

# Marion County Reentry Council

## Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2015; 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 pm

Silverton Conference Room

Courthouse Square, 5th Floor, Board of Commissioners Office

**Attendees:** Commissioner Janet Carlson, Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Sheriff Jason Myers, District Attorney Walt Beglau, Commander Jeff Wood, Tamra Goettsch, Lieutenant Kevin Karvandi, Sergeant Anna Whitlock, Deb Giard, Jon Reeves, Tim Murphy, Jan Calvin, Julie Huckestein, Dick Withnell, Bruce Bailey, Shane Conaway, Chad Freeman, Shaney Starr, Martha Dodsworth, and Allycia Weathers as recorder

### Welcome, Introductions

- Commander Wood called the meeting to order and requested self-introductions.

### Minutes Approval

- Minutes from July 28, 2015 were reviewed;
- Tamra Goettsch made a motion to approve the minutes:
  - The motion was seconded by Dick Withnell; and
  - A voice vote was unanimous.

### Community Breakfast

Commissioner Carlson presented this item.

- 7<sup>th</sup> annual breakfast;
- Filled up very fast after the save the date;
- Planned for 192, with 211 RSVPs; and
- Able to seat everyone.
- Keynote speaker District Attorney Walt Beglau, closing speaker Jayne Downing;
- Goal for donations at \$20,000 has been exceeded in pledges; and
- Monthly giving and credit card donations have improved fund raising;
- Providing 10 percent of donations to victim services;
- Compelling interviews with Parole and Probation clients; and
- Working on tasks for next year:
  - Ensuring the conference doesn't conflict with judicial conference next year;
  - Discussion regarding a larger venue and potential trade-offs;
  - Broadway Commons sponsors the room each year;
  - Allows for catering through Gregg Peterson.

Council discussion:

- Sergeant Whitlock represented the Reentry Initiative and the Sheriff's Office well in her participation with the video; and
- Casey Gwinn from Alliance for HOPE attended during a site visit to assess victim services:
  - Impressed with the commitment and engagement in the community.

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- Threading victimization with reentry as a collective effort rather than two issues with keynote speech and video presentations:
  - 80 percent of inmates participating in the jail survey have been physically, sexually, or emotionally traumatized; and
  - Possible to be both the victim and an offender.
- Bridgeway employee who participated in the video reported back to Tim Murphy:
  - Employee now able to work with people who are both victims and addictions; and
  - Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR) graduate.
- Deb Giard was able to make new connections in the community at the breakfast;
- Union Gospel Mission Restoration House serves SOAR participants:
  - Conversations after breakfast with participants regarding breaking the cycle of victim to offender; and
  - Would like to incorporate videos into programming.
- Videos from the Reentry Breakfast are on the web via YouTube and available on [Community Services website](#) as well as the progress report and PowerPoint presentation; and
- Discussed label of felony versus misdemeanor offender and impact on reentry.

## Client Support Fund

Tamra Goettsch presented this item.

- Community Services Department manages the Marion County Reentry Initiative client fund;
- Distributed policy draft and report on funds; and
- Policy revisions are:
  - Added victim services as a viable expense for this fund;
  - Clarified sponsorship overage reinvested into client fund in fund distribution;
  - 90 percent of the funds go towards client fund including crisis, basic needs, transportation, education and employment needs, and medical, including eye exams and glasses;
  - 10 percent allocated to Center for Hope and Safety for victim services with reporting requirements back to the council; and
  - Clarifying language added throughout the policy.
- Will provide policy to all partners (Attachment A); and
- Commissioner Carlson made a motion to approve the policy with technical corrections:
  - The motion was seconded by Dick Withnell; and
  - A voice vote was unanimous.
- Client fund report:
  - Added a year to date report:
    - Carry forward from previous year of \$11,000;
    - Collected \$4,500 through the year;
    - Largest portion of client fund donations from the breakfast;
    - Expended \$11,000; and
    - Balance of \$4,700 to carry forward into the next year.

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- Quarterly revenue \$7,266 as of July 2015;
- Funds being held by trust previously received by the county; and
- Expenses \$4,214 for the quarter:
  - Listed by category; and
  - Primarily eye glasses, eye exams, and driver's licenses.
- Supported 20 clients last quarter:
  - May have assisted one individual multiple times per quarter.
- \$2,100 set aside for the 10 percent victim services fund going to Center for Hope and Safety; and
- Oregon Department of Corrections and Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division partnership to ensure identification is not shredded at the prison is effective:
  - Oregon driver's license and identification cards purchased for offenders incarcerated prior to the partnership being in place.
- Tim Murphy made a motion to accept the report:
  - The motion was seconded by Chad Freeman;
  - A voice vote was unanimous.

### MCRI/Employment

Lt. Karvandi and Deb Giard presented this item.

