



MARION COUNTY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 22, 2024 – 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 Jay Bergmann, Undersheriff, Marion County Sheriff's Office
Nicholas Hunter, Sheriff, Marion County Sheriff's Office
Paige Clarkson, District Attorney, Marion County District Attorney's Office
Christopher Eppley, Community Services Director, Marion County Community Services
Sherry Bensema, EMS Coordinator, Lyons Rural Fire District
Tim Murphy, Executive Director, Bridgeway Recovery Services
Jim Hope, Client Services Coordinator, Union Gospel Mission
Treven Upkes, Deputy Chief, Salem Police Department
Jessica Howard, President, Chemeketa Community College
Shannon Wilson, Executive Director, Public Defender of Marion County
Alison Kelley, Chief Executive Officer, Liberty House
Debra Wells, Division Director, Marion County Health and Human Services

Quorum is present.

Council members (absent)

Mike Hartford, Commander, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections Division
Jimmy Jones, Executive Director, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
Colm Willis, Commissioner, Marion County Board of Commissioners
Kristy McIntosh, Director, Salem Health – Care Management, Regulatory and Patient Safety

Others

Sara Coutley, Management Analyst 1, Community Services
Lisa Parks, Clinical Advisory Panel Program Manager, Willamette Health Council
Heath Nelson, Sergeant, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections Division
Peggy Lowery as recorder

Welcome and Introductions

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



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Minutes Approval

- Tim Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes from October 23, 2023.
 - Christopher Eppley seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation - Marion-Polk Behavioral Health Crisis Collaborative

Lisa Parks presented this item.

- The Willamette Health Council is the governance for Pacific Source.
 - They oversee Pacific Source's community-based programs.
 - One of these programs is the Behavior Health Crisis Collaborative (BHCC).
 - In November, the BHCC brought community partners together from around the region to discuss where the gaps are within behavioral health, law enforcement, and other providers.
 - Eight recommendations were brought forward, and priorities were listed with problem statements.
 - Priority 1 – Coordination
 - Priority 2 – Services & Access
 - Priority 3 – Policy/Education
 - GOBHI receive funding from OHA for Law Enforcement 101. This regional training will happen in Dallas, Woodburn, and Salem.
 - There are about 75 participants signed up in Dallas and Salem.
 - There are zero participants signed up in Woodburn. This is very concerning.
 - CTEC is providing suicide prevention in the community. This is being provided in Salem and Woodburn. In Woodburn the suicide prevention is going to be in Russian and Spanish.
 - We are connecting Pacific Source and our crisis center together. They will be meeting to discuss how to bridge the miscommunication gap between them. This gap is a barrier for those needing services, especially those with developmental disabilities.
 - We are looking for 4-5 organizations to help build a program that is going to connect our peers who are providing these services to the IDD community.
 - We have a second work group that works on communications. We are going to make cards that have a QR code that an officer, or any of our providers, can scan with a phone. This will take the person directly to resources within the community. This will help connect services to individuals who do not have their OHP turned back on.
- Questions/Discussions
 - Question: What suicide prevention training are you using?
 - Answer: We are using Assist and we will also be doing a basic suicide introduction for our indigenous language families.
 - Question: When you said we have the largest number of Ukrainian refugees, did you mean in the state or in the county?
 - Answer: In the state.



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- Question: Did you know that Bridgeway has an OHP assist team to help sign people up for our health plan?
 - Answer: Yes. Bridgeway is on the list for us to ask for help building a program that is going to connect our peers who are providing these services to the IDD community.
- Question: With the number of Ukrainian refugees and our Russian population, are you seeing a blending of the two or are they staying as separate communities that have friction?
 - Answer: I am being told there is friction.
- Question: Can this friction spill over where we are seeing violent activity between groups?
 - Answer: There is a chance of seeing violent activity spill over into the community.

Presentation – Marion County Pre-trial Release Program

Heath Nelson presented this item.

