



Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) Behavioral Health Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Noon, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018

Courtroom 402, Justice Building, Douglas County Courthouse

PRESENT: Cherie Barnstable, *Compass*; Kat Griffin, *Umpqua Valley Public Defender*; Gary Klopfenstein, *Roseburg police*; Todd Luther, *Mercy Medical Center*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LPSCC Coordinator*; Michele Moore, *Cow Creek Tribe*; Paul Robertson, *Adapt/OTP*; Lt. Mike Root, *Sheriff's Office*; Christin Rutledge, *Douglas Public Health Network*; Ann Marie Simmons, *Mental Health Court Judge*; Kurt Sorenson, *Sutherlin police*; Stacy Whittington, *Battered Persons' Advocacy*; Robert Wilson, *Treatment Court Coordinator*;

ABSENT: Greg Brigham, *Adapt*; Darlene Brooks, *NAMI*; Marie Dixon, *NAMI*; Josh Eggleston, *Sheriff's Deputy*; Wayne Ellsworth, *Adapt/South River*; Mike Fieldman, *UCAN*; Heather Johnson, *Compass*; Andrew Renyer, *Sheriff's Deputy*; Misty McAbee, *UCAN*; Tracy Simpson, *Correct Care Solutions*; Tom Sorrells, *Adapt*; Dane Zahner, *HIV Alliance*;

UPDATES

LPSCC Coordinator Melissa McRobbie-Toll provided the following update:

CSG Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment effort: Council of State Governments is continuing with its legislative push for the creation of a Behavioral Health JRI program in Oregon. CSG is working with counties including Douglas to gather local-level data to compare to state data in order to calculate the cost of frequent system users. Steering Committee is meeting in Salem on Halloween. Southern Oregon representation on the Committee consists of Jackson County Community Justice Director Eric Guyer and State Rep. Duane Stark.

JAIL-RELEASE CONNECTIONS

The Subcommittee reviewed the September meeting minutes and further developed the plan for the resource-room pilot project to connect releasing jail inmates to social services. Key points included:

- **Name** - Resource room will be called "The Connecting Point"
- **Hours** - Will operate on from 7:30 to 11 a.m. with a target start date of **Dec. 3**
- **Location** - Room 310 in the County Courthouse
- **Funding** - Adapt/Compass can contribute an initial \$200 in jail-diversion funds to this project. Douglas Public Health Network may have some available funding for combating sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- **Flier/signage** - Flier will be developed and given to the jail for distribution to releasing inmates, and can also be given to inmates during South River Community Health Center's Friday in-reach

sessions. Parole/probation could potentially help with awareness. Temporary directional signs will be posted to help people find Room 310.

- **Supplies** – Needed supplies include power strips with USB ports; paper/pens; “squid” chargers; hygiene items to give away; snacks; bottled water
- **Food** – Could include donated donuts/bagels, granola bars, ramen
- **Potential pitfalls** – Chief Klopfenstein asked what would happen if releasing inmates bring friends to the room. Robert Wilson suggested a policy of giving snacks only to people who fill out certain social-service forms, etc.

ACTIONS: LPSCC Coordinator will create a flier; purchase phone chargers in conjunction with Adapt/Compass; reach out to local businesses about food donations; more

SIM UPDATE

The Douglas County SIM (Sequential Intercept Mapping) was held at the Roseburg Police Department last Wednesday, Oct. 17. About 35 people attended the daylong event, facilitated by Carol Speed of the Oregon Center on Behavioral Health and Justice Integration and Jackson County Sheriff’s Deputy Christina Walker. In the morning, the group “mapped” the justice system as it relates to individuals with mental illness, logging gaps and resources from pre-arrest through jail, the courts and re-entry. In the afternoon, the group voted on priorities and created action groups to follow up on those priorities. The top 5 priorities were as follows:

- 1) **Crisis Respite** – Creating a 24-hour Crisis Respite Center for people experiencing a mental health crisis. **Action:** *Dr. Brigham of Adapt will convene a stakeholder meeting to revive this effort. Additional parties will be invited.*
- 2) **Housing** – Increase availability of new, affordable permanent and/or transitional housing for special-needs residents including those with mental illness. **Action:** *Work group will convene a meeting of stakeholders in November or December (possibly during a LPSCC Housing Subcommittee meeting)*
- 3) **Mobile Crisis sustainability** – Sustain and grow the new Mobile Crisis Program beyond its three-year grant cycle. Eventual goal is to have CAHOOTS-like model with 24/7 coverage and possibly teams of EMTs and mental health professionals riding together. **Action:** *This goal will be part of the stakeholder discussions about shaping the new Mobile Crisis Program.*
- 4) **Supportive Housing & Residential Treatment** – Increase availability of supportive housing and residential treatment for individuals with co-occurring disorders. **Actions:** *Identify funding and service providers, and seek out locations.*
- 5) **Sobering Center** – Open a 24/7 Sobering Center. **Actions:** *Bring stakeholders together and identify a funding stream or multiple funding streams to cover operating costs.*