- Roughly 60 percent of clients unemployed;
- Parole and Probation recently met with Chemeketa, ResCare and Bridgeway to facilitate improving employment outcomes; and
- Marketing plan, flow chart and brochure hand out (Attachment B).
- Focused on three key areas:
  - Employment services has been a drop-in model:
    - Moving to a case management model; and
    - Any client not employed is mandated to meet with Employment Specialist:
      - Determine path to employment or education; and
      - Check in meetings.
    - More of a one-on-one connection with the client; and
    - Implemented October 1.
  - SOAR and Jail Reentry program:
    - Focus on transition period;
    - Enhance employment related services in the last four weeks of the 12 week curriculum; and
    - Incorporate employment focus via existing mentors.
  - Employer and community engagement:
    - Enhance efforts;
    - Partnership with ResCare to help with On-the-Job Training;
    - Improving referral process with ResCare;
    - Enhancing partnerships with Goodwill Job Connections;

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- Bridgeway mentors and counselors receiving training to support employment while in treatment; and
- Agreements with staffing agencies:
  - Some previously hesitant to work with population; and
  - Filling the employer needs.
- Referrals coming from Work Transition Center for employment.

### Council discussion:

- Governor's Reentry Council Business Implementation Team meeting upcoming:
  - Marion County working with and sharing best practices with other counties, including Clackamas County;
  - Parole and Probation staff to meet with Dick Withnell and Commissioner Cameron to discuss system differences between Marion and Clackamas Counties; and
  - High to medium risk offenders:
    - 48 percent employed in Clackamas County;
    - 47 percent employed in Washington County;
    - 45 percent employed in Marion County;
    - 33 percent employed in Lane County; and
    - 30 percent employed in Multnomah County.
- Bridgeway initiated housing program about one year ago:
  - All 16 residents in school or work;
  - Seven children reside there;
  - All participants paying rent;
  - Supervised by Parole and Probation; and
  - Receive treatment and housing from Bridgeway.
- Employment target groups to build jobs:
  - Manufacturing;
  - Construction;
  - Work to expand pool;
  - Market to groups where individuals skill set is; and
  - Partnership with SEDCOR.
- Oregon Corrections Enterprise (OCE) partnership:
  - Cabinet maker in the area;
  - Coordinating with OCE to work on employment for offenders transitioning to the community with that skill set; and
  - Working with OCE to tour the facility with employers.
- MCRI Design Team meeting to include a discussion about aligning Vocational Rehabilitation services with the population:
  - Marion County Employment Services is currently working with the job counselors; and
  - Pilot with Yamhill County with supported employment for reentry population.

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### Governor's Reentry Council

Deb Giard, Dick Withnell and Commissioner Cameron presented this item.

- September Governor's Reentry Council:
  - Presentation from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) and the recidivism measure change from House Bill (HB) 3194:
    - CJC to update recidivism every six months;
    - CJC to expand analysis to include demographics; and
    - Will compile one, two and ten-year rates.
  - Family and Community Connections subcommittee provided an update and recommendations around family engagement; and
  - Education Implementation Team provided information on Senate Bill 81 to fund community college tuition for general education diploma (GED).
- Next meeting Wednesday, December 2 at DPSST.

### Council discussion:

- Family connections change to sentencing:
  - Justice Reinvestment Funds proposal approved;
  - Contract coming soon;
  - Moving forward with programs and plans proposed;
  - Prison population forecast concerns and impact on funding; and
  - Need for more focus on diversion from prison:
    - Programs such as Senate Bill 416.
  - Family alternative sentencing is a diversion program:
    - Marion County is a pilot county;
    - Beginning January 1, 2016;
    - Eligibility includes non-violent and drug offenders with children;
    - Sentenced to probation;
    - Receive supervision and related services such as treatment, housing, and employment to keep the family unit together;
    - Integrating services from the Oregon Department of Human Resources; and
    - Leveraging resources from Drug Endangered Children Unit in Parole and Probation.
  - Need for conversation about how reentry council can implement strategies for diversion in addition to reentry to reduce prison population; and
  - Public Safety Coordinating Council working on community forums:
    - Telephone town halls;
    - Neighborhood association meetings;
    - Tying to State of the County presentations;
    - Culture shift regarding prison diversion and need to educate the community; and
    - Changes for judges, district attorney, and parole and probation officers.

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### **MCRI Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

Jan Calvin presented this item.

- Partnership growing;
- Need to update the memorandum to include all partners;
- Draft two-page memorandum with addenda and exhibits;
- Exhibit A:
  - Partner commitment for contributing to the initiative;
  - Customize for each partner; and
  - Include direct services provided, participation, committees
- Jan Calvin will provide the MOU and attachments electronically;
- Timeline to finalize in the next 30-45 days;
- Contact Jan Calvin with any questions; and
- Community Services Department will take the lead on executing the contract for the county.

### **Other Business**

- Deb Giard provided SOAR program dates for 2016-2017 (Attachment B);
- Encourage all council members to attend a SOAR graduation; and
- Bridgeway opening an eight-bed transition facility for women in Stayton.

### **Closing**

- Commander Wood adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Completed by: Allycia R. Weathers

Completed date:

Attachments:

A: MCRI Client Support and Victim Services Fund Policy

B: SOAR program dates for 2016-17