



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

Noon, Tuesday, Sept. 3

Room 310, Douglas County Courthouse

PRESENT: Joanna Cooper, *HIV Alliance*; Marie Dixon, *NAMI*; Carol Eck, *Mercy Behavioral Health Director*; Sgt. Jeff Eichenbusch, *Roseburg police*; Wayne Ellsworth, *Adapt/South River*; Mari Hernandez, *DHS*; Larry Howell, *HIV Alliance*; Gary Marquardt, *VA*; Jason Mahan, *Municipal Court Judge*; Kimm McArthur, *Community Corrections*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LSPCC Coordinator*; Coleen Roberts, *NAMI*; Paul Robertson, *Adapt Corrections*; Ann Marie Simmons, *Mental Health Court Judge*; Jennifer Smith, *DHS*; Libby Sparks, *Adapt*; Fawn Sybrant, *Umpqua Health Alliance*; Sgt. Doug Walton, *Roseburg police*; Robert Wilson, *Treatment Court Coordinator*

ABSENT: Cherie Barnstable, *Compass*; Greg Brigham, *Adapt*; Larry Clark, *UCAN*; Kat Griffin, *Umpqua Valley Public Defender*; Heather Johnson, *Compass*; Vicki Johnson, *Compass*; Debi Hollander, *Compass*; Gary Klopfenstein, *Roseburg police*; Todd Luther, *Mercy Medical Center*; Lt. Mike Root, *Sheriff's Office*; Christin Rutledge, *Douglas Public Health Network*; Claire Sidlow, *HIV Alliance*; Betty Wagner, *Jail mental health provider*;

UPDATES:

- **Mobile Crisis** – Second QMHP is expected to be fully trained by the end of this month, at which time the Mobile Crisis program will be fully operational at 12 hour a day, 7 days a week, in and around Roseburg. After that time, grant steering group will begin branding and outreach to stakeholders and the public to build awareness.
- **Sobering Center** – Efforts are ongoing to open a sobering center and crisis respite center in a building on Diamond Lake Boulevard. Adapt was not available to provide an additional update.
- **Connecting Point** – The Connecting Point is still occurring at the Dream Center on Monday mornings. Participation was up to about 10 service providers but has flagged recently. A location is being sought for the upcoming fall/winter months.
- **Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment** – The Legislature has authorized \$10.6 million in new grant funding for initiatives that target frequent system users who cycle through the Jail and Emergency Room. Approximately 4 pilot communities will be selected for this effort. Douglas County is in contact with the Council of State Governments and the Criminal Justice Commission about this effort.
- **Supportive housing team** – Douglas County housing partners, through the LPSCC Housing Subcommittee, have formed a team to pursue \$20 million in new state funding for supportive housing. The first step in attaining this funding is to form a local team to participate in technical assistance training. Douglas County's application is pending.

- **Compliance Court** – (Judge Simmons, Judge Mahan) – Attendance at the new Compliance Court has been spotty. A new group of individuals will soon be referred from Municipal Court.
- **LPSCC Coordinator** – Coordinator position has been shared by Douglas and Josephine counties and has been funded by a federal grant through the state Criminal Justice Commission. The grant funding runs out Sept. 30. After that time, Coordinator will become a full-time Douglas County employee.

CIT TRAINING

Roseburg police Sgt. Doug Walton told the group about the upcoming CIT training happening Sept. 23-27 at the Roseburg Public Safety Center. The 40-hour training teaches participants how to effectively interact with an individual experiencing a mental health crisis. The target audience includes law enforcement and other first responders, behavioral health professionals, service providers and others. This is the sixth year there has been a CIT training in Roseburg. Sgt. Walton recently took over as coordinator; a role previously filled by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). The class can accommodate about 25 people and enrollment is currently at 19. Only a few law enforcement officers are enrolled; the 40-hour time commitment is a significant barrier.

Sgt. Walton just returned from a CIT International conference in Seattle. Use of force was discussed at the conference, and departments are being held accountable for not having CIT-trained officers. He also shared that communities with a behavioral health unit or crisis center have improved outcomes for justice-involved individuals with mental illness.

HIGH UTILIZER INFO SHARING GROUP

Subcommittee has discussed the idea of forming a group to facilitate cross-agency information sharing about frequent justice system users. LPSCC Coordinator will connect with entities potentially interested in participating in this group, including Carol Eck and Mercy; Umpqua Health; Kimm McArthur of Parole Probation; and others.

AGENCY UPDATES

- **Marie Dixon and Coleen Roberts, NAMI** – The new Chadwick Clubhouse is now operating Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Clubhouse is a day center where individuals with mental illness can receive assistance with employment, housing and life skills. The Clubhouse also offers photography classes, clerical classes, culinary skills and computer training, and social events including a recent field trip to Wildlife Safari. Members learn how to engage with others and reintegrate into the community. There is no fee to join but members must be approved and be over 18.
- **Carol Eck, Mercy Medical Center** – It is not yet clear whether Mercy will reopen its behavioral health unit. Staff are analyzing who comes through the Emergency Department, where they are from, what their service needs are and other factors.
- **Jennifer Smith and Mari Hernandez, DHS** – Jennifer and Mari are continuing to conduct community outreach, including in Glendale, Elkton and Drain. They have participated in the Connecting Point several times and will soon be launching jail in-reach to help inmates access SNAP benefits. They are working to expand partnerships including with entities such as WorkSource, which helps individuals get their IDs, for example.

- **Gary Marquardt, VA** – Gary is continuing to settle into his new role as Veteran Justice Program Coordinator, with a key goal being jail diversion and ensuring that veterans get the treatment they need.
- **Fawn Sybrant, Umpqua Health Alliance** – Recruitment is underway for behavioral health case managers. There are currently only two case managers: Fawn and Mandy Rigsby. With current staffing, the caseload is overwhelming.
- **Robert Wilson, Treatment Court Coordinator** – Douglas County has been awarded Specialty Court grant funding from the Criminal Justice Commission for both Drug Court and Mental Health Court, although the funding has not yet been disbursed. Robert is working to bring back “Tall Cop” Jermaine Galloway, a nationally renowned anti-drug speaker, to provide more trainings in Roseburg.
- **Paul Robertson, Adapt** – Paul has taken over Tom Sorrells’ former role as Adapt Corrections program director, overseeing the RSAT program in the Jail. Tom is now Adapt’s clinical director.
- **Joanna Cooper and Larry Howell, HIV Alliance** – The organization was recently awarded funding that will allow it to expand services, including in Josephine County. Expanded services will include syringe exchanges, telehealth and more.

NEXT MEETING: *Noon on Tuesday, Nov. 26 in Room 310, old courthouse*