

## MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL (MCPSCC)

Full Council Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners Boardroom, Courthouse Square, Salem, Oregon

MCPSCC: Colm Willis, Jonathan Bauer, Jonathan Castro-Monroy, Paige Clarkson, , Douglas Cox, Jayne Downing, Christopher Eppley, Don Frederickson, Mike Hartford, Nick Hunter, Alison Kelley, Allison Kelley, Josh Lair, Rick Lewis, Frank Lonergan, Peter McCallum, Todd McCann, Christina McCollum, Shaney Starr, Olcott Thompson, Jay Bergmann, Trevor Womack and Scott Smith.

Guests: Trevor Lane, and Gary White.

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

### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE (INFORMATION/ACTION)

-Commissioner Colm Willis

#### Announcements

- None.

#### New Members

- Jonathan Castro Monroy, an active community member.
- Soraida Cross a Kiezer city councilor, who is active in the community.

#### Approve July 9, 2024, MCPSCC Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 9, 2024, MCPSCC meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

### 2. HB4002 UPDATE

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

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

- HB4002 made small amounts of drugs illegal again in Oregon;
- LEAD program in Marion County is a pre-existing initiative to handle drug-related issues.
- Expansion of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program and its funding through the county.
- Restore court docket for individuals with less than \$5,000 in restitution, allowing them to work off their debt through community service.
- Interest in Marion County's approach from other counties and law enforcement agencies.
- Need for resources and immediate engagement with individuals to ensure treatment.
- Misconceptions in the public and law enforcement about the new law and the process.
- Health services' readiness to handle deflection referrals, including the establishment of a 24/7 hotline and the success of the Restore court docket:
  - One referral leading to active engagement in treatment.
- Challenge of pulling cases from the unrepresented list and need direct referrals for better

success rates.

- Challenges include lack of accountability and the strain on criminal defense lawyers.
- The public defender crisis is attributed to the decision of defenders reducing caseloads, creating a resource problem.
- Lack of dedicated funds for juvenile services.
- Need for behavioral change and the role of lived experience in the LEAD program.
- Important to measure success in terms of houselessness, gainful employment, drug use reduction, and recidivism.

### **3. TRANSITION CENTER RE-PURPOSING**

-Sheriff Nick Hunter

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

- Closure of the Transition Center and plan to repurpose it as the Stabilization Center.
- The focus on treatment, case management, and victim restitution was highlighted.
- Need new staffing models and hiring challenges discussed.
- Importance of stability and the role of the stabilization center in providing treatment and case management.
- Plan to reopen the stabilization center within a year, with a focus on victim restitution and treatment.

### **4. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT**

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

-Commander Mike Hartford

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

- Impact of the Transition Center closure on the justice reinvestment program.
- A proposal to expand the stabilization mentor program, focusing on evidence-based, goal-oriented, and trauma-informed services.
- The council approved the reallocation of \$206,813 from the Justice Reinvestment Program to fund the expanded stabilization mentor program.

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

### **5. CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL (CJAC)**

-Judge Tracy Prall

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

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### **6. 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

-All

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

- Aid and Assist
  - Need more resources and support for juvenile aid and assist services.
  - Inadequacy of current provisions.

- Challenges in placing juveniles in aid and assist programs and impact on detention times.
- Civil Commitment
  - No specific discussion on civil commitment.
- Juvenile Programming
  - Challenge in dealing with repeat juvenile offenders.
  - Need for intervention before release.
  - Need more resources for juvenile aid and assist services.
  - Need better support systems.
  - The increase in media calls related to school lockdowns and threats of violence.
- Veteran Services
  - No specific discussion on veteran services.
- Urban Camping
  - No specific discussion on urban camping.

## 7. OTHER

-All

### *Summary of presentation:*

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities in various city councils.
- Jan Downing's upcoming retirement announced:
  - Ms. Downing expressed gratitude for the experience and the importance of victim services at the table.
  - New director is starting in December.
  - There will be a transition period.
- Hope Plaza success, including adding commercial tenants and first resident moving in:
  - Maxwell, the service animal, is important in supporting survivors at the center.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting.