-election campaigns, some points mentioned couldn't be acted upon. If the measure passes, the Commission could work programs to get the word out or have a strong enforcement plan that reaches those illegally selling to youth.

The Public Safety Coordinating Council created a stance of "no" before the measure went on the ballot.

Work hard on prevention; remove access to marijuana and alcohol; use Drxugsafe as a resource to put information on the web. Link into your personal social media domains – educational information needs to get out to the community.

It was suggested notices be sent to members not present at this meeting; however, make sure they weren't excused in the first place.

The next meeting will be November 13, 2013 at noon in the same location.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:55 PM.

Marion County Children & Families Commission
November 13, 2014 Meeting
12:00 PM Broadway Commons, Salem
Summary Notes

Summary Notes by Denise Clark

Commission Members Present: ~~Jaime Arredondo~~, Cyndi Astley, ~~Walt Beglau~~, Gladys Blum, Commissioner Sam Brentano, ~~Rick Cagen~~, ~~Gayle Caldarazzo-Doty~~, ~~Red Calkins~~, Marilyn Dedrick, ~~Donalda Dodson~~, Faye Fagel, ~~Randy Franke~~, ~~Terri Frohmayer~~, Ron Hays, Levi Herrera-Lopez, Chuck Lee, ~~Krina Lee~~, ~~Matthew Lucas~~, ~~Pete McCallum~~, Chief Jerry Moore, ~~Sheriff Jason Myers~~, Allan Pollock, Judge Tracy Prall, Jim Seymour, Tim Sinatra, ~~Sam Skillern~~, Stephen Thorsett, ~~Dick Withnell~~ and Lyndon Zaitz

Staff: Sara Cavazos, Denise Clark, Tamra Goetsch, Daniel Lopic (RARE AmeriCorps),

Guests: Undersheriff Troy Clausen representing Sheriff Myers; Beth Hays

Meeting Convened: 12:00 PM

Announcements:

Jim Seymour (Catholic Community Services) met with some private investors regarding the Foster Hope initiative. If this project moves forward, there would be no risk to government funds. Using the "concept of community" they are looking for ways to let partners know this community is ready for private investors. Judge Prall indicated that if an advisory board was needed, this commission could fulfill that role. A sign-up list was distributed for people interested in this project. Marilyn asked that background material be given to distribute to everyone's organizations.

Cyndi Astley indicated that the Community Action Agency (CAA) is establishing warming shelters for the season; they are on a "24 hour alert"; they may even open this weekend and is made possible via a grant. When open, the shelter will house all family members. There will also be activity coordinators on-site. The Union Gospel Mission will also be open to those seeking warmth; putting aside any rules regarding how much a person has utilized their resources. Dogs can also be sheltered thanks to support from the Marion County Dog Shelter. On December 3 at 6:30 PM they will be having a CAA volunteer training opportunity.

There was not a quorum to approve the summary notes.

Other-

A Barrier Busters Action Sheet was distributed indicating what the Commission has accomplished since September.

September: Efforts to address MERIT's needs continue to move forward. The financial directory is being handled by Dan Lopic.

October: Marijuana and Youth Impact- The charts from existing data are complete and are being posted on the Drxugsafe website www.drxugsafe.org. Commission staff members have begun conversations with the Health Department's Prevention Team. The commission membership indicated its willingness to advance their efforts – advocacy might be needed in the next legislative session for additional prevention funding to address limiting youth's access to marijuana. Judge Prall said marijuana and its impact on youth will be an on-going part of these board meetings; perhaps devoting 10-15 minutes out of each meeting to discuss the impacts of the passing of the measure.

Presentation- Removing Barriers to Employment- Ron Hays

Many efforts are happening locally to remove barriers to employment. Recently, Ron Hays and Beth Hays met with St. Vincent DePaul of Lane County regarding their efforts to support individuals reentering the community after being incarcerated. Lane County St. Vincent DePaul is successfully employing 400-500 people through this program.

As an example of what is currently happening in Marion County, Ron asked Chuck Lee to give an update on the technical school, a Career and Technical Education (CTE) center. Chuck indicated that this is a public/private partnership with the Salem-Keizer School District (24J). Mt. West Investments has secured the old Nielsen Metal Manufacturing facility on Portland Road for the center and is currently being converted for this use. The first students will be juniors and seniors from 24J high schools. Eventually, there will be 8-10 CTE programs; John Hunning will be the principal. 24J will provide the transportation of the students. The local industries are very interested in the project and believe this will provide many youth "hope." The program just received a \$150,000 grant and partners hope to have a contract in place by the fall of 2015.

Students are chosen for the CTE program through an application process. Selected students will stay enrolled in their current school, and will be transported to learn a trade through this program. With Chemeketa Community College being a partner in this project, a student can gain college credits.

As for the Marion County Reentry Initiative, there are good things happening with housing, counseling and support services, and other reentry projects.

Beth Hays has been working on establishing a Certificate of Rehabilitation for those reentering our community after incarceration. The following are highlights from her presentation (PowerPoint document attached):

There are many barriers for families, including employment. Mt. West Investments has been working with Chief Justice Paul De Muniz and have combed the expungement laws. The Certificate of Rehabilitation is an effort to address collateral consequences. Reentry clients, after serving their sentence, often are faced with life-long consequences such as barriers to licensure, employment and housing, and much more. These barriers exist due to current laws, pleas bargains, and even inadequate representation. Many of the statutes built upon Oregon law don't consider collateral consequences. There are 21 other states in the United States making inroads in this arena. This is a complicated issue that is being moved along at a rapid pace. There is an economic impact that many are beginning to recognize.

An example of a practical problem is that prisons are teaching inmates how to cut hair, but based on Oregon's laws, individuals convicted of a felony are banned from getting a license to cut hair. Also, many individuals find out that many insurance companies won't insure someone who has a felony. Beth explained that in some of these cases, the certificate could be used as a trump card and are currently proceeding to find a lobbyist.

Beth and others have been working with Legislative Counsel (LC) to develop the general concept. Once finalized and written as a legislative bill, the concept will become more specific. Beth will send staff what was submitted to the LC.

Some commission members advised Beth and Ron to have additional discussions surrounding those reentry clients that have a history relating to firearms or mental health issues.

Beth was invited to join the Children and Families Executive committee meeting Next Tuesday (11/18) at noon.

Ron stated that they have met with the vocational rehabilitation folks at McLaren as they design vocational rehabilitation programs for the Oregon Youth Authority.

The typical people in our community that are impacted by these laws are 20-30 years-old and have a family. Many times, youth offenders are under pressure to “take a plea,” not knowing it will affect the rest of their lives.

Ron and Beth realize that the certificate won’t resolve everyone’s barriers to employment. Some of the barriers are derived by laws, some are in Oregon’s Administrative Rules, and some are choices made at the business owner’s discretion. For other organizations, the funds they receive may limit who can be hired.

Faye suggested developing a screening process to demonstrate those individuals that have made a needed change.

It was reiterated that this issue is an economic issue. Getting people back to work can help get them off state assistance.

ACTION:

1. Beth and Ron reiterated that they are seeking the commission’s help to bust barriers and get people who have a felony back to work.
2. Identify people who will testify on the bill’s behalf.
3. Provide feedback. Send Beth any questions, suggestions, or concerns. Members are to email Beth with their concerns.

Other: Ron noted that the OSU Extension Services is seeking to create an Agricultural and Educational Service District on the May 2015 ballot. If passed, the district would support Marion County’s economic development efforts, which is largely impacted by its agricultural industries and developing youth leaders in our county.

Meeting adjourned: 1:03 PM

Marion County Children & Families Commission
February, 12, 2015 Meeting
12:00 PM Broadway Commons, Salem
Summary Notes

Summary Notes by Denise Clark

Commission Members Present: ~~Jaime Arredondo, Cyndi Astley, Walt Beglau, Gladys Blum, Commissioner Sam Brentano, Rick Cagen, Gayle Caldarazzo-Doty, Rod Calkins, Marilyn Dedrick, Donald Dodson, Faye Fagel, Randy Franke, Terri Frohnmayer, Ron Hays, Levi Herrera-Lopez, Chuck Lee, Krina Lee, Matthew Lucas, Pete McCallum, Chief Jerry Moore, Sheriff Jason Myers, Allan Pollock, Judge Tracy Prall, Jim Seymour, Tim Sinatra, Sam Skillern, Shaney Starr, Stephen Thorsett, Dick Withnell, Lyndon Zaitz~~

Staff: Sara Cavazos, Denise Clark, Tamra Goettsch, Daniel Lopic, Ted Schuster

Guests: Sara Zavala representing Sheriff Myers

Meeting Convened: 12:05 PM

Announcements:

Ron Hays indicated that the technical school is coming along nicely; there will be an upcoming open house. They are in the process of school recruitment. Students will come from all of the Salem-Keizer high schools; referrals will be through the counselors. The question was raised as to whether the private high schools would be participating. Ron didn't know. Students will have to be excused from part of each of their regular school days to attend the technical school. Private schools, such as Blanchet, would need to make concessions for students to be gone partial days.

Consent: There was not a quorum of the membership present to approve the 10/9/14 and 11/13/14 Meeting Summary Notes.

Executive Committee Update

Together Towards Tomorrow Event Update:

Judge Prall indicated that the January 15th event was good and was well attended. She said a lot of information was disseminated from the various organizations. She congratulated Tamra, saying she did a good job of controlling the speakers' 5 minute presentation time limit so that the event moved along smoothly.

Tamra gave a "huge" thank you to those that attended and for inviting their guests. She said that she's continued to receive positive feedback in the past couple of weeks. She is sending event information including a statistics graphic to all of those who participated. Additionally, she is sending out an article on collective impact. Each organization is receiving a copy of the action response sheets that were turned in.

Levi noted that he has received a couple of follow-up responses specifically on the English as a Second Language training.

Dick suggests that for next year, we give 90 days prior notice to potential guests. He'd also like to see the event held at the Convention Center. He says we need to challenge the community, as a whole, to come forward with their assets.

Gayle said she was sorry to have missed the event, but has also heard great things.

Tamra felt that the event's simple format made it do-able. For next year, she suggests keeping the same format with some slight modifications. It was noted that holding the event first thing in the morning makes for a great start to the day.

Judge Prall suggests keeping the event date in January as it's the beginning of year and before the legislature goes into session. She also suggests adding this year's outcomes to next year's event. She complimented Walt on doing a terrific job as emcee.

Barrier Busters Action Chart:

Tamra distributed the Barrier Buster Action Chart document introducing it as a recap of what has been done so far. If there is other activity or progress that isn't listed, please let Tamra know as the goal is to accurately track movement and efforts toward the CFC identified next steps.

Certificate of Rehabilitation Update:

Walt indicated that they recently had a really good meeting with everyone (including Jeff Wood, Chief Justice Demuniz, and Ron Hays). They are changing from a legislative concept that is court-based, to a more community-based model. Ron said that the document will be drafted around the criteria; it should be out in a week or so. Justin Martin has been hired as the lobbyist.

Shaney indicated that she has three employees, who are former felons, in her office that are doing "terrific."

Barrier Buster

Robust Transportation Systems – Allan Pollock, Cherriots, Salem-Keizer Transit

Regional impact- provides services to Yamhill and other area locations.

They have a federal mandate to provide service to those with disabilities. Their services include:

- Cherry Lift (operates in the Salem-Keizer area)
- RedLine is for those over 60 years of age and older (similar to a "dial a ride").
- CARTS is a commuter type service bringing those outside of the urban area into Salem and Keizer.
- TRIPLINK- works with private providers to deliver those with possible health issues.
- Cherriots Rideshare- carpooling, biking, etc.

A video of testimonials by those whose life has been improved by transit services was shown.

Allan said that Marion County doesn't have a robust transportation system; people have to adjust their lives to what the system can provide. To make it more robust, Cherriots engaged an organization (Jarrett Walker and Associates) to look at the system and give recommendations on how it might be improved. They suggested moving the ridership model to 75% on ridership and 25% on coverage; today it is 65%/35% respectively.

Suggested improvements:

- Reallocation on current funding- improving frequency on the most used routes.
- Run busses on a consistent schedule. Ridership is constant throughout the day.

- Add more cross-town routes.

They will implement Phase 1 in September 2015.

Phase 2 will include providing evening and weekend service (evening hours will increase from the current 7 PM to 11 pm) and reinstate the downtown circulator. They eventually hope to re-instate the bus pass system for students. They are trying to target millennials.

Studies show that 66% of the population look at the strength of the transit system when choosing a place to live.

Five million dollars is needed to implement Phase 2. Perhaps implement a property tax levy or a payroll tax. The Cherrlots' Board is meeting with community leaders; they will hold forums to get feedback on the plan.

Their "ask" of this commission:

- As items come to the commission's attention, where the barrier is transportation, let Allan know.
- If you have a constituent group who you feel could benefit from receiving this information, let Allan know.
- Spread the word on the upcoming community open houses or forums.

Sam Brentano asked if Allan had spent time discussing any of the phase 2 proposal with the County Assessor. Allan said that he had. Tamra asked when they will be going public with this information. Answer- not sure, maybe November.

If a tax revenue was instituted, 90% of the taxes would go to ridership. For those holding a monthly pass, weekend use would be at no additional cost. They would track new riders' revenue. Dick encouraged Allan to look at Chemeketa's recent campaign as it was successful. Allan said he has looked at the City's campaign already. He has also met with the Chamber of Commerce. Everyone agrees on the need for the service; discussion is always around how to pay for it. They've received 50/50 support for the taxing option.

The payroll tax model is employer only; the cost is not passed on to the employee.

Tamra asked about the longevity of the plan, life of the tax, serving the current needs, and meeting future needs? Answer- property tax would be five years, and then would need to go out again. Payroll would also be five years, but it is then voted on and can become permanent.

Walt asked if there is a correlation between a robust transportation system and economic growth. Answer- it is a capital perspective; the contribution economically is giving individuals access to better jobs or transportation to school. If you provide someone a better life, they become a better contributor to the community. Walt noted that when discussing public safety, people identify transportation as the biggest barrier. Allan pointed out that the plan only impacts urban growth, not rural service; there is no robust support for the rural community. Shaney sits on an advisory committee that works with single moms who are in recovery; they can't get to the jobs available to them due to the limited mass transportation hours.

Dick observed that payroll tax does effect employment.

Allan wants to be a resource for addressing these concerns, but they can only work with what they have.

Next Steps

Tamra will stay in contact with Allan; she encouraged everyone to send their input to Allan, Tamra, or Denise.

Dick cautioned that the “ducks need to be in order” before Allan goes public so the community doesn’t have a negative response to the proposal(s).

Walt recommended that measurements are needed; put the data together and have stakeholders put together a script. Tamra said the report could be distributed to everyone.

Walt suggested identifying the level of safety that the community feels and determine if that is measureable.

Allan indicated that the crime or infractions are minimal; they encounter more nuisances like cigarette butts and loitering. Their security includes personnel at the transit mall, eight cameras on a bus, and cameras around the facility. Everything is recorded. They have panic buttons and radios on all buses. They keep internal statistics on any issues.

Tamra asked for ridership demographics. Allan said he can provide that.

Other:

Jim Seymour gave an update on “Pay for Prevention.” They are seeking a \$5 million funding package through the legislature for high risk children who are at greatest risk of entering foster care. The concept is to work at keeping the kids out of foster care and reinvesting the money saved. The Family Preservation Action Team (FPAT), a subcommittee of the commission, would provide oversight for the project’s accountability.

Walt is the chair of FPAT, he says this fits their model. He wants to continue to define FPAT’s role and he would like to keep this moving forward.

Tamra encouraged anyone with questions or concerns to bring them forward to her. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) needs to be developed to define the responsibilities of all parties involved.

Dick said he appreciates all of the professionals who show up to the Commission meetings and challenged everyone to identify those who are not attending and to encourage them to come.

Adjourned: 1:03 PM

Marion County Children & Families Commission Executive Committee
February 17, 2015 at 12:00 PM, Courthouse Square
Summary Notes

Members Present: Commissioner Sam Brentano, Faye Fagel, Hon. Tracy Prall and Dick Withnell

Staff: Tamra Goettsch

Notes by Denise Clark

Meeting Convened: 12:00 PM

Announcements- None

Consent- There was not a quorum present to accept the December 16, 2014 and January 20, 2015 Summary Notes.

General Business:

Tamra acknowledged that Krina Lee is planning on presenting on Mentors and School Volunteers at the March 12, 2015 full commission meeting. She spoke with her prior to the February meeting.

Discussion was held on extending the March 17th CFC Executive Committee meeting. The purpose of this meeting would focus on setting the agenda for the upcoming year, engaging the commission and reviewing last year's model. (Judge Prall said she may not be able to make it as she is in Portland that day.)

Dick suggested targeting the "low hanging fruit," not being as broad based. He has some ideas. He has a meeting immediately following, so can't go past 1:00 PM.

Tamra said we can do a "call-down" to see if we can get more participation on the 17th.

Dick doesn't feel the recent combining of the Public Safety Coordinating Council and the MCRI re-entry program is in the committees' best interests. They don't have the same interests and it's too large of a body to get things done. As far as the CFC, he feels that there needs to be more lay people involved instead of the county being so responsible for how it is run.

Tamra noted that with the commission not having the resources it has had in the past, it hasn't had the same impact with its new model of "sphere of influence." Securing of resources or other key community partners needs to be identified. The purpose of the January event was to ask people to participate and donate, in one way or another, with organizations that serve children and families in our community.

Dick reminded everyone that in 2005 he and some partners were going to hire a project manager to address the community issues and then they heard of the Children and Families Commission and its role to fulfill this function. Dick and other key community lay leaders helped coordinate this role for more than four years. Dick feels strongly that the Commission still needs to be a quasi-public/private body.

Commissioner Brentano indicated that the Board of Commissioners discussed the CFC at one of their strategic planning meetings. The Board of Commissioners agreed that they want it to work.

Tamra will be meeting with the Board of Commissioners on March 31 to discuss the Community Services Department's direction. She is also setting up a meeting to talk specifically about the Commission. She suspects there will be some deliberate conversation regarding the Commission's role and function. Commissioner Brentano suggested that he'd like to see a coordinator. He suggested that a committee, authorized by the commissioners, could run this.

Judge Prall pointed out that many of the people on the re-entry council are also on the CFC; a lot of community leaders are on several committees. However, the CFC is more public.

Tamra indicated that originally there were no non-profits on the commission intentionally in order that they wouldn't influence its funding distribution. But now that there is no money, there could be more non-profits represented on the commission.

Faye said she attends many meetings in which there is the same "ask." It seems she hears the same message but no answers are given as to how to solve the problems. Judge Prall noted that the CFC is trying to address that with its new format of "give us your ask, and we'll try to meet it."

The Cherriots presentation was a political ask, but has implications for everyone. Generally we seek educational information from our presentations due to the conflict of a government body involved with a ballot issue. We need to be sensitive to this when presentations are made. When it's officially on the ballot, the county (Tamra) can't be involved, but commission members and elected officials can.

Tamra asked if she should recruit new people for the March 17 executive committee meeting. Answer- not yet. The meeting will be held from 12-1 and all members need to attend. Dick said he is willing to pick up the tab for sandwiches for the meeting. Tamra will make the phone calls. All of those present in this meeting committed to being at next month's meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 PM

Children and Families Commission
Barrier Busters' Action Status Report

Revised: 03-10-15

Meeting Date/Topic	Presenter	Identified Action Steps	Status
Sept. 18, 2014- MERIT	Forest Peck	1. Assist with MERIT's advisory board development	Various members are networking
		2. Partner with Catholic Community Services in grant writing	CCS has included MERIT in a grant sent to MJ Murdock that includes \$40k for MERIT.
			Plans to submit the Letter of Inquiry to the Murdock Charitable Trust in the near future. Following that, waiting to see if they ask for a full proposal. 2/10/15
		3. Work with Nonprofit Partnerships of Oregon	
		4. Pursue options to reproduce the financial resource guide	Dan L. has been assigned to this project. Expected completion date is February 2015.
			The data update has been completed. Next is the re-design of the pamphlet and translating it into Spanish. Final step is finding a funding source for printing of the pamphlets and discussing outreach strategies to entrepreneurs and the small business community. 2/10/15
Oct. 9, 2014- Marijuana's Impact on Youth	MC Commissioner Janet Carlson	1. Use the Drxugsafe website as a resource for educating the public	Data slides were created and sent to DrxugSafe host site. - MC Prevention Team (Health) will send information to CSD to post onto site.
		2. Educate on prevention and removing youth access to marijuana and alcohol	Began conversation with MC prevention staff about options and progress to date on this issue.
		3. Create a public awareness/educational campaign	Will work with MC Prevention Team to determine next steps and supports needed.
		4. Leverage CFC members' influence to increase partnerships with MC schools to educate the public on marijuana	Working on policy development at the Juvenile Dept. Involves a 3 pronged approach; Intervention, Education, and Delinquency Enforcement. Prosecutions will be focused on youth with aggravated criminal history or engaged in commercial marijuana activity. Overall strategy will be school engagement and youth accountability. Need to also develop a social service focus. 2/10/15
		5. Advocate for prevention dollars	

November 13, 2014 - Certificate of Rehabilitation	Beth Hays and Ron Hays	1. Beth and Ron reiterated that they are seeking the commission's help to bust barriers and get people who have a felony back to work.	Currently writing a new draft based on feedback from CFC members and local law enforcement. The process will involve applying for a certificate through the county's Reentry Council. Next it will be taken before the court for final approval. Marion County will be the pilot program. 2/10/15
		2. Identify people who will testify on the bill's behalf	
		3. Provide feedback. Send Beth any questions, suggestions, or concerns. Members are to email Beth with their concerns.	People interested in testifying for the bill are asked to contact Justin Martin or Beth Hays.
February 12, 2015 Robust Transportation System	Allan Pollock, Cherriots	1. As items come to the commission's attention, where the barrier is transportation, let Allan know.	Have held one community meeting, with another scheduled for 3/14/15. Have completed a telephone poll of most likely voters and presented the findings to their board. 3/10/15
		2. If there is a constituent group who could benefit from receiving this information, let Allan know.	
		3. Spread the word on the upcoming community open houses or forums.	
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FY 14-15 Children and Families Barrier Buster Schedule

Meetings are scheduled from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm and are held at Broadway Commons

September 18, 2014

Focus: Address barriers to capital for microenterprise businesses which target underserved populations
Presenter: Forrest Peck, Executive Director MERIT
CFC Strategy: Individual and Family Stability; Economics

October 9, 2014

Focus: Impacts of marijuana on our community and youth
Presenter: Commissioner Janet Carlson
CFC Strategy: Individual and Family Stability; Neighborhood Vitality

November 13, 2014

Focus: Certificate of Rehabilitation
Presenter: Ron Hays, President, Department of Mission Advancement (DMA); and Beth Hays, Assistant to the Present of DMA
CFC Strategy: Economics; Individual and Family Stability

January 2015 (date to be determined)

Focus: State of Children, Families, and Communities Breakfast
CFC Strategy: All

February 12, 2015

Focus: Robust Transportation Systems
Presenter: Allan Pollock
CFC Strategy: Neighborhood Vitality

March 12, 2015- Canceled

Focus: Mentors and School Volunteers
Presenter: Krina Lee, Executive Director of Salem Keizer Education Foundation
CFC Strategy: Economics; Individual and Family Stability

April 9, 2015

Focus: Mentors and School Volunteers
Presenter: Krina Lee, Executive Director of Salem Keizer Education Foundation
CFC Strategy: Economics; Individual and Family Stability

**Moved to September 2015-*

Focus: Community Resource Network
Presenter: Tim Sinatra, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club
CFC Strategy: Individual and Family Stability; Neighborhood Vitality; Economics

May 14, 2015

Focus: A coordinated method for assisting struggling families (EcoFIT Model)*
CFC Strategy: Education; Family Stability

Note: The focus areas were identified through input received from the July 2014 CFC meeting and other prior commission interests.

*Subject to Change

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FY 14-15 Children and Families **Executive Committee** Barrier Buster Schedule
Meetings are scheduled from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm and are held at Courthouse Square

September 16, 2014

Focus: Prep for September 18th & October 9th Full CFC Meetings

October 14, 2014

Focus: Next Steps Discussion for MERIT & Youth's Access to Marijuana
Prepare for November 13th Full CFC meeting
Planning for "state of the children" meeting in January & determine date

Presenter: Forrest Peck will be present

November 18, 2014

Focus: Follow up on September and October
Next Steps for Certificate of Rehabilitation
Planning for "state of the children" meeting in January

December 16, 2014

Focus: Follow up on September – November
Planning for "state of the children" meeting in January & review documents

January 20, 2015 – Breakfast Meeting

Focus: State of the Children debrief
Prepare for February 12th meeting

February 17, 2015

Focus: Follow up from September – November
Next steps for CRN
Prepare for March 12th meeting

March 17, 2015

Focus: Follow up from September – January
Next steps for Mentors and School Volunteers
Prepare for April 9th meeting
Discuss topic for 2015-16 meeting schedule

April 21, 2015

Focus: Follow up from September – March
Presenter: Next steps for Robust Transportation Systems
Prepare for year-end meeting, May 14th

May 19, 2015

Focus: Year-end follow up

June 15, 2015

Focus: Year-end follow up

July 21, 2015

Focus: Prepare for 15-16 Meetings



2014-15 Meeting Dates
Revised September 11, 2014

FULL COMMISSION
<i>All meetings run <u>12 – 1:00pm</u> in the Grant Room, 2nd Floor, Broadway Commons, 1300 Broadway Street NE, Salem (2nd Thursdays of the month)</i>
September 18, 2014 (exception of 2 nd Thurs.)
October 9, 2014
November 13, 2014
<i>No December Meeting</i>
January – breakfast meeting (Date and location TBD)
February 12, 2015
March 12, 2015
April 9, 2015
May 14, 2015

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
<i>All meetings run <u>12 – 1:00pm</u> at Salem conference Room, Courthouse Square- 555 Court St. NE, Salem (3rd Tuesdays of the month)</i>
September 16, 2014
October 21, 2014 Rescheduled to October 14
November 18, 2014
December 16, 2014
January 20, 2015
February 17, 2015
March 17, 2015
April 21, 2015
May 19, 2015
June 16, 2015
July 21, 2015