

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, June 28, 2011 – 11:30 am**  
**Justice Building – Jury Assembly Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Members and Guests Present:** Angie Curtis, Tim George, Brett Johnson, Danny Jordan, Kent Brown, Mark Huddleston, Doug Engle, Maureen Graham, Michele Morales, Jodi Merritt, Christine Dismukes, Rod Countryman, Mark Reagles, David Carter, Lee Ayers, Mark Orndoff, Jim Adams, Kelly Collins, Martha Hutchinson, Julia Fisher, Beth Pierce, John Stromberg.

Lee Ayers opened meeting at 11:32 am

**Opening Remarks:** Lee welcomed everyone to the June PSCC meeting and a round table introduction was conducted.

**PSCC Minute Adoption:** The PSCC Minutes from the April and May meetings were circulated via email to the members for feedback. Danny Jordan proposed a motion to formally adopt the minutes, seconded by Doug Engle. The April and May minutes were formally adopted.

**Follow-Up – Presentation : Impact of Marijuana Summit – Michele Morales, Addictions Services Manager:** Michele Morales, Addictions Services Manager with Jackson County Health and Human Services provided a brief presentation in May regarding the Impact of the Marijuana Summit and the marijuana dispensaries located in California and Colorado. Currently, marijuana dispensaries are illegal in Oregon however there are three that are currently advertising as dispensaries in the Portland area (presentation available upon request). The U.S. Attorney of the District of Oregon, Dwight C. Holton issued a statement on June 3, 2011 that expresses “... *individuals and businesses that conduct sales of marijuana face the risk of prosecution, civil enforcement actions and seizure of assets.*”  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/or/PressReleases/2011/20110603\\_Marijuana.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/or/PressReleases/2011/20110603_Marijuana.html)

As a result of the Marijuana Summit and the current statement by the U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon, there are questions that are pertinent to our community in regards to marijuana dispensaries, legal grow sites for medical marijuana and possible measures necessary to counter this issue. Through the discussion it was determined that this is a topic that should continue to be monitored by the group and possibly discussed at our fall retreat for future goal planning for the PSCC.

**Presentation: Mental Health Crisis – Chief Tim George, Medford Police Department:** Chief Tim George provided a brief presentation on the increase in contacts his officers are having with citizens that are in need of sobering, mental health or hospitalization services for potential mental health illnesses, including those that may have been aggravated by drug or alcohol use (presentation available upon request). Tim expressed that he has been in contact and working closely with Jackson County Mental Health in an attempt to identify solutions to this increasing problem.

**Presentation: Mental Health Crisis – Maureen Graham – Jackson County Mental Health:** Maureen Graham provide a brief follow-up presentation that also expressed the increase in demand for mental health services by Jackson County Mental Health. Maureen was able to provide information as to the current process of screening for Jackson County Mental Health and the key players in the process (presentation available upon request).

As a result of the presentations provided by Tim and Maureen, the committee began a discussion as to the ongoing need for mental health services and the need to continue to evaluate the possibility of maintaining these services. A sub-committee was suggested to further explore this issue for recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

**Announcements / Other Business:**

Lee provided a handout of Senate Bill 395 which expresses that a third DUI conviction shall be a class C felony and the 10 year time limitation is eliminated, in that any subsequent DUI convictions past the third DUI conviction will be a class C felony regardless of time from the third conviction. Included in the handout was a recommendation from the Oregon Anti-Crime Alliance regarding the increase in crime severity ranking of third time DUI convictions under SB 395. No discussion was conducted surrounding this handout due to time limitations. Further information on this bill can be found at <http://gov.oregonlive.com/bill/2011/sb395/> .

It was announced that the **July 26<sup>th</sup> PSCC meeting will be canceled.**

**Next Scheduled PSCC Meeting:** Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 11:30am.

**Meeting adjourned 1:10 pm**

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Minutes Approved By: Lee Ayers, PSCC Chair