



MARION COUNTY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 26, 2020 – 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Via WebEx Video Conference

Attendees:

Council members (present)

Chair Jeff Wood, Undersheriff, Marion County Sheriff's Office
Vice-Chair Kevin Karvandi, Commander, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections
Joe Kast, Sheriff, Marion County Sheriff's Office
Paige Clarkson, District Attorney, Marion County District Attorney's Office
Tamra Goettsch, Director, Marion County Community Services
Ann-Marie Bandfield, Program Manager, Marion County Health and Human Services
Erik Andersson, President, Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR)
Kristy McIntosh, Interim Director, Salem Health – Care Management, Regulatory and Patient Safety
Alison Kelley, Chief Executive Officer, Liberty House
Skip Miller, Deputy Chief, Salem Police Department
Tim Murphy, Executive Director, Bridgeway Recovery Services
Jimmy Jones, Executive Director, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
Jessica Howard, President, Chemeketa Community College
Sherry Bensema, EMS Coordinator, Lyons Rural Fire District
Jessica Kampfe, Public Defender and Executive Director, Public Defender of Marion County

Quorum is present.

Council members (absent)

Kevin Cameron, Commissioner, Marion County Board of Commissioners
Mel Slate, Client Services Coordinator, Union Gospel Mission
Dick Withnell, Business Member

Others

Allycia Weathers, Marion County Sheriff's Office
Anna Jefferson, Sergeant, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections
Tad Larson, Commander, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Institutions
Hitesh Parekh, Marion County Board of Commissioners
Laura Shaver, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections
Peggy Lowery as recorder

Welcome and Introductions

- Undersheriff Wood called the meeting to order and introduced the attendees.



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Minutes Approval

- Skip Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from July 27, 2020.
 - Tim Murphy seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed with none opposed.

MCRI Client Support Fund ([MCRI Website](#))

- Tamra Goettsch presented this item.
 - The Marion County Reentry Initiative (MCRI) has used the council to help identify and review needs of the initiative.
 - The initiative does good work for those who are trying to make good choices as they enter our community.
 - Examples of the help given by the fund:
 - eye glasses;
 - boots;
 - work clothes;
 - help with obtaining IDs;
 - help with obtaining birth certificates; and,
 - help with other obstacles that get in a person's way as he/she enters back into the community.
 - The Fund is reviewed each quarter (see attached quarterly reports).
 - The Fund currently has \$35,364.91.
 - The Fund spends \$500.00 - \$1,500.00 in expenditures per quarter.
 - It also helps pay for a yearly training or community event.
 - Spending has happened at a slower pace due to COVID.
 - In lieu of the annual breakfast, MCRI is sending a letter to its guest list asking to consider an online donation (see attached donation letter).
- Questions/Discussions
 - Funds have been used for a variety of different things in the past:
 - Victim Services; and
 - Community Action navigator.
 - The body of JRIC has historically been to review and utilize these funds. There will be periodic updates and check-ins for the expenditures.

COVID Impacts/Jail and Pretrial

Tad Larson and Kevin Karvandi presented this item

- Jail
 - In the early phases of COVID the jail asked arresting agencies to use discretion in the field and issue citations whenever possible.
 - Early on the jail started medical screening of arrestees and the public before entering into the facility.



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- The jail asked the DA and the courts to review individuals for pretrial monitoring referrals.
 - This helped for when the shutdown actually happened. They did not have to kick out a large number of adults in custody (AIC).
- The Sheriff used his authority to temporarily suspend the jail's capacity management plan.
- The jail ran a single-cell operation (approximate 260-270 on a daily basis).
- Unfortunately visiting had to be closed during lockdown.
 - Jail vendor, IC Solutions, did a great job allowing free time on phones and tablets for AICs to communicate with family and attorneys.
- Phase 2 court operations will continue through March, 2021. This will leave the jail in a phase 2 operation as well.
- The medical unit has a process in place for care and screening. The facility was originally structured with isolation cells built for tuberculosis patients, which has helped with the current COVID situation.
- The temporary changes have resulted in holding who needs to be held.
 - Unfortunately this has resulted in individuals recycling in and out of the system.
- PPE has been distributed to all staff and AICs.
- AICs given extra positions to help with cleaning and sanitizing.
- Two AICs have tested positive. The Health Department was able to trace these specific cases.
- Will continue to monitor and adjust efforts where needed.
- Pretrial Monitoring (see attached Pretrial Monitoring Charts)
 - The Pretrial Monitoring Program an alternative means for individuals to go through the criminal justice system without being incarcerated.
 - This also helps relieve some of the pressure on the jail.
 - The Pretrial Monitoring Program launched in March, 2019.
 - From March, 2019, until COVID hit in March, 2020, the program continued to increase the amount of referrals from the courts.
 - Approximately 260 participants.
 - The program saw a considerable decrease in referrals from the courts when COVID hit.
 - The temporary suspension of the jail's capacity management plan affected the jail population. Forced releases were routed through pretrial monitoring, which has created an increase of participation in the program.
 - Court referrals are slowly moving back up from the decline.
 - Two full-time case aides currently manage the program.
 - Approximately 320 participants.
 - We have asked for grant funding to support another case aide position for this program.
 - The majority of clients placed in pretrial monitoring are medium and high risk. This is the population we want to target with this program.



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- Questions/Discussions
 - Question to Jessica Kampfe: Is the Pretrial Monitoring Program meeting the needs of the Defense Consortium? Are you seeing or hearing of any problems?
 - Answer: We have been very happy with all of the work Pretrial has been doing. They have been really good communicators. When issues have come up we have had the ability to staff them and come up with some answers to questions. We have been impressed with the work they have been doing during the pandemic.

Meeting Schedules for 2021 Calendar Year

- The Council decided on set quarterly meetings over a doodle poll.

Announcements

- Tim Murphy
 - In March, Bridgeway's bed capacity in detox was reduced from 24 to 12. They have increased their capacity back up to 20.
 - When Stay at Home Order went into effect, Bridgeway sent their therapists home with a laptop and very little training. They began reaching out to their clients via a virtual platform. No-show rate has since decreased from before COVID. It has been easier to reach people virtually or by phone as opposed to them finding transportation to attend in-person appointments.
- Alison Kelley
 - When Stay at Home Order went into effect, Liberty House went to a skeleton staff.
 - Currently seeing 85-95% of what they were seeing last year.
 - On the clinic side they are seeing a much higher number of complicated cases, involving much more severe injuries to younger babies and infants. A lot of those get transported up to OHSU.
 - Therapists are conducting 50% of their therapy via an online tele-therapy platform and 50% in office.
 - People are struggling as the pandemic continues. They appreciate all the support.
- Jessica Howard
 - Chemeketa has been fortunate to serve as the Beachie Creek Fire incident command site. Their campus has also been a place for many of the firefighters who have come to work the fire. It has been a privilege to host this effort.
 - Chemeketa is currently largely remote. They do have some face-to-face classes going on, which includes the SOAR program.
- Ann-Marie Bandfield
 - Thank you to the Sheriff's Office for their work in the community during the wildfires.
 - PCC is open.



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The next scheduled meeting will be held Monday, January 25, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. by Undersheriff Wood.

Completed by: Peggy L. Lowery
Completed date: October 27, 2020

Attachments: MCRI Client Support Fund Reports
MCRI Client Support Fund Donation Letter
Pretrial Monitoring Charts