



Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC)
Justice Reinvestment (JRI) Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes

Noon, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020

Room 310, Douglas County Courthouse

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Boice, *Commissioner*; Joe Garcia, *Community Corrections*; William Marshall, *Presiding Judge*;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Nores, *Douglas CARES*; Rick Wesenberg, *District Attorney*;

ALSO PRESENT: Frances Burge, *Judge*; Jeff Frieze, *Undersheriff*; Paul Meyer, *County Counsel*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LPSCC Coordinator*; Tiffany Podlesnik, *Assistant County Counsel*; Paul Robertson, *Adapt*; Lt. Mike Root, *Douglas County Jail*; Cassie & Angela, *Citizens*

BACKGROUND

Coordinator provided brief Subcommittee background: The LPSCC Justice Reinvestment (JRI) Subcommittee first met in early spring of 2019 to plan for Douglas County's 2019/21 JRI application. Since then, Subcommittee has continued to meet to discuss the progress of JRI programs and the possibility of contracting out RSAT beds to other counties.

RSAT-BED CONTRACTING

Subcommittee reviewed a draft proposal for contracting out RSAT beds that incorporated concerns/feedback from the Sheriff's Office and Adapt. The discussion on the draft included the following points:

- **CJC stance** - Coordinator reported that Ian Davidson of the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) has said contracting out RSAT beds would not be considered supplanting. Paul Meyer advised confirming that the CJC is supportive of the bed-contracting program as a whole. Joe Garcia spoke with the CJC and confirmed the CJC has no issue with the idea as long as the County can show that we are bringing in revenue to fill a funding gap.
- **Medical info sharing** - Counties that use Wellpath as their jail medical provider (such as Coos, Josephine and Jackson) will be able to share medical information easily with the Douglas County Jail, which also uses Wellpath. Information-sharing agreements will need to be set up in counties that don't use Wellpath. Some medical evaluations could be done via Skype. Paul Meyer urged extra caution when sharing medical information.
- **Initial program interest** – Coos County officials visited the Douglas County Jail and took a tour of the RSAT pods. Josephine County may also be interested.

- **Contracting** – Paul Meyer has recommended that interested counties contract separately with Adapt and with the County for treatment and jail-bed space, respectively.
- **Current RSAT enrollment** – There are currently 6 men and 2 women in RSAT.
- **Repairs completed** – The Sheriff’s Office has completed repairs to flood-damaged RSAT dorms.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Commissioner Boice** will begin outreach to counties.
- **Coordinator** will put the RSAT-bed contracting proposal on the Feb. 4 LPSCC agenda for discussion and a vote.
- Following the LPSCC meeting, **Coordinator** will request that an agenda item on this topic be added to an upcoming Board of Commissioners meeting.
- **Coordinator** will work with Sheriff’s Office and Adapt to develop program protocol.

FEDERAL RSAT GRANT

In recent years, RSAT has been funded by both state Justice Reinvestment grant money and federal grant money that also goes through the CJC. The federal funding has dwindled in recent years and its availability for the current biennium has been unclear. Adapt recently learned that about \$344,000 in federal grant funding may be available soon. Joe Garcia spoke with the CJC and learned there are two federal funding streams; one may be competitive and the other is an allocation. He will follow up with CJC to learn the timeline and amounts for both funding streams.

If Adapt applies for/receives the federal funds, JRI funds could potentially be redirected to help close funding gaps in Douglas County’s Justice Reinvestment programs, including a \$138,360 gap to fully fund the RSAT Liaison/Release Assistance Officer position and an \$82,876 gap to fully fund the Supplemental JRI DDA position. Adapt’s concerns include sustainability; it is unclear how far into the future these federal grant funds will continue to be available.

Coordinator will reach out to Janet Tribble of Adapt to invite her to attend the Feb. 4 LPSCC meeting.

JUSTICE REINVESTMENT UPDATES

- **Transitional Housing Program** – Paperwork has been boiled down to a one-page form. Rather than going through a third-party (UCAN), requests for rental assistance will now go directly from the Court to County Finance. The form serves as a voucher. Coordinator will provide oversight.
- **Coordinator funding** – Initially, LPSCC planned to allocate some 2019/21 JRI funding to the LPSCC Coordinator position. This allocation was removed to address a funding shortage. The CJC now says it has leftover funding from the federal grant used to hire 6 LPSCC Coordinators statewide in 2017 and is considering giving some of that funding to Douglas County to go toward LPSCC Coordinator costs through September 2020.
- **Progress report** – Group discussed the draft semiannual JRI progress report. Judge Marshall pointed out some discrepancies, which Coordinator will fix.