



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

**Noon, Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

*Courtroom 402, Justice Building, Douglas County Courthouse*

**PRESENT:** Cherie Barnstable, *Compass*; Dan Bouck, *Umpqua Valley Public Defender*; Marie Dixon, *NAMI*; Josh Eggleston, *Jail Deputy*; Enrica Gardner, *WorkSource Douglas*; Kat Griffin, *Umpqua Valley Public Defender*; Sgt. Heuberger, *Jail Deputy*; Debi Hollander, *Compass*; Heather Johnson, *Compass*; Jason Mahan, *Municipal Court Judge*; Misty McAbee, *UCAN*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LSPCC Coordinator*; Andrew Renyer, *Sheriff's Deputy*; Lt. Mike Root, *Sheriff's Office*; Ann Marie Simmons, *Mental Health Court Judge*; Tom Sorrells, *Adapt*; Rick Wesenberg, *District Attorney*; Stacy Whittington, *Battered Persons' Advocacy*; Robert Wilson, *Treatment Court Coordinator*; Sky Woods, *Community Corrections*; Andrea Zielinski, *Roseburg City Council*;

**ABSENT:** Greg Brigham, *Adapt*; Larry Clark, *UCAN*; Wayne Ellsworth, *Adapt/South River*; Vicki Johnson, *Compass*; Gary Klopfenstein, *Roseburg police*; Todd Luther, *Mercy Medical Center*; Michele Moore, *Cow Creek Tribe*; Mandy Rigsby, *Umpqua Health Alliance*; Christin Rutledge, *Douglas Public Health Network*; Libby Shoopman, *Adapt*; Capt. Kurt Sorenson, *Sutherlin police*; Robin Van Cleave, *Umpqua Community College*; Julie Zuver, *Cow Creek Tribe*

### **MUNICIPAL COURT / MENTAL HEALTH COURT**

District Attorney Rick Wesenberg and Municipal Court Judge Jason Mahan attended the Subcommittee meeting to discuss how to connect certain Municipal Court defendants to services via Mental Health Court. A challenge is providing enough of an incentive/motive for defendants to enroll in Mental Health Court rather than simply accept a Municipal Court sanction. Judge Mahan said many of the people he sees in Municipal Court have a mental health issue and continue to cycle through his courtroom without service connections. Robert Wilson suggested enhancing incentives for Mental Health Court participation by offering to waive fines. This topic will be further discussed at a meeting on Wednesday, May 1, at noon in Courtroom 402.

### **GUEST PRESENTERS**

LPSCC Coordinator invited three guests to introduce themselves to the Subcommittee:

- **Sky Woods, Community Corrections** - Sky Woods manages a new mental health caseload for Community Corrections that was created around November. His caseload is split between Mental Health Court clients and others on supervision who have mental health issues. His caseload is smaller than that of most POs, allowing him to work more intensively with clients. Email: [sky.m.woods@doc.state.or.us](mailto:sky.m.woods@doc.state.or.us)

- **Enrica Gardner, WorkSource Douglas (Oregon Employment Department)** – Enrica Gardner is the felon coordinator with the agency’s newly instituted justice-involved program and assists justice-involved individuals in obtaining employment. DHS funding has helped the program pay for training, IDs, birth certificates, work clothes and other necessities for clients seeking jobs. Clients also receive help with resumes, interview techniques and more.  
Email: [enrica.n.gardner@oregon.gov](mailto:enrica.n.gardner@oregon.gov)
- **Robin VanCleave, Umpqua Community College** – Robin VanCleave is the Student Services Coordinator for the adult basic skills program at UCC. The program assists those with less than a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade education, including GED seekers, English-language learners and others. Many are recently released from the Jail or the Juvenile system, and many come into the program with low literacy levels. Program operates at several sites including at the main UCC campus, Drain and Tri City. Students are assisted with every educational step up to collage. Program staff collaborate with students’ recruiters, probation officers and other contacts. The cost to participate in the program is \$20 – a fee that can be waived for low-income clients. Several orientations are scheduled, including in early May.  
Email: [Robin.vancleave@umpqua.edu](mailto:Robin.vancleave@umpqua.edu)

## **CONNECTING POINT**

The Connecting Point has moved to the Dream Center, with the blessing of Center Director Tim Edmonson. It has been a successful partnership and has allowed Connecting Point service providers to make contact with significantly more individuals than was possible in the Courthouse. LPSCC Coordinator received a citizen complaint that the Dream Center is not ADA accessible. Subcommittee discussed possible locations for the Connecting Point that would still allow access to Dream Center visitors – possibly the Dream Center parking lot.

Once a final location is determined, LPSCC Coordinator will update the Connecting Point flier and redistribute it to the Jail, Community Corrections and other agencies.

**ACTION:** *LPSCC Coordinator will contact Tim Edmonson about the possibility of operating the Connecting Point in the parking lot.*

## **UPDATES**

- **Mobile Crisis** – Compass is still recruiting for the second Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) position and is conducting interviews. Existing QMHP Ryan Cooper is working well with police and is striving to build awareness about the program among officers. Roseburg police have provided Mr. Cooper with a police radio and are working on granting him access to the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) program. LPSCC Coordinator is working with the Jail to restart the practice of administering the Brief Jail Mental Health Screen at booking to everyone brought to the Jail. Subcommittee weighed in on details that should be added to the form, including: the question "are you a service member?"; a non-binary gender option; and the question “do you have any desire, plan or intention to harm yourself or other people?” Form will include the

language deputies should use when introducing the screen. Subcommittee recommends language similar to, “I’m going to perform a wellness screen,” or “I’m going to ask a few questions about how you’re doing.” Deputies should note that the screen is anonymous and not part of the criminal case against the inmate. Robert Wilson suggested looking into how to divert some folks from being booked when appropriate, similarly to the Yellow Line Project in Blue Earth County, Minn. Info on the Yellow Line Project can be found here: <https://www.yellowlineproject.com/>

- **Sobering Center** – A stakeholder meeting will be held on Monday, April 29, to discuss the push for a Sobering Center in Roseburg. Former Grants Pass police Chief Bill Landis will speak. The meeting is from 1 to 2:30 in the Umpqua Room at Roseburg PD

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**NEXT MEETING:** *Noon on Tuesday, May 28, in Courtroom 402*