

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL (MCPSCC)

Full Council Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners Boardroom, Courthouse Square, Salem, Oregon

MCPSCC: Colm Willis, John Bauer, James Edmonds, Tracy Prall, Mike Runyon, Don Frederickson, Trevor Womack, Ashley Carson, Jayne Downing, Christina McCollum, Ryan Matthews, Julie Hoy, Soraida Cross, Shaney Starr, Cody Hawkins, Douglas Cox, Olcott Thompson, Tim Murphy, Troy Gregg, Frank Lonergan, Jonathan Castro-Monroy, Rick Lewis, Nick Hunter, Mike Hartford, Jay Bergmann, Andrew Copeland, Alison Kelley, Peter McCallum, Todd McCann, and Linda Hukari.

Guests: Carlos Texidor Maldonado, and Gary White.

Commissioner Colm Willis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE (INFORMATION/ACTION)

-Commissioner Colm Willis

Announcements

- None.

New Members

- None.

2. APPROVE OCTOBER 9, 2024, MCPSCC MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: A motion was made to approve October 9, 2024, MCPSCC meeting minutes. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. 2025 MEETING CALENDAR

-Commissioner Colm Willis

Summary of presentation:

- Add meetings to calendar and RSVP.

4. HB4002 UPDATE

-Sheriff Nick Hunter, District Attorney Paige Clarkson, and Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- Implementation of HB4002 includes the expansion of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program, the new deflection hotline, and the progress of the Restore Court:
 - Certified Recovery Mentors handle referrals 24/7.
- Restore Court addresses drug and other related crimes:
 - Success in court expunging charges.
 - The court has had 11 referrals enrolled into services:
 - There was a total of 13 referrals.

- 12 are actively engaged in treatment.
 - Has had a slow start but numbers are growing.
- Law enforcement report increased ability to search vehicles and seize guns under HB4002, leading to improved public safety.
- Ongoing training for deputies on drug investigations.
- Marion County is collaborating with other jurisdictions:
 - Other counties are implementing similar models to Marion County's model.
- Work crew is helping generate revenue for restitution.

5. STABILIZATION CENTER UPDATE

-Commander Mike Hartford

Summary of presentation:

- The Transition Center closed, and the new Stabilization Center's purpose were discussed.
- New Case Management Model:
 - The goal is to make it less institutional and more focused on preparing individuals for successful re-entry into the community.
 - Includes services addressing substance abuse, mental health, and other needs.
- Hiring new Stabilization Specialists:
 - Will get extensive training in core correctional practices and case management techniques to better support the individuals housed at the center.
- Purchased a retina drug scanning device.
- Expanded the stabilization mentor program.

6. OREGON DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION (ODAA) PROACTIVE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Summary of presentation:

-District Attorney Paige Clarkson

- It is important to educate legislators on the nuances of expungement:
 - Specifically, regarding domestic violence and sexual assault crimes.
- There have been legislative efforts to all for automatic expungement of certain crimes:
 - Concerns on automatic expungement of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Many criminal statutes are based on predicate offenses and repeat offenses can lead to more serious charges:
 - Automatic expungement of certain crimes can undercut the foundation of predicate offense statutes.
- Legislators with no public safety background are unaware of nuances and implications of automatic expungement.
- The ODAA's aims to provide expertise to inform the legislative process.
- ODAA has been doing outreach to all legislators.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the reallocation of \$206,813 from the Justice Reinvestment Program to fund the expanded stabilization mentor program. Seconded and passed unanimously.

7. CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL (CJAC)

-Judge Tracy Prall

Summary of presentation:

- The Oregon Public Defense Commission (OPDC) requested to review the county's crisis plan:
 - Marion County was the only county that agreed to meet to review the plan.
 - It was found that Marion County implemented everything outlined in the plan:
 - OPDC did not follow through on their outlined plan commitments.
 - Marion County has been providing counsel to all in-custody individuals:
 - OPDC's, Trial Division lawyers, only handle in-custody cases.
 - They do not take on Marion County's cases, as they have for other counties.
 - OPDC agreed to take on additional cases from Marion County, including probation violations (PVs), DUIs, and diversions.
- This will help with some of the burden on Marion County's contract lawyers.
- The main issue is the maximum attorney capacity set by OPDC:
 - Limits the number of cases lawyers can handle per year.
- The cap and monthly limit on case points creates challenges in fully utilizing Marion County's public defenders.

8. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT GRANT UPDATE

-Commander Mike Hartford

Summary of presentation:

- The Justice Reinvestment Grant funds 10 programs in Marion County:
 - 8 are administered by the Sheriff's Office.
 - 2 are victim service provider funding and the specialty court program:
 - Administered by other agencies.
- Required quarterly reporting to the Criminal Justice Commission on people served and financial spending on the programs.
- Updates to the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council are part of the oversight and reporting process for the grant-funded programs.
- Program Highlights:
 - Prison Diversion (Senate Bill 416) has steady service with a decline in recent quarters:
 - Motivation classes have helped boost engagement.
 - Transition From Jail to Community has declined in referrals and completion rates due to the Transition Center closure:
 - Expect improvements with the new Stabilization Center.
 - Link-Up for dual diagnosis individuals has stable service levels but declining completion rates:
 - Need retention strategy enhancements.
 - Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR) had significant growth in enrollment:
 - The new female cohort has graduation rates around 55-60%.
 - The De Muniz Resource Center saw a sharp decline in service delivery after the closure of the Transition Center, and the remaining funds were reallocated

- to the new stabilization mentor program.
- The housing program provided 120 temporary housing stipends in the last two quarters to 71 different recipients.
- The Corrections Treatment with Bridgeway showed improvement in completion rates.
- Peer Support, Resiliency, and Recovery saw a peak in participation, with higher completion rates in the last two quarters.
- The Justice Reinvestment Grant Update will be a standing agenda item for future meetings to ensure ongoing reporting and oversight of these important community programs.

9. NOMINATION FOR VICE-CHAIR

-Commissioner Colm Willis

Summary of presentation:

- The vacancy for the Vice-Chair position, due to Jan Downing's departure.
- Council members were asked to submit nominations for the new Vice-Chair:
 - They will then be brought forward to the executive committee.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION 2025 GOALS & PROJECTS

-Commissioner Colm Willis

Summary of presentation:

- Address youth crime and violence in the community:
 - Concerning trends in juvenile crime and violence in the community.
- Map out existing resources for youth to identify gaps, and better coordinate efforts across different organizations.
- The System of Care, a community group serving children, youth, and families, a potential partner to align prevention efforts:
 - Include youth voices in their strategic planning process.
- Need to balance accountability and support among the youth.
- Focus on parental accountability to improve outcomes.
- Complex issues need collaborative, community-wide effort to address youth crime and violence:
 - Involve a wider range of stakeholders, including faith-based organizations, community groups, and the creative community.
- Need to have opportunities for youth to engage in.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting.