



MARION COUNTY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 24, 2022 – 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Via In Person and Microsoft Teams Video Conference

Commissioners Board Room
555 Court Street NE, 5th Floor
Salem, OR 97301

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
Tamra Goettsch, Director, Marion County Community Services
Ann-Marie Bandfield, Program Manager, Marion County Health and Human Services
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
Jimmy Jones, Executive Director, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
Sherry Bensema, EMS Coordinator, Lyons Rural Fire District
Kevin Cameron, Commissioner, Marion County Board of Commissioners
Paige Clarkson, District Attorney, Marion County District Attorney's Office
Jessica Howard, President, Chemeketa Community College

Quorum is present.

Council members (absent)

Shannon Wilson, Executive Director, Public Defender of Marion County
Erik Andersson, President, Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR)
Tim Murphy, Executive Director, Bridgeway Recovery Services
Dick Withnell, Business Member

Others

Jeff Stutrud, Commander, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Enforcement Division
Chad Ball, Board of Commissioners Office
Hitesh Parekh, Board of Commissioners Office

Peggy Lowery as recorder

Welcome and Introductions

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



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Minutes Approval

- Tamra Goettsch made a motion to approve the minutes from July 26, 2021.
 - Skip Miller seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

LEAD Update

Commander Jeff Stutrud presented this item.

- 165 total referrals since the program started.
 - This includes law enforcement, diversion, and social referrals.
- 92 participating clients currently.
 - 51 are actively in contact with LEAD navigators.
 - 34 are inactive and have not had contact with LEAD navigators.
 - 6 are self-sufficient and do not need resources at this time.
- Clients who are not currently active can re-engage at any time.
- 240 officers throughout multiple agencies have been trained and can refer clients.
- The Program Coordinator position for LEAD is currently vacant. Interviews to fill this vacancy are scheduled in a couple weeks.
- This is a BJA funded grant which was set to expire September, 2021. Extension has been granted until September 30, 2022.
- Remaining funds are designated for housing, healthcare, and immediate needs of clients.
- Working on budget modifications to support the training of LEAD officers.
- Early results show a reduction in police contacts, citations, and new arrests.
- Questions/Discussions
 - Question: From the stats provided in the handout, does it mean 15 clients engaged in LEAD are houseless? Does houseless mean living on the street or couch surfing? Is this temporary?
 - Answer: Yes, the stats show 15 clients do not have permanent housing. Will look into what the definition of houseless means as it refers to these stats and if it is temporary. These numbers come from the initial assessment. In the reassessment the housing question is not asked.
 - Question: The Client Updates in the handout show a 60% decrease in average police contact. Can this percentage be based on one client having 60% less contact?
 - Yes. We have a handful of clients who create a lot of overall contacts. If this handful of clients receive resources and are served, and their contacts go down, then that will affect the overall percentage as well.
 - Discussion: There have been discussions between the District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, Board of Commissioners, Health and Human Services, and the City of Salem about what is still needed in the community. There is a need to help people who are not displaying criminal contact at the moment, but can benefit from a program like LEAD. There is an interest in a program like CAHOOTS and in continuing to build upon



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the successes of LEAD in the community. Discussions are ongoing on how we can expand with more navigators and more connectivity to additional services and resources to elevate and increase what we are already doing.

- Discussion: The initial funding for LEAD was through a federal grant. The grant funds will eventually end. There is current work on transitioning those grant funded positions to county general funded positions. This is important so the program can remain in effect without any stoppage in services, and potentially enhance the services we are already providing.

Justice Reinvestment Grant Application

Commander Karvandi presented this item.

- On behalf of the Public Safety Coordinating Council, the Sheriff's Office submitted the final application to the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) for the 2021-23 period.
 - The entire application was fully funded. Two grants awarded by the CJC:
 - Formula grant based on a percentage:
 - \$3,642,513 for program funding; and,
 - \$418,680 for victims services funding.
 - Supplemental grant which is a competitive grant:
 - \$825,691 for program funding; and,
 - \$91,743 for victims services funding.
 - Official award letter has been received and we are currently going through the IGA process and contract amendments.
 - Two programs coming out of this funding:
 - Link-up reengaged January 1, 2022, and is expanding the target population.
 - Starting a peer mentor program next month specifically targeting individuals coming out of our public safety building.

FY21 Marion County Reentry Initiative Client Fund

Tamra Goettsch presented this item.

- As of December 30, 2021, there is a little over \$33,000 available in our client fund.
 - Money is raised out of the community with people who are interested in giving individuals second chances and being successful as they reintegrate to the community after incarceration.
 - Recent expenditures:
 - Driver's licenses and ID cards;
 - Bus passes;
 - Employment supplies; and,
 - Eye glasses.
 - A major focus of funds is making sure medical needs are being addressed.
 - Issued letter out to community asking for year-end donations. Received a little over



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\$1,000 from this request.

- Typically receive \$200 per month from online donations.

Marion County Reentry Initiative Breakfast

Tamra Goettsch presented this item.

- Small team from the Sheriff's Office, Board of Commissioners Office, and Marion County Community Services have begun meeting about a reentry breakfast.
- Have not had an in person event since 2019 due to COVID-19. Typically this event happens in October, but rescheduled for spring to hopefully have a fuller in-person event.
- Typically can raise \$17,000-\$30,000 at the in-person event.
- Breakfast is scheduled for April 28, 2022, from 7:30am to 8:30am.
- Working on the agenda. Looking at a progression of prevention, intervention, and reentry services.
- Looking for sponsorships to help pay for the event. This will allow donations received can go directly into the client fund. Any money raised in sponsorships that goes beyond what is needed to put on the event will go directly into the client fund.
- Businesses that sponsor the event will be promoted during the event and on marketing materials.
- We will be pushing this hard and Commissioner Cameron will be meeting with people regarding sponsorship.
- The Sheriff's Office has indicated their support. The City of Keizer has donated the facility for the event free of charge.
- Questions/Discussions
 - Discussion: Idea to include businesses and employers that have benefited from this event.

Announcements

- No announcements presented.

The next scheduled meeting will be held Monday, April 25, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m. by Undersheriff Wood.

Completed by: Peggy L. Lowery

Completed date: January 26, 2022

Attachments: LEAD Update
2021-23 Statewide Justice Reinvestment Funding Table
MCRI Client Support Fund FY21 Quarter 4 Report
MCRI Client Support Fund FY22 Quarter 1 Report
MCRA Breakfast Sponsorship Request Letter