



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

**Noon, Tuesday, June 26, 2018**

*Courtroom 402, Justice Building, County Courthouse*

**PRESENT:** Cherie Barnstable, *Compass*; Marie Dixon, *NAMI*; Wayne Ellsworth, *Adapt/South River*; Kat Griffin, *Umpqua Valley Public Defender*; Heather Johnson, *Compass*; Gary Klopfenstein, *Roseburg police*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LPSCC Coordinator*; Andrew Renyer, *Sheriff's Deputy*; Christin Rutledge, *Douglas Public Health Network*; Ann Marie Simmons, *Mental Health Court Judge*;

**GUEST:** Deputy Christina Walker, *Jackson County Sheriff's Office*

**ABSENT:** Greg Brigham, *Adapt*; Josh Eggleston, *Sheriff's Deputy*; Mike Fieldman, *UCAN*; Marion Kotowski, *Up2UsNow/Opiate Task Force*; Todd Luther, *Mercy Medical Center*; Misty McAbee, *UCAN*; Michele Moore, *Cow Creek Tribe*; Paul Robertson, *Adapt/OTP*; Lt. Mike Root, *Sheriff's Office*; Tracy Simpson, *Correct Care Solutions*; Tom Sorrells, *Adapt*; Robert Wilson, *Treatment Court Coordinator*

### **STEPPING UP: SIM**

LPSCC Coordinator Melissa McRobbie-Toll introduced Jackson County Sheriff's Deputy Christina Walker, who will be co-facilitating the Douglas County Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) on Oct. 17. Deputy Walker told the group she has been with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office for 21 years, serving in a number of roles including field training officer, in-jail drug treatment facilitator and hostage negotiator. Deputy Walker traveled to Roseburg to meet Subcommittee members in preparation for the SIM.

The SIM is a one-day event that will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The purpose is to bring together a broad array of public safety and health partners to "map" our local criminal justice system, with a focus on behavioral health – particularly mental health. This will allow us to consider the functionality of the system as a whole, identify service gaps and opportunities to fill those gaps, and define future priority areas for the Behavioral Health Subcommittee and our partners. Calendar invites have been sent, and the official invitation will be distributed once the location is confirmed.

### **RESOURCE CARD**

Marie Dixon shared prints of the Douglas County Resource Card developed by the Subcommittee. NAMI is funding the initial printing of the cards, which fold up to wallet size. The group's desired final edits included the following:

- List the curfew for the Mission and Samaritan Inn
- Separate Adapt & Compass listings
- Add Mercy Medical Center to the back of the card

- Consider removing the OHP reactivation number because of a DHS backlog (*Update: The number we listed is actually for Mercy's Medical Eligibility Counseling Center, not DHS*)

The resource card will be distributed to the following organizations/agencies: Roseburg police, Sheriff's Office & Jail, Oregon State Police, Public Defender's Office, Mercy Medical Center, Adapt/Compass, Community Corrections, BPA, Douglas CARES, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, and other agencies.

**ACTIONS:** Marie Dixon will make the requested changes and print out copies of the revised card for distribution. Melissa McRobbie-Toll will reach out to the agencies listed above to see which would like printed versions rather than PDFs.

### **JAIL IN-REACH: OHP REACTIVATION**

Wayne Ellsworth, of Adapt/South River Community Health Center, shared with the group that South River staff including himself have begun visiting the Douglas County Jail on Friday mornings to meet with inmates who are about to be released and help them reactivate their Oregon Health Plan. The new in-reach program came about following a meeting between South River staff, DHS representative Antonio Torres and jail commander Lt. Mike Root. The program has now been underway for several weeks. The first week there were 23 people on the release list, and about 15 met with South River staff (the others were unavailable or unwilling). Discussion points included the following:

- **Release list** - Each Thursday, the jail provides Ellsworth with a list of inmates set to be released the following week. On Friday, South River staff meets with those inmates to gather the info needed for the OHP reactivation form.
- **Application submission** - Ellsworth submits inmates' OHP reactivation applications electronically on the morning of each inmate's release.
- **Resource card** – South River staff will distribute the BH Subcommittee's resource card to inmates.
- **Additional resources** – Ellsworth said he also gives inmates information about resources such as UCAN and Adapt/Compass, and answers their questions. He said inmates often ask whether their SNAP benefits will be in effect when they are released. Ellsworth and Cheryl Carson of DHS are working on a form inmates can fill out during the Friday meetings to reactivate SNAP.
- **Limited time** – South River staff arrive at the jail at 8:30 a.m. and leave at 11 a.m., so they are somewhat limited in the time they can spend with each inmate.
- **Data** – Ellsworth would like to find a way to measure the effectiveness of the in-reach by tracking which of those inmates successfully connect to services upon release. Kat Griffin suggested that the jail could send service agencies the list of releasing inmates and those agencies could which of those inmates are served.
- **Peer mentoring** – An idea floated previously was to have peer mentors meet releasing inmates at the jail and walk or drive them over to Adapt/Compass for intake. However, Cherie Barnstable said Adapt/Compass does not currently offer walk-in services except in crisis cases. She said if an inmate's release date is known beforehand, perhaps Adapt/Compass could schedule an assessment for that same day.
- **Step in the right direction** - The group applauded the new in-reach effort. Marie Dixon said that if inmates are being released with the ability to pay for their treatment, that's half the battle.

- **Transition center** – Christin Rutledge floated the idea of creating a transition center that would offer one-stop shopping for re-entry services. Wayne said UCAN has obtained a \$250,000 grant to launch a Sobering Center that would offer connections to resources. A location is still being sought for the center.

### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH JUSTICE REINVESTMENT EFFORT**

LPSCC Coordinator Melissa McRobbie-Toll shared that last month, a 4-person team from Douglas County attended a forum on Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice in Salem hosted by the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), the Council of State Governments (CSG), and the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission. The team consisted of Cherie Barnstable of Compass; Deputy Andrew Renyer; Tom Sorrells of Adapt; and Roseburg Police Officer Tony Powers.

The forum was the first step in a statewide effort led by the CSG to bring the intersection of mental health and criminal justice to the forefront of Oregon policy discussions about public safety. Specifically, the CSG is aiming to provide information to the Legislature to support the creation of a Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Initiative similar to the existing JRI program but focused on mental health.

To lay the groundwork for a policy discussion about Behavioral Health JRI during the 2019 legislative session, the CSG is proposing to work with all 36 Oregon counties to gather local-level data to highlight the costs involved when a person cycles through the system. The CSG is particularly interested in frequent users and how much it costs law enforcement, the jail, prosecution, hospitals and other entities to serve them.

The CSG is asking counties to choose the level of engagement they would like in this statewide data-gathering process. The group reviewed the four possible “engagement levels” and supported the idea of engaging in Level 2 by sharing county data related to behavioral health/criminal justice that will be matched up with state-level data. A county can change its chosen level of engagement at any time.

***ACTION:*** Marie Dixon made a motion to recommend that Douglas County participate in Level 2 of the Council of State Governments’ data-gathering efforts. Judge Simmons seconded. ***Motion passed.***

LPSCC Coordinator Melissa McRobbie-Toll will email information about the Subcommittee’s vote to the full LPSCC.

### **MEMBER UPDATES**

1. **Judge Simmons** - Mental Health Court recently held its quarterly partners meeting; the turnout was low and she hopes to see more community partners there next time. Mental Health Court will no longer be accepting downward-departure clients due to those clients’ higher risk levels and insufficient resources to address those risks. Community Corrections will be stepping up efforts to provide resources to those individuals within that department. There have been a couple of Mental Health Court graduations recently.