

Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC)

Umpqua Room, Roseburg Public Safety Center 700 S.E. Douglas Ave., Roseburg Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 11:30 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Cherie Barnstable, Compass Behavioral Health (non- John Hanlin, Sheriff

voting) Allen Hobson, City of Winston

Chris Boice, Commissioner (Chair)

Lt. Steve Mitchell, Oregon State Police (non-

Dan Bouck, *Public Defender* voting)

Greg Brigham, Adapt Mike Nores, Douglas CARES

Frances Burge, *Presiding Judge*Melanie Prummer, *Battered Persons Advocacy*

Joe Garcia, Community Corrections (Vice Chair) Rick Wesenberg, District Attorney

Members Absent:

Jerry Chartier, Lay Citizen / Former OSP
Adam Jones, City of Glendale
Tracy De Pew, Cow Creek Tribe
Gary Klopfenstein, Roseburg PD

Aric Fromdahl, Juvenile Department

Sean Negherbon, City of Myrtle Creek

Theresa Haworth, Oregon Youth Authority (non-

voting)

Others Present

Marie Dixon, NAMI
Thomas Maxwell, Trial Court Administrator

Jeff Frieze, Undersherifff
Melissa McRobbie-Toll, LPSCC Coordinator

Enrica Gardner, WorkSource Douglas Ann Marie Simmons, Judge

Kathleen Johnson, *Judge* Cpl. Doug Walton, *Roseburg police*

William Marshall, Judge Robert Wilson, Treatment Court Coordinator

MEETING MINUTES

LPSCC Chair Chris Boice called the meeting to order at 11:47 a.m. There was a quorum present.

Meeting minutes approval

• **April LPSCC minutes:** Joe Garcia moved to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2019, LPSCC meeting. Greg Brigham seconded. *Motion passed*.

1. UPDATES

- Sobering Center (Greg Brigham) Adapt is in contract to purchase a former recycling facility on Diamond Lake Boulevard that could house both a Sobering Center and a crisis center. The estimated annual operating cost for a 24/7 Sobering Center is \$350,000. Adapt will cover \$50,000 of that cost. Letters of commitment have been sent out to stakeholders, and Umpqua Health Alliance committed \$100,000 toward the first year of operating costs and the same amount for the second year with a 150 percent match requirement. A stakeholder steering committee will be formed. Adapt is in contact with the Grants Pass Sobering Center to learn more about that city's approach. House Bill 2339, co-sponsored by Rep. Gary Leif, which would create a funding stream for sobering centers statewide, is still pending.
- **Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment (LPSCC Coordinator)** SB 973 would authorize \$10.6 million in state grant funding to support local-level programs targeting frequent criminal justice system utilizers with mental illness. This funding will initially go to about four pilot counties in Oregon, and Douglas County has expressed interest in being considered. A stakeholder group has been convened that includes Mercy Medical Center, Umpqua Health Alliance, Adapt/Compass, Roseburg police and others. The group is in contact with the Council of State Governments and the Criminal Justice Commission regarding this grant program.
- Mobile Crisis grant (Cherie Barnstable) The new federal-grant-funded Mobile Crisis program is up and running on a limited basis. One Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) position remains to be filled. The first couple of months were slow for the existing QMHP, Ryan Cooper, but Mobile Crisis calls more than doubled in May, to 24. Of those, 16 were diverted from the hospital or Jail; seven were identified as needing to go to the Emergency Department; and one was arrested. Ryan now has access to a police radio and the department's CAD system. One recent success story involved an individual wanting to commit "suicide by cop." Ryan was not on duty but another crisis worker responded and de-escalated the situation, which ended peacefully.
- Compliance Court (Judge Simmons) A new Compliance Court is launching that aims to reach low-level offenders with mental health issues who cycle through Municipal Court. In the new program, bench warrants will be issued in Municipal Court for certain defendants, who will then be required to appear before Circuit Court Judge Simmons. The aim is to provide accountability and incentives for those individuals to remain in treatment. The Compliance Court appearance will be held after Mental Health Court.
- **Behavioral Health Subcommittee (LPSCC Coordinator)** The Connecting Point continues to operate on Monday mornings outside Dream Center, and the number of participating service providers is growing.
- Housing Subcommittee / JRI Transitional Housing Fund LPSCC Housing Subcommittee Chair Allen Hobson gave an overview of the Subcommittee's recommendations regarding the Justice-Reinvestment-grant-funded Transitional Housing Program. The program is underspent, and the Subcommittee recommended opening up participation to all Drug Court and Mental Health Court participants in order to spend the remaining roughly \$22,000 by the Dec. 30 deadline. For the coming biennium, the Subcommittee recommended increasing the rental assistance amounts to a