Other priorities identified at the SIM included: Expanding jail diversion and in-jail services; providing jail mental health assessments; identifying frequent users and sharing info among agencies; improving communication and coordination; recruitment of mental health professionals and forensic evaluators; expanding CIT and mental health first aid training; examine issue of pregnant women being released from jail; improve data collection and tracking; increase peer mentoring; adding MAT in jail

Subcommittee discussion points on the SIM priorities included the following:

- **Sobering Center** – The Subcommittee strongly hopes to see action on the Sobering Center project. Group discussed whether a downtown location would be better than a remote location. Chief Klopfenstein noted most people would be transported there (not many walk-ins). Sutherlin police Capt. Kurt Sorenson (new Subcommittee member) supports idea of a Sobering Center. Operating funding could come from a combination of public agencies, the business community, nonprofits, community partners and others. Judge Simmons suggested contacting Safeway, Walmart, Abby's and other businesses that could benefit from a Sobering Center. Stacy Whittington recommended contacting the community advisory council for the CCO *before December*. LPSCC could write a letter of support for the project that could be used to solicit contributions – letter could contain a point of contact at agency holding grant for startup operations (UCAN or Adapt). Judge Simmons noted it would be helpful to have a breakdown of the monthly costs of operating a Sobering Center. **Actions:** *LPSCC Coordinator will work with Adapt/Compass, UCAN and LPSCC Chair Commissioner Boice on the framework for a letter of support to be voted on by LPSCC at its December meeting; will coordinate with City of Roseburg and UCAN on convening stakeholder meeting; will do outreach to cities that may benefit from a Sobering Center; will get figures on how Grants Pass Sobering Center is funded; will obtain projected monthly costs for a Roseburg Sobering Center from Mike Fieldman.*
- **Supportive Housing** - Multiple Subcommittee members felt that "Supportive Housing" should be made a subcategory of the "Housing" priority area rather than paired with "Residential Treatment." **Action:** *LPSCC Coordinator will email both action groups about that change.*
- **Residential treatment for co-occurring patients** – Judge Simmons would like to see movement on this priority area. **Action:** *Judge Simmons, Robert Wilson, Paul Robertson and Kat Griffin will join this action group.*
- **Mobile Crisis Sustainability** – Michele Moore recommended that DHS be involved in shaping the Mobile Crisis Program; LPSCC Coordinator confirmed DHS will be invited to stakeholder meetings.
- **Communication & Coordination** – Todd Luther had a meeting with the VA the day after the SIM and said they appear interested in collaboration. **Action:** *LPSCC Coordinator will reach out to VA.*

MEMBER UPDATES

- **Robert Wilson, Treatment Court Coordinator** – Nationally renowned speaker Jermaine Galloway, also known as "Tall Cop" will be giving an anti-drug presentation on Friday, Dec. 14 at the Annex, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additionally, Douglas County has been selected as a pilot county for a new treatment-court database. The new database will go live on Dec. 10 and is expected to improve communication and facilitate inter-agency information sharing.
- **Kat Griffin, Umpqua Valley Public Defender** – The Office of Public Defense Services visited UVPD last week as part of its effort to examine caseloads statewide. This effort could result in changing the current model, which incentivizes high caseloads. The agency is also looking at expanding the Parent Child Representation Program to Douglas County.
- **Lt. Mike Root, Douglas County Jail** – Starting this week, the Douglas County Jail will begin handing out a veterans' resource flier from the VSO to inmates who are veterans. For the past year, the jail has already been informing the VSO about incarcerated veterans.

- **Chief Klopfenstein, Roseburg PD** – Grants Pass police visited Roseburg to learn more about the Roseburg police/Compass ride-along program. The program may be replicated in Grants Pass.
- **Paul Robertson, Opioid Treatment Program** – OTP has recently clarified its marijuana policy; marijuana will now be treated like any other drug – a client continuing to use marijuana will be tapered out and discharged.
- **Christin Rutledge, Douglas Public Health Network/Opiate Task Force** – There will be an Opioid Summit at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on Feb. 5. Plans are taking shape and a flier is being developed.

NEXT MEETING: *Noon on Tuesday, Nov. 27, in Courtroom 402*