- The Pre-trial Release Program was created to promote court appearances, enhance public safety, and provide the court with oversight to keep beds at the jail for the highest priority offenders.
- There are two case aides assigned to the program.
- Recently the courts created their own pretrial program. This has made the numbers in Marion County's program go down a little.
- Currently there are 189 people in the program.
- Some of the things we do when people enter the program is refer them to drug and alcohol treatment, housing, and mental health services.
- We use correctional practices, which is a way of dealing and talking with people.
- We use cognitive based interventions to help people change behavior, and we offer them other tools to help change behavior and try and reduce recidivism.
- We don't have authority over people awaiting pre-trial, we are just monitoring them and reporting that information to the courts.
- We average 30 referrals per month for the pre-trial program.
- Average successful completions in the pre-trial program are 220. Average unsuccessful completions are 114 days. If we take out the really long duration participants, the data for successful completions are closer to 151 and unsuccessful completions are closer to 80.
 - Successful completion is defined as charges dismissed, convicted or sentenced, acquitted, or deceased.
 - Unsuccessful completion is defined as a warrant issued to revoke for a technical violation or new charges, or arrested for a violation of their release agreement.
- We use two different risk assessments to determine high, medium, or low risk for individuals in the program.
- High risk individuals report in two times per month.
- All individuals receive an automated reminder call two days before their court appearance and high-risk individuals receive a personal call the day before.
- Types of offenses in the pre-trial program:
 - General (55%)



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- Theft
- Drug Crimes
- Domestic Violence (41%)
- Sex Offenses (5%)
- Marion County's appearance rate from April 2023 – March 2024 was 69%.
- Marion County's safety rate from April 2023 – March 2024 was 100%.
 - There are going to be a few individuals who are arrested in other places or that slip through the cracks.
- Marion County's success rate from April 2023 – March 2024 was 56%.
- Questions/Discussions
 - Question: Is there a national statistic to compare Marion County's rates to?
 - Answer: No there is not. Currently we are comparing our own rates.
 - Question: What does it mean that the safety rate is based on information that comes to us?
 - Answer: We know that %100 of the people we monitor are not finishing without new charges. We are going to start running criminal checks at the end of their pre-trial release to see if there are any new charges that are in the system. That won't capture everything because not all charges are immediately dropped into the system.
 - Question: Would it also be helpful to periodically run a criminal check throughout the pre-trial release period? You wouldn't be able to revoke them and get them back into jail if you don't know that something happened during the pendency of the case, right?
 - Answer: This is correct. We have a pre-trial meeting later this week and hopefully we can talk about this with our other partners to try and pick an interval that we would like to see.
 - Discussion: There is authority to hold someone accountable. The individual signed a release agreement. If they violate the agreement then there is authority to arrest for contempt, or let the DA's Office know so they can file a show cause or bring it to the attention of the Judge.
 - Discussion: You would think with all the technology there would be a way to receive notification without having to run a check. There may be a legal issue with putting them in the LEDS database. We should discuss this more at the upcoming pre-trial meeting.

Update – Marion County Reentry Initiative (MCRI)

Chris Eppley and Sarah Coutley presented this item.

- The MCRI fund's current balance is \$66,748.22.
- The fund was able to help acquire an E-bike and safety accessories for an individual who needed to get around, but was not a good fit for public transportation.
- Expanding the spending parameters last year has really helped.
- Our spending so far this fiscal year has gone up considerably compared to last year, both by dollar amount and the number of clients served.
- Currently 10% of the MCRI fund is supposed to go to victim services. We have not been doing this for a couple years.



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- Questions/Discussions
 - Question: Do we want to go back a few years and play catchup?
 - Answer: Undersheriff Bergmann is going to research and get some historical perspective. He will report back his findings at the next council meeting.
 - Question: Which victim services should receive these funds? Currently the policy states Center for Hope & Safety, or another victim services provider as the group identifies.
 - Answer: Under the JRI grant, the Public Safety Coordinating Council has designated the Center for Hope & Safety and Liberty Houses as the two qualified victim services providers.
- Alison Kelley made a motion to approve adding Brian Mitchell as an authorized agency representative, assuming he satisfied the vetting process for the position.
 - Tim Murphy seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

- Liberty House is opening up a satellite clinic in Woodburn to serve Woodburn and North Marion County. They will start seeing patients on May 21, 2024, at the earliest.
- Thank you Sheriff Hunter for showing up at Bridgeway's groundbreaking last week for our new medical center. The medical center will have detox beds, sobering beds, and sobering services for local law enforcement.

The next scheduled meeting will be held Monday, July 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. by Undersheriff Bergmann.

Completed by: Peggy L. Lowery

Completed date: April 25, 2024

Attachments: Presentation – Marion County Pretrial Release Program
Presentation – Marion-Polk Behavioral Health Crisis Collaborative
MCRI Reporting Data 4.22.2024
Policy for MCRI Client and Victim Services Support Account