



Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC)

Umpqua Room, Roseburg Police Department, 700 S.E. Douglas Ave.

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Chris Boice, *Commissioner (Chair)*

Dan Bouck, *Public Defender*

Frances Burge, *Presiding Judge*

Jim Burge, *Roseburg Police Chief*

Jerry Chartier, *Lay Citizen*

Lance Colley, *Roseburg City Manager*

Tracy De Pew, *Cow Creek Tribe*

Aric Fromdahl, *Juvenile Department*

Joe Garcia, *Community Corrections*

Allen Hobson, *City of Winston*

Adam Jones, *City of Glendale*

Sean Negherbon, *City of Myrtle Creek*

Matt Newey, *ADAPT/Compass (non-voting)*

Mike Nores, *Douglas CARES*

Melanie Prummer, *Battered Persons Advocacy*

Rick Wesenberg, *District Attorney*

Greg Westbrook, *Oregon Youth Authority (non-voting)*

Members Absent:

Greg Brigham, *Adapt*

John Hanlin, *Sheriff*

Lt. Steve Mitchell, *Oregon State Police (non-voting)*

Others Present:

Dennis Chrisenberg, *Roseburg police*

Marie Dixon, *NAMI*

Mike Fieldman, *UCAN*

Jeff Frieze, *Undersheriff*

Kathryn Griffin, *Defense attorney*

Gary Klopfenstein, *Roseburg police*

Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LPSCC Coordinator*

William Marshall, *Judge*

Thomas Maxwell, *Trial Court Administrator*

Teresa Mutschler, *Douglas County Public Health Network*

Karan Reed, *NeighborWorks Umpqua*

Coleen Roberts, *NAMI*

Ann Marie Simmons, *Judge*
 Jerry Tilley, *Sheriff's Office*
 Robin Vogel, *District Attorney's Office*
 Robert Wilson, *Treatment Courts Coordinator*
 Andrea Zielinski, *Sheriff's Office*

MEETING MINUTES

LPSCC Chair Commissioner Chris Boice called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. with a quorum present.

Meeting minutes approval	Chris Boice moved to approve the draft minutes from the Oct. 3, 2017, LPSCC meeting. Joe Garcia seconded. <i>Motion passed.</i>
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1. UPDATES

- **Stepping Up Initiative** – In early January, Douglas County passed a Stepping Up resolution, solidifying the county’s commitment to reducing the number of people with mental illness in our jail. To date, 19 counties in Oregon have passed Stepping Up resolutions.
- **Behavioral Health Subcommittee** – LPSCC’s Behavioral Health Subcommittee will be the steering body for Douglas County’s Stepping Up Initiative. Current projects include establishing baseline data, setting up screening at jail intake and scheduling a Sequential Intercept Mapping process to examine the mental health services continuum and identify gaps.
- **RSAT enrollment group** - A small group began meeting several months ago to address the problem of low enrollment in the JRI-funded RSAT program. Since then, there have been peer education campaigns, fliers have been added to inmates’ jail mail, and a project has been launched to create an informational video about RSAT. Enrollment is now up to 13 inmates with 3 more awaiting sentencing.
- **Housing Subcommittee** – The LPSCC Housing Subcommittee has been revitalized and is now meeting monthly. Membership has expanded, and staff from Oregon Housing and Community Services will be visiting Roseburg for a meeting in the coming months.
- **Sobering Center** – Mike Fieldman told the group a location is still being sought for the Sobering Center project. He noted that if a location can be found, it appears that there is sufficient financial support to open the center.

2. JRI/SUPPLEMENTAL JRI UPDATES

Chris Boice updated the group on Douglas County’s Justice Reinvestment (JRI) and Supplemental JRI grants. The contracts with the Criminal Justice Commission have been signed, and the funding is being disbursed to the local entities receiving JRI funding. There is still \$24,928 in JRI funding that was not yet allocated. The group discussed three potential uses for that funding:

- Allocate to Umpqua Valley Public Defender to help offset budget cuts that could impact its ability to provide RSAT-related staffing
- Place it into a transitional housing fund to help offenders in re-entry pay rent following their release from custody
- Set aside a small amount for LPSCC coordinator office supplies

Discussion points about the transitional housing idea included the following:

- Judge William Marshall outlined a proposal to provide a housing fund for releasing RSAT clients that would be administered through Drug Court, the RSAT after-care component. Releasing offenders could choose where to live and receive rental assistance in the ballpark of \$200 per month, with the amount tapering down over several months. The funding would be transferred directly to landlords through UCAN.
- Kat Griffin brought up equity and pointed out that offenders' rental assistance needs would vary depending on where they choose to live.
- Dan Bouck said this program would result in an added time burden for Drug Court staff, and would potentially require more time allotted on the court docket.
- Robert Wilson said the housing allocations could mostly be dealt with in Drug Court staffing meetings.
- Judge Marshall noted there has been a significant increase in the number of women being sent to prison in Douglas County in the past year, and said women's needs – including housing – should be examined. Judge Frances Burge said women's participation in RSAT has been low over time.
- Greg Westbrook wondered how the program would be maintained beyond the grant cycle if it is effective. Lance Colley said LPSCC could vote to dedicate JRI money to the program in the coming biennium.
- Chris Boice pointed out a possible conflict of interest in having UCAN manage the transitional housing money as a housing provider itself. Mike Fieldman said UCAN could manage the funding without a conflict, and may have additional resources available to help launch the program.
- Chris Boice suggested that the LPSCC Housing Subcommittee delve into the details of the proposal, including by calculating how many offenders could potentially receive assistance and looking at how the rental-assistance amounts would be tapered down.

VOTE: Chris Boice made a motion to earmark \$24,000 of the unallocated funding for housing, with the details still to be worked out, and allocate the remainder (\$928) to LPSCC coordinator office supplies. Lance Colley seconded the motion. ***Motion passed.***

VOTE: Chris Boice made a motion to approve the Justice Reinvestment semiannual progress report. Sean Negherbon seconded. **Motion passed.**

4. NEIGHBORWORKS LETTER OF SUPPORT

Lance Colley and Karan Reed of NeighborWorks Umpqua presented to LPSCC a draft letter of support asking the Douglas County Housing Authority to provide VASH or other vouchers to a new housing project for veterans that is in the works.

Colley said that NeighborWorks is undertaking a project to create 64 new units on land that was donated specifically for the purpose of providing housing to veterans. He said some of these units could potentially be used for transitional housing. Colley said this is a project that could be completed in the next 24 months, and he sees a great need for it.

Chris Boice asked if there was resistance from the Housing Authority to providing the vouchers. Karan Reed said NeighborWorks Umpqua met with the Housing Authority in September and requested 20 vouchers. The Authority's concern about the request was related to equity. It already has 54 VASH vouchers committed to the Eagle Landing project, and giving the remaining vouchers to NeighborWorks for this project could max out its supply. Additionally, the requested voucher allocation wasn't in the Authority's annual plan, Reed said.

Colley and Reed asked for LPSCC to approve the draft letter asking the Housing Authority to commit up to 20 vouchers to the new project.

VOTE: Chris Boice moved to approve the LPSCC letter of support. Joe Garcia seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

5. AGENCY UPDATES

- Dan Bouck said his office may be approaching LPSCC down the line to help ask the Legislature to provide more funding for public defender services. Defense offices statewide are so underfunded that at least one county public defender office could be shutting down. Underfunding is an ongoing struggle for public defenders across Oregon and nationwide.
- Andrea Zielinski said the next Douglas County Citizens' Public Safety Academy class begins in April. Enrollment is open for the series, which is a partnership between the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Roseburg police. She encouraged anyone interested to apply.

- Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.
- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 11:30 a.m.**