



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

**Noon, Tuesday, June 25**

*Courtroom 402, Justice Building, Douglas County Courthouse*

**PRESENT:** Cherie Barnstable, *Compass*; Kat Griffin, *Umpqua Valley Public Defender*; Wayne Ellsworth, *Adapt/South River*; Fawn, *Umpqua Health Alliance*; Debi Hollander, *Compass*; Jason Mahan, *Municipal Court Judge*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LSPCC Coordinator*; Lt. Mike Root, *Sheriff's Office*; Christin Rutledge, *Douglas Public Health Network*; Ann Marie Simmons, *Mental Health Court Judge*; Tom Sorrells, *Adapt*; Robert Wilson, *Treatment Court Coordinator*

**ABSENT:** Dan Bouck, *Umpqua Valley Public Defender*; Greg Brigham, *Adapt*; Larry Clark, *UCAN*; Joanna Cooper, *HIV Alliance*; Marie Dixon, *NAMI*; Heather Johnson, *Compass*; Vicki Johnson, *Compass*; Gary Klopfenstein, *Roseburg police*; Todd Luther, *Mercy Medical Center*; Michele Moore, *Cow Creek Tribe*; Mandy Rigsby, *Umpqua Health Alliance*; Claire Sidlow, *HIV Alliance*; Julie Zuver, *Cow Creek Tribe*

**PRESENTERS:** Libby Sparks, *Adapt Peer Mentor*; Betty Wagner, *Jail mental health provider*; Rebecca Burkart, *VA Homeless Outreach*; Carol Eck, *Mercy Medical Center Behavioral Health Director*

**GUEST PRESENTERS**

- **Libby Sparks, Adapt Peer Mentor** – Ms. Sparks supervises the growing peer mentor program within Adapt Corrections and also provides direct services as a peer mentor. Peer mentors assist clients in obtaining IDs, Social Security cards, food boxes, and getting other needs met. Clients are connected to various outside agencies, such as WorkSource, to assist them with employment and other services. Ms. Sparks' goal is for peer mentors to meet clients immediately upon their release from jail and provide a helping hand through the re-entry process. She can be reached at [libbys@adaptoregon.org](mailto:libbys@adaptoregon.org)
- **Betty Wagner, Jail mental health** – Ms. Wagner provides services through Wellpath, the contractor that administers medical services in the Jail. Wellpath has a small medical team in the Jail, including one RN, a doctor and a dentist, and is hiring a part-time clinician. A psychiatrist provides services once a week through telehealth. She can be reached at [betty@roseburgcw.com](mailto:betty@roseburgcw.com)
- **Rebecca Burkart, VA Homeless Outreach Social Worker** – VA has a strong housing program through HUD-VASH, but the difficulty is finding local housing. The VA uses a housing-first approach. However, VA doesn't have the ability to provide immediate housing to veterans in need. Many veterans needing immediate or short-term housing are referred to Roseburg Rescue

Mission, where VA staff stay in touch with them and get them referred to HUD-VASH or Orchard Knolls, which is run by the Housing Authority. Ms. Burkart case manages individuals in the community, taking them to get their ID or Social Security cards, ensuring they can get to medical appointments and providing other assistance. *She encourages any partners who encounter a homeless veteran to contact her at (541) 440-1000 ext. 44336. Sometimes, she can come out to where the veteran is to initiate contact/services.* There is a weekly walk-in housing group on Tuesday mornings. In terms of mental health services, the VA has an Emergency Department and an acute psychiatric unit but its outpatient clinic is not equipped to handle crisis cases. Walk-ins are seen twice a day, and assessments are performed. A new veterans justice outreach coordinator was recently hired for the Roseburg area.

Ms. Burkart can be reached at [Rebecca.burkart@va.gov](mailto:Rebecca.burkart@va.gov)

- **Carol Eck, Mercy Medical Center Behavioral Health Director** – Ms. Eck was hired in May as Mercy's new Behavioral Health Director. Some of her first areas of focus include analyzing data needs and expanding communication. It has not yet been decided whether Mercy will reopen a behavioral health unit. Ms. Eck can be reached at [caroleck@chiwest.com](mailto:caroleck@chiwest.com) / (541) 677-3340

## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH JUSTICE REINVESTMENT**

**Background:** The Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment effort began last year with a statewide push by the Council of State Governments (CSG). The resulting legislation, SB 973, proposes that the Legislature allocate \$10.6 million to about four counties statewide in a pilot effort. The aim of the program is to strengthen local supports for frequent system utilizers with behavioral health issues.

**Update:** Douglas County has participated in two conference calls with the CSG and the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to make the case that Douglas County is poised to be considered as one of the counties to receive the funding. A local stakeholder meeting is scheduled later today.

## **COMPLIANCE COURT**

**Background:** Judge Simmons updated the group on the new Compliance Court. The effort took shape after Municipal Court Judge Mahan visited the Subcommittee seeking ways to intervene with individuals with mental illness who cycle through his courtroom without getting the help they need. Individuals will now be sent to Compliance Court through a Municipal Court bench order and will need to show up for regular check-ins before Judge Simmons to ensure they are keeping their treatment appointments, taking their medications and meeting other requirements. The new court is incentive-based and aimed at giving individuals a small amount of added accountability to ensure they are connected to services and treatment.

**Update:** The new Compliance Court launched today. Debi Hollander is present to assist individuals in connecting to services. A number of wrinkles remain to be ironed out, including confusion among security guards because Compliance Court clients aren't currently listed on the docket.

## **SPECIALTY COURT GRANTS**

Treatment Court Coordinator Robert Wilson, in cooperation with Drug Court and Mental Health Court partners, has completed and submitted the Specialty Court grant applications to the Criminal Justice

Commission. There were some changes to the grant solicitation this time around. Part of Douglas County's request was for funding to craft a voucher-style housing assistance program. The Court and partners have an eye on sustainability beyond the grant cycle.

### **CONNECTING POINT**

The Connecting Point resource room continues to operate on Monday mornings in the parking lot of the Dream Center. Participation has grown, and service providers who take part include Compass, Adapt, Douglas Public Health Network, UCAN, South River Community Health Center, Legal Aid, Roseburg Schools, HIV Alliance, the VA and faith-based groups. HIV Alliance, which provides condoms, needle exchange, fentanyl test strips and sharps containers, has been a large draw.

### **MEETING LOCATION**

Several would-be meeting attendees have been locked out over time, as the Court security guards are off duty shortly after noon. To increase accessibility, the group agreed to **move LPSCC Behavioral Health Subcommittee meetings to Room 310** on the old side of the courthouse starting in July. Meetings will still be held at noon on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

### **MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES/NOTES**

- **Mobile Crisis** – Compass is in the process of hiring a second QMHP for the Mobile Crisis program who is scheduled to start on July 15. Ryan Cooper, the existing QMHP, has been seeing an uptick in activity now that he has been granted access to the police radio and CAD system.
- **Sobering Center** – Adapt is in contract to purchase a building on Diamond Lake Boulevard that could house both a Sobering Center and crisis resolution center. The operating cost is estimated at about \$350,000. Adapt is contributing about \$50,000 in in-kind services, and Umpqua Health Alliance has pledged \$100,000 toward the first year. Additional pledges are being sought. HB 2339, which would create a funding stream to support sobering center operations statewide, is still pending.
- **Compass hours** – Compass provides open access and accepts walk-ins for mental health services Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Communication** – Carol Eck and Betty Wagner both voiced an interest in expanding communication between Mercy, the Jail, treatment providers and other service providers in order to best assist clients.
- **Information sharing** – Ms. Burkhart expressed an interest in exploring possibilities for inter-agency information sharing to bolster the continuum of care for veterans and others.

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**NEXT MEETING:** *Noon on Tuesday, July 23 in Room 310, old courthouse*