maximum of \$1,500 per individual for up to up to six months. There were also recommendations to increase communication between involved agencies and simplify the application process. **ACTION**: *Greg Brigham moved to approve the Housing Subcommittee's recommendations. Allen Hobson seconded. Motion passed.*

2. BPA LETTER OF SUPPORT

Melanie Prummer of Battered Persons' Advocacy (BPA) requested a LPSCC letter of support for a Victims of Crime Act grant BPA is applying for to provide continued funding for an advocate who is stationed at the Courthouse each morning to help with restraining orders and provide assistance in the courtroom. BPA is also stationing a co-located advocate at the Roseburg Police Department. The draft letter of support was sent out to LPSCC members in advance of the meeting.

ACTION: Joe Garcia made a motion to approve the letter. Rick Wesenberg seconded. **Motion passed.**

3. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT

The LPSCC Temporary Justice Reinvestment (JRI) Subcommittee is considering current JRI-funded programs and will make recommendations to the full LPSCC on how to allocate JRI funds for the 2019/21 biennium. Statewide, Justice Reinvestment is expected to be fully funded at about \$50 million. That figure includes the regular JRI grant, which is disbursed according to a statewide formula, and the smaller, competitive Supplemental JRI grant.

For the current biennium, Douglas County received \$1.6 million, which it is spending on deputies for the RSAT program in the Jail; RSAT treatment costs; an RSAT liaison/release assistance officer; specialty court prosecution services; transitional housing; an allocation for Umpqua Valley Public Defender; and LPSCC coordinator office supplies. Ten percent is going to victims' services providers Douglas CARES and BPA.

Also in the current biennium, Douglas County received \$298,880 in Supplemental JRI funding, which it is using to pay for a downward-departure-focused Deputy District Attorney.

There are a number of factors at play that could negatively impact Douglas County's funding for the coming biennium, including:

- The number of individuals on felony supervision in Douglas County has decreased, meaning a reduction in the County's formula grant percentage
- Some position costs have gone up
- A separate grant that funds RSAT is expected to be reduced
- More counties are expected to apply for the Supplemental JRI grant funding

The LPSCC Temporary JRI Subcommittee will continue meeting to develop recommendations for Douglas County's approach to the 2019/21 biennium.

4. SPECIALTY COURT GRANTS

LPSCC support is required for two grant applications prepared by Treatment Court Coordinator Robert Wilson on behalf of Drug Court and Mental Health Court for submission to the Criminal Justice Commission. The Courts are applying for funding to cover personnel, training, peer support, case management and other costs. Robert Wilson shared that there have been some changes to the application this biennium, including new restrictions on travel to trainings. There are currently approximately 50 people enrolled in Drug Court and about 20 in Mental Health Court.

ACTION: Allen Hobson moved to approve the two grant applications. Mike Nores seconded. Greg Brigham abstained. **Motion passed.**

5. CIT TRAINING

Roseburg police Cpl. Doug Walton told LPSCC he has taken on the role of CIT Coordinator after Coleen Roberts of NAMI stepped down and invited him to take her place. The 40-hour CIT training will be held Sept. 23-27 at Roseburg police headquarters. It is open to law enforcement, treatment providers, some community members, and others. Cpl. Walton will be meeting with Coleen Roberts next week to discuss details. The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is offering \$5,000 per agency to cover backfilling and other costs, with the goal of enabling more officers to participate.

Adjournment: *Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.*

Next Meeting: *Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2019, 11:30 a.m.*