

# MINUTES

## MEETING OF THE MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

November 10, 2015, 4:00 PM  
Commissioners' Board Room  
555 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

**MCPSCC:** District Attorney Walt Beglau, Kim Brady, Mark Caillier, Rod Calkins, Commissioner Janet Carlson, Jayne Downing, Faye Fagel, Lt. Tim Fox, Don Frederickson, Hon. Courtland Geyer, Tamra Goettsch, Jessica Kampfe, Pete McCallum, Todd McCann, Ed McKenney Chief Jerry Moore, Mayor Anna Peterson, Jeff Puterbaugh, Bob Royer, Mike Runyon, Chief Scott Russell, Chief John Teague, Hitesh Parekh (recorder).

**GUESTS:** Nancy Cain, Community Action; Jan Calvin, Full Circle Consulting; Commissioner Kevin Cameron; Vicky Johnson, Marion County Juvenile Department; Todd Londin, ABC Window Cleaners; Commander Kevin Schultz, Marion County Sheriff's Office; Tom Sermak, Retired Public Defender of Marion County; Chuck Sybrandt, Marion County Juvenile Department; John Van Dreal, Salem-Keizer School District; Brigid Zani, Marion County Juvenile Department.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

*Commissioner Carlson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.*

Recap and approval of October 13, 2015 meeting minutes

**MOTION:** Ed McKenney moved approval of the October 13, 2015 MCPSCC meeting minutes. Seconded by Don Frederickson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

### Announcements & Upcoming Events

- More than \$21,000 raised at the "Giving People a Second Chance" event held October 20.
  - 10% of funds to be donated to victims through the Center for Hope and Safety.
  - Event videos and information on Marion County Community Service Department's website.
- Oregon Criminal Justice Commission presented latest state prison population forecast to Marion County Community Corrections Board on October 27.
  - 67% of state penitentiary population from the "metro" counties (Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Lane and Marion).
  - Marion and Lane counties showing higher prison intake rates for Measure 57 property and drug crimes than other counties in the Metro region.
  - Unless both counties reduce these rates starting January 1, 2016:
    - Strong likelihood the remaining half of the Deer Creek correctional facility will open to accommodate state prisoners by late 2016 at a cost of \$9.5 million.

- Some policymakers suggesting the \$9.5 million be taken out of the Justice Reinvestment Grant funds.
    - For Marion County this will mean a reduction of almost \$800,000 (from a total of \$3.5 million) during the second year of the 2015-17 biennium.
  - If the state prison forecast continues to increase, the state will need to build a new prison in Junction City at a cost of \$140 million.
- Discussion:
  - Large number of prison beds occupied by property offenders in Marion County.
  - Legislature did not fully fund the Justice Reinvestment Initiative at original amount of \$58.5.
  - Programs have been working and additional legislative funding is just being invested; Marion County's plan is still not approved and no funds have been received; need to advocate for moving forward with proven strategies.
  - Marion County is taking concrete steps to reduce prison intakes:
    - County will increase the number of individuals eligible for Senate Bill 416 downward departures.
    - Family Alternative Sentencing program to begin January 2016. This will divert parents of children from prison.
- Commissioner Carlson presented Woodburn Police Chief Scott Russell with a certificate of appreciation on his resignation from the council.
- Commissioner Carlson reported that she will be meeting soon with City of Salem Mayor Anna Peterson and City Councilor Warren Bednarz to follow up on the council's homelessness discussion.

### **MARION COUNTY JAIL AND WORK CENTER INMATE SURVEY**

Commander Kevin Schultz, Marion County Sheriff's Office presented this item. NPC Research conducted a survey of the Marion County Jail and Work Release Center in June 2015. The 2015 survey data report also compares data from the 2007 and 2011 jail surveys.

Highlights of survey:

- 73% of Marion County inmates reported using methamphetamines.
- 34% reporting having been physically abused as a child.
- 77% of women and 19% of men reported having been victims of sexual abuse.
- 27% of survey responders reported having lived in a foster care setting.
- Marion County clients also are more likely than national averages to have experienced domestic violence, with 88% of women and 42% of men reporting that a "partner pushed, hit, slapped, kicked or otherwise hurt you."
- Almost 70% of clients experienced homelessness.
- 51% reported being diagnosed with a mental health condition.
- 61% had medical coverage compared to 11% in 2007.
- 48% had received mental health services compared to 18% in 2007.
- 68% reported having at least one child.
- 63% of women reported having had intimate partner sexual violence and sexual abuse over their lifetime.
- 70% of incarcerated veterans reported using drugs or alcohol to reduce or eliminate recollections of events.

Summary of discussion:

- 39% of those arrested had no medical coverage at time of arrest. Incarcerated individuals do not qualify for Medicaid. Marion County pays up to \$35,000 per month in psychotropic medications for uninsured individuals.
- Almost 40% of those surveyed reported being in jail ten or more times, a significant increase compared to prior years.
- Suggestion to discuss jail survey information with Statesman Journal.

**EMERGING ISSUES/PROBLEM SOLVING**

Council discussed proposed agenda items for future meetings.

**ADJOURNED 5:50 PM**