



# Work Session Summary Minutes

OREGON

## HB4002 Update

October 8, 2024. 1:30 PM

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem  
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Board Room

### ATTENDANCE:

**Commissioners:** Colm Willis, and Danielle Bethell.

**Board's Office:** Trevor Lane, Alvin Klausen, Jon Heynen, Gary White, Jan Fritz, and Matt Lawyer.

**Sheriff's Office:** Nick Hunter, Josh Wolf, and Mary-Jane Sphoon.

**Legal Counsel:** Steve Elzinga, and Scott Norris.

**Health and Human Services:** Ryan Matthews.

**Finance:** Daniel Adatto.

**District Attorney's Office:** Jeff Good, Paige Clarkson, and Brendan Murphy,

Colm Willis called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

### 1. FIRST 30 DAYS

-Nick Hunter, Paige Clarkson, and Ryan Matthews

#### **Summary of presentation:**

- Sheriff's Office:
  - In September six individuals referred to the program:
    - Two failed to complete the assessment;
    - Two were unqualified for services; and
    - Two currently enrolled.
  - 62 total clients:
    - 35 are level one:
      - Lack in basic needs and drug issues
    - 16 are level two:
      - Basic needs addressed and focus on work term goals.
    - 11 are level three:
      - Self-sustaining and require mentorship.
  - Less referrals than anticipated;
  - Expecting more in the winter;
  - Training in Possession of a Controlled Substance (PSC) charges;
  - Two Navigators will be hired;
  - Outreach deputy to work with the outreach team created through HB 4002;
  - Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) work as well;
  - Build rapport in areas with crisis;

- Working different routes as not all individuals are eligible; and
- LEAD model is to be flexible.
- DA Office:
  - Many with PCS charges have other charges:
    - Takes time before entering Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD).
  - Restore Court:
    - Flexible;
    - Working on no assigned defense attorney list:
      - Of 930 cases 40 qualified and 10 were sent to restore court;
      - Cases have not moved for nine to 10 months;
      - Hard to convince individuals to use this; and
      - A single individual, of the 10, has agreed.
    - Need to better advertise benefits;
    - Restitution cap is \$5,000;
    - Cases have come from different law enforcement agencies
    - Right charge, restitution, and no criminal history makes expungement attractive;
    - Drug enforcement misdemeanors are filtered directly to restore court;
    - Training to identify cases as they come, so they don't get on the list;
    - Decision making period for individuals is too long:
      - Did not expect this to happen.
    - Large portion of the 930 cases do not qualify for restore court;
    - The 930 cases involve all types of crimes:
      - 70 to 80 percent involve illegal drug use; and
      - Most require circuit court.
  - Same case types are processed together in batches;
  - Restore and circuit court individuals must be treated the same;
  - Current system is failing, and the state allows it to happen;
  - Communicating with state representatives on the issues;
  - In the last month received 27 law enforcement drug misdemeanor referrals:
    - To begin tracking why these are not filed.
- Health and Human Services:
  - In second recruitment for Qualified Mental Health Provider (QMHP):
    - May fill with a Qualified Mental Health Associate (QMHA);
    - Case management work; and
    - Relationship building.
  - Received grant for three years for the MCRT:
    - Will have Sheriff Deputy;
    - Requires a QMHP; and
    - Acute crisis outreach.
  - Attended two restore dockets;
  - 13 individuals went to restore court:
    - Only one in treatment.
  - No calls on the deflection hotline.
- Law enforcement training is from December to February;
- DA's Office to train in law enforcement agencies;
- Do not file drug enforcement misdemeanor charges if individual has other pending charges; and
- Concern of individuals saying no to entering restore court.

## **2. REPORTING PARAMETERS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

-Gary White

### **Summary of presentation:**

- Behavioral Health Deflection questionnaire:
  - Need input from departments before sending in.
- No funds have been spent yet;
- Expense tracking system in place;
- Need to ensure all data is captured;
- Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) wants to look at the outcomes;
- LEAD and RESTORE court inputting relevant data
  - Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) will share any reportable with Josh for entry into the reporting data base.
- Call log tracks deflection number use.

## **4. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING**

-Daniel Adatto

### **Summary of presentation:**

- Some funds have been received; and
- Currently recruiting.

## **5. PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN & MESSAGING**

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- Public expectations differ from reality;
- Need to educate on the process and outcomes; and
- Can create a video with the Sheriff and DA to answer the public's questions.

## **6. OTHER**

- The BOC is good with hiring a QMHA instead of QMHP for the health outreach team;
- Josh of LEAD to process reporting requirements;
- Marion County Today will discuss HB 4002 and its outcomes;
- Create a list of questions for the videos;
- Continue brainstorming how to educate the public; and
- MCHHS to be included in the process.

## **7. ADJOURN**

**Adjourned** – time: 2:28 p.m.

**Minutes by:** Mary Vityukova

**Reviewed by:** Gary White