

# MINUTES

## MEETING OF THE MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

March 8, 2016, 4:00 PM  
Commissioners' Board Room  
555 Court St. NE, Salem, OR

**MCPSCC:** District Attorney Walt Beglau, Mark Caillier, Rod Calkins, Commissioner Janet Carlson, Jayne Downing, Tom Ewing, Faye Fagel, Chief Jim Ferraris, Lt. Tim Fox, Don Frederickson, Tamra Goettsch, Jessica Kampfe, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Chief Jerry Moore, Sheriff Jason Myers, Hon. Tracy Prall, Jeff Puterbaugh, Bob Royer, Mike Runyon, Chief John Teague, John Van Dreal, Hitesh Parekh (recorder).

**GUESTS:** Jan Calvin, Annette Chrisemer, Alison Kelley, President Julie Huckestein, Kim Larson, Keeta Lauderdale, Heidi Lung, Barb Young.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

*Commissioner Carlson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.*

#### Recap and Approval of February 9, 2016 meeting minutes

**MOTION:** Ed McKenney moved approval of the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mark Caillier; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

#### Announcements & Upcoming Events

- Law Enforcement for Youth is discontinuing the annual Striking Out Substance Abuse events at the Volcanoes Stadium.
- April 12 MCPSCC meeting is cancelled due to council members attending conferences.
- Council members are invited to sign up for at least one public safety community forum/neighborhood association meeting.
- Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Task Force met on February 17. Additional meeting information can be found at: <http://www.homelesstaskforce.net>.

#### Legislative Update

- At the 2016 legislative session, the Oregon State Legislature:
  - Approved funding for classes at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
  - Approved funding for the Oregon State Police crime labs to test sexual assault kits.
  - Did not pass the grand jury recordation bill, but the bill will likely be reconsidered in 2017.
  - Extended the statute of limitations on sexual assault cases.
  - Established a school safety tip line (statewide mandated threat assessment system) for reports of threats to student safety.
    - Initially, the tip line was to be lodged with the Oregon Department of Justice, but will now be housed with the Oregon State Police.
    - Oregon Task Force on School Safety will continue to study implementation of the tip line until 2019.

- Guidelines on what constitutes a juvenile sex offender were clarified.
- Chief Ferraris and Undersheriff Troy Clausen are leading a statewide workgroup on law enforcement response to mental health or suicidal calls for service.
  - Goal is to create a framework to categorize calls so that law enforcement can determine the appropriate level of response.
- Session was not friendly to businesses: the increase in minimum wages will have a detrimental impact to both the public and private sector.

### **MARION COUNTY FEDERAL AGENDA**

Barb Young, Marion County Government Relations Manager, presented on the federal agenda (**attachment 1**):

- Each year, Marion County departments develop an agenda of federal legislative issues for the next calendar year.
- Once the federal agenda is developed, the Board of Commissioners ratify it and one or more commissioners travel to Washington, DC to educate our Congressional delegation with the help of Conkling, Fiskum and McCormick (CFM), the county's federal lobbying firm.
  - Contract with CFM has been fruitful. From 2007 to today, Marion County received approximately \$ 11.5 million in federal funds.
- Requested that the council recommend the public safety items on the county's federal agenda to the Marion County Board of Commissioners for approval.
- Specific public safety items include:
  - Marion County Reentry Initiative - transitional housing project
  - Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Task Force federal funding
  - Mental Health Court service expansion
  - Reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools funding
  - COPS Technology - funding for law enforcement equipment
  - Supporting continued funding for several federal public safety grant programs.
  - Repeal of inmate exception for federal health benefits

### Summary of Discussion

- Additional topics to include on federal agenda:
  1. Regulate prescription drug abuse and synthetic opiates
  2. Threat assessment strategies to bring greater awareness to identify threats in our community
  3. Restore funding for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program administered by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs. In the past, grant funds have been used to fund peer courts throughout Marion County.

**MOTION:** Chief Jerry Moore moved to approve recommending Marion County's 2016 Federal Agenda to the Board of Commissioners with as many of the additional topics listed above as feasible. Seconded by Sheriff Jason Myers; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

### **VICTIM SERVICES UPDATE**

#### **Justice Reinvestment Grant Investments**

- In June 2015, a team of representatives provided an overview to the council of the victim services they offer:
  - Marion County District Attorney's Office Victim Services
  - Center for Hope and Safety
  - Marion County Sheriff's Office Parole and Probation Division
  - Liberty House

- Team then spoke with the council about investments needed for victim services using funding from Marion County’s 2015-17 Justice Reinvestment Grant.
  - Grant requires counties to set aside 10% for victim services.
  - For Marion County this translates to \$176,704 per year or a total of \$353,408 for 2015-16.
  - Council recommended:
    - \$88,352 biennial award to Liberty House to hire a mental health program manager.
    - \$88,352 biennial award to the Center for Hope and Safety to hire a full-time. children’s advocate and a part-time intake coordinator.
    - Additional funds from the remaining 90% of the grant (\$50,000 per year or \$100,000 for the biennium) be set aside to hire a victim services advocate for the court advocacy program at the Center for Hope and Safety. Position will be shared with the Marion County District Attorney’s Office Victim Assistance program.
  - To date:
    - Center for Hope and Safety has hired a victim services advocate, intake coordinator and children’s advocate. All positions are bi-lingual/bi-cultural.
    - Liberty House will soon hire a therapist position for a new mental health program for children.

### **Victim Services Flowchart**

- Team described the victim services flow chart (**attachment 2**).
  - Every aspect of the criminal justice system has been mapped except victim services.
  - Victim services agencies work very closely with one another but also very careful not to duplicate services.
  - Safety planning for victims is an ongoing issue.

### **Alliance for Hope International Report Recommendations**

- Marion County invited Alliance for Hope International to assess victim services in Marion County in the fall of 2015.
- Alliance toured multiple public safety and victim service facilities and met with many groups in Marion County before issuing an assessment report with immediate, short, and long-term recommendations (**attachment 3**).
- Commissioner Carlson highlighted some of the recommendations and next steps (**attachment 4**).
  - A workgroup is meeting to review these recommendations and determine next steps.

#### Summary of discussion:

- A victim seeking a restraining order has to be in the Courthouse by 10:30 AM to file paperwork before meeting with a judge at 2:00 P.M. If the victim is unable to meet the 10:30 AM time, he or she must wait until the next day to file.
  - Process needs to accommodate victims to increase their security.
  - Victim should be given more flexibility to lift a restraining order within a year.

#### Proposed remedies:

- Center for Hope and Safety:
  - Will have a victim services advocate available in the court for any victim in need.
  - Is creating a flyer listing victim assistance services.
  - Will train law enforcement practitioners to use a domestic violence “checklist”. List will be incorporated into incident/investigative reports.
  - [Note: Court has since changed the protocol so the victim can file paperwork the same day, even if he or she misses the 10:30 AM deadline.]

- Sheriff Myers will discuss the law enforcement recommendations with the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police.
- Workgroup recommendations will be brought back to the council for review.

**EMERGING ISSUES/PROBLEM SOLVING (INFORMATION/DISCUSSION)**

None.

**ADJOURNED**