



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Community Correction Board

Summary Minutes

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October 15, 2024. 12:00 PM
Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Board Room

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Kevin Cameron, Colm Willis, and Danielle Bethell.

Board's Office: Gary White, Trevor Lane, Jan Fritz.

Legal Counsel: Steve Elzinga.

Sheriff's Office: Nick Hunter, Jay Bergmann, Mike Hartford, Jacob Ramsey

Action Items

1. Transition Center to Jail Transition:

- Transition process moving adults in custody to the jail was smooth.
- Reduced number of people moved to 15 through alternative releasing.
- Staff received extra training to ease them into their new environment.
- Positive feedback from crew leaders on improved staffing and crew management post transition.
- The jail has not reached its 470-bed capacity, with the female count remaining around 20-25.
- Courts running reduces jail populations by transitioning individuals to prison.

2. Stabilization Center Update:

- Plan to change the Transition Center to a Stabilization Center with 24/7 staffing.
- Goal is to have a case management approach focused on rehabilitation and reintegration.
- New staff roles like stabilization center specialists and counselors to replace deputies:
 - Staff will undergo a field training model specific to their roles, which will be different from traditional jail deputy training.
- Exploring removing firearms from corrections academy to expedite hiring and certification.
- Integrating comprehensive programming including substance abuse and mental health treatment.
- Bridgeway has applied for a grant to provide staff at the stabilization center, focusing on addiction treatment.
- Discussions around collaborating with Health Department to provide services.
- The goal is to ensure that the stabilization center has the necessary resources and partnerships to provide comprehensive care.

- The program aims to provide additional mentors, cognitive behavioral classes, and other resources for individuals at the stabilization center.
- Reallocation of \$200,000 in Justice Reinvestment funds to expand the stabilization mentor program
- The goal is to ensure that the stabilization center has the necessary support to effectively rehabilitate and reintegrate individuals.

3. JRI Council:

- Proposal to sunset the Justice Reinvestment Council as its functions are redundant
- Potential to move oversight of Client Victim Services Support Fund to the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council.
- Streamlining oversight and ensuring effective use of funds

Informational Items (Discussion/Possible Action)

1. HB 4002:

- Use the stabilization center for referrals from the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program and other enforcement partners.
- Exploring how to best integrate services and avoid duplication between the stabilization center and existing programs.

Other Business

1. New recruitment page and social media ads for the Sheriff's Office.
2. More inmates now available for work crews:
 - More inmates are able to receive their medications while working.
3. Emphasis on community engagement and funding.
4. Logistics around seating, table captains, and planning for Marion County Reentry Initiative event.

Future Agenda Items

1. Future Meeting Dates/Times:

- Recommendation to schedule a recurring meeting, potentially quarterly, to discuss community corrections and public safety.
- Need to determine appropriate committee or council to oversee the JRI funds and related programming.
- By-laws for community corrections need to be adopted annually and that the chair rotation includes the sheriff and commissioner.

Adjourned – time: 3:20 p.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary White