



Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC)

Room 310, County Courthouse
1036 S.E. Douglas Ave., Roseburg
Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019, Noon

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Cherie Barnstable, <i>Compass Behavioral Health (non-voting)</i>	Gary Klopfenstein, <i>Roseburg PD</i>
Chris Boice, <i>Commissioner (Chair)</i>	Lt. Steve Mitchell, <i>Oregon State Police (non-voting)</i>
Dan Bouck, <i>Public Defender</i>	Sean Negherbon, <i>City of Myrtle Creek</i>
Frances Burge, <i>Presiding Judge</i>	Mike Nores, <i>Douglas CARES</i>
Jerry Chartier, <i>Lay Citizen / Former OSP</i>	Melanie Prummer, <i>Battered Persons Advocacy</i>
Lance Colley, <i>Roseburg City Manager</i>	Rick Wesenberg, <i>District Attorney</i>
Joe Garcia, <i>Community Corrections (Vice Chair)</i>	
Allen Hobson, <i>City of Winston</i>	

Members Absent:

Greg Brigham, <i>Adapt</i>	Theresa Haworth, <i>Oregon Youth Authority (non-voting)</i>
Tracy De Pew, <i>Cow Creek Tribe</i>	Adam Jones, <i>City of Glendale</i>
Aric Fromdahl, <i>Juvenile Department</i>	
John Hanlin, <i>Sheriff</i>	

Others Present

Betsy Cunningham, <i>Citizen</i>	Melissa McRobbie-Toll, <i>LPSCC Coordinator</i>
Mike Fieldman, <i>UCAN</i>	Lt. Mike Root, <i>Douglas County Jail</i>
Jeff Frieze, <i>Undersheriff</i>	Ann Marie Simmons, <i>Judge</i>
William Marshall, <i>Judge</i>	Ashley Taylor, <i>Douglas CARES</i>
Thomas Maxwell, <i>Trial Court Administrator</i>	Robert Wilson, <i>Treatment Court Coordinator</i>

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LPSCC Chair Chris Boice called the meeting to order shortly after noon. There was a quorum present.

Meeting minutes approval

- **October LPSCC minutes** (minutes were not approved in December because there was not a quorum): Chair Boice moved to approve minutes. Allen Hobson seconded. *Motion passed.*

- **December LPSCC minutes:** Chair Boice moved to approve minutes. Allen Hobson seconded. *Motion passed.*

1. UPDATES

LPSCC Coordinator provided the following updates:

- **Mobile Crisis grant** – The City of Roseburg and Compass Behavioral Health are poised to launch a new Mobile Crisis program in March. The program is funded by a \$750,000 Bureau of Justice Assistance grant. Cherie Barnstable said one Qualified Mental Health Professional has been hired but Compass has been having some difficulty recruiting for the second QMHP position. Once the program is fully up and running there will be Mobile Crisis response in and around the City of Roseburg 12 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **Sobering Center** – Melissa McRobbie-Toll testified in Salem on behalf of Douglas County at a House Health Care Committee hearing on HB 2339, sponsored by Rep. Duane Stark, which would create a funding stream for sobering centers statewide. Local stakeholder meeting was held in January, and a follow-up meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks featuring Grants Pass Police Chief Bill Landis. Lance Colley and Mike Fieldman will follow up with some of the attendees at the stakeholder meeting regarding possible financial contributions toward Sobering Center operating costs. Allen Hobson attended “City Day” at the Capitol and discussed the Sobering Center project with legislators including Rep. Gary Leif.
- **Behavioral Health Subcommittee** – Subcommittee launched a weekly resource room called “The Connecting Point” where inmates being released from jail and others can be linked to services. The Connecting Point is currently held in Room 310 on Monday mornings. Turnout has been light, and an alternative location is being sought.
- **Housing Subcommittee** – At its January meeting, LPSCC heard a presentation from Paul Solomon and Nick Crapser of the Sponsors program in Eugene. Sponsors provides transitional housing, treatment, re-entry assistance and other services to men and women releasing from jails and prisons.

2. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FUND

Mike Fieldman told the group that a little over \$1,300 of the \$24,000 in Justice Reinvestment (JRI) funds allocated to the Transitional Housing Fund has been spent. Most of that has gone toward rent for individuals living in Oxford Houses or TrueNorth Star housing. LPSCC Housing Subcommittee will discuss program in detail and make recommendations to the full LPSCC on potential changes to the program. Chair Boice requested that a report be given on the Transitional Housing Fund at every LPSCC meeting. Discussion points included the following:

- **Process/outcomes** - Chair Boice requested an overview of the program processes at the next LPSCC meeting to allow the group to understand the process from beginning to end. How are we tracking program impacts and outcomes?
- **Eligibility/communication** - Robert Wilson said the initial procedure for someone to receive the transitional housing assistance involved significant paperwork, but the paperwork has since been simplified. He said he has been tracking who is coming out of the program and who is eligible for the assistance. He emails UCAN with that information. In some cases, behavioral issues have prevented people from participating.

3. LETTERS OF SUPPORT: Sobering Center and LPSCC Coordinator position

LPSCC considered two draft letters: One in support of the Sobering Center project to be sent to legislators and local stakeholders, and one letter in support of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) continuing to administer the LPSCC Coordinator position beyond September 2019.

The federal grant that currently pays for the LPSCC Coordinator position runs out in September. In the coming months, LPSCC will be discussing whether and how to continue the position. Boice asked for a LPSCC vote on the draft letters.

ACTION: Allen Hobson moved to approve both letters. Rick Wesenberg seconded. *Motion passed.*

4. JRI PROGRESS REPORTS/TEMPORARY SUBCOMMITTEE

LPSCC reviewed key points from the draft JRI/Supplemental JRI progress reports and discussed the formation of a temporary JRI Subcommittee to examine JRI programs and make recommendations to LPSCC for Douglas County's 2019/21 JRI application. Discussion points included:

- **Prison usage down** - LPSCC Coordinator shared that Douglas County's prison usage has been going down. On the Criminal Justice Commission's data dashboards, the County's "1-year rolling sum of prison usage shows a 35 percent drop, from a high of 2,685 in May 2018 to 1,743 months in December. Women's prison usage shows an even more dramatic drop.
- **RSAT enrollment** - Judge Burge said a review of RSAT enrollment figures shows that enrollment is cyclical, with low enrollment around the holidays. Since the holidays this year, there have been numerous referrals – 18 just in January. The Drug Court team approves referrals but the final approval decision lies with the Drug Court judge. Some approved by the Court don't enter RSAT for various reasons. There are currently 7 people enrolled in RSAT. Chair Boice said program costs are the same whether there are 5 people in the program or 18 and that Douglas County should maximize its investment by boosting enrollment.
- **Drug Court graduates** - Judge Simmons shared that at the last Drug Court graduation, nine of the 11 graduates were RSAT graduates.

- **Temporary Subcommittee** – Boice said a temporary JRI Subcommittee could consist of a handful of voting LPSCC members. Subcommittee would review JRI/Supplemental JRI program data and discuss the 2019/21 application. Subcommittee would issue a preliminary report in April. It is not yet clear how much the Legislature will allocate to JRI statewide or how much Douglas County could receive.
- **Subcommittee members** – LPSCC members interested in serving on the Subcommittee included Judge Burge, Rick Wesenberg, Vice Chair Joe Garcia and Chair Boice. Judge Burge requested that Treatment Court Coordinator Robert Wilson also attend meetings.

ACTION: Allen Hobson moved to approve the formation of a temporary LPSCC JRI Subcommittee. Lance Colley seconded. *Motion passed.*

ACTION: Sean Negherbon moved to appoint Chair Boice, Vice Chair Joe Garcia, Rick Wesenberg and Judge Burge to the temporary JRI Subcommittee. Allen Hobson seconded. *Motion passed.*

PROGRESS REPORTS: LPSCC members requested more time to review the draft JRI and Supplemental JRI progress reports. Feedback should be sent to LPSCC coordinator at mmcrobbie@oregoncounties.org . Coordinator will update the reports and schedule a special meeting to vote on the final drafts.

5. AGENCY UPDATES

- **Jerry Chartier, Lay Citizen/Former OSP** – Jerry Chartier shared an email message from former Judge Robert Millikan regarding how and why Douglas County Drug Court was formed. The local Drug Court was the third in Oregon.
- **Dan Bouck, Umpqua Valley Public Defender** – Chronically underfunded public defender offices statewide are hitting a breaking point. A time study is underway to determine appropriate caseloads, and a report is expected to be issued later this year. The ACLU has sued several states over public defender underfunding and is considering suing Oregon. The hourly rate of \$49 paid to defense attorneys by the state is insufficient.

Adjournment: *Meeting adjourned at approximately 1 p.m.*

Next Meeting: *Tuesday, April 3, 2019, 11:30 a.m.*