

# PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

## MINUTES

TUESDAY,  
FEB. 28, 2012

11:30

JUSTICE BUILDING –  
JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Shane Hagey
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Lee Ayers, Rodney Countryman, Tim Doney, Doug Engle, Julie Evans, Tim George, Shane Hagey, Mark Huddleston, Danny Jordan, Bob Kleker, Lorenzo Mejia, Michele Morales, John Stromberg, Joe Ferguson, Mike Jackson.

- Shane Hagey opened the meeting at 11:30 am
- Opening Remarks: Shane welcomed everyone to the February PSCC meeting. Shane introduced Joe Ferguson, Deputy Director of the Community Justice Juvenile Department.

## Agenda topics

MINUTES ADOPTION (JANUARY)

SHANE HAGEY

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
Shane asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes. Judge Mejia proposed a motion to formally adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded by Lee Ayers and the January minutes were formally adopted.	

PRESENTATION – JUVENILE RELATED ISSUES  
MEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

JULIE EVANS / SRO MIKE JACKSON MPD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<p>Julie Evans provided referral statistics regarding gang activity in the Medford School District for the previous year (2010-2011) and current year up to January 26, 2012 (2011-2012). Those statistics are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Medford High School – approximately 1600 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2010-2011 school year: 3 gang related referrals involving 3 students</li> <li>○ 2011-2012 school year: 1 gang related referral involving 1 student</li> </ul> </li> <li>• South Medford High School – approx. 1750 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2010-2011 school year: 3 gang related referrals involving 3 students</li> <li>○ 2011-2012 school year: none</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Central Medford High School – approx. 215 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2010-2011 school year: 8 gang related referrals involving 6 students</li> <li>○ 2011-2012 school year: 1 gang related referral involving 1 student</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hedrick Middle School – approx. 880 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2010-2011 school year: none</li> <li>○ 2011-2012 school year: 1 gang related referral involving 1 student</li> </ul> </li> <li>• McLaughlin Middle School – approx. 750 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2010-2011 school year: 4 gang related referrals involving 3 students</li> <li>○ 2011-2012 school year: 2 gang related referrals involving 2 students</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Medford Elementary Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2010-2011 school year: None</li> <li>○ 2011-2012 school year: None</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Julie expressed that primarily the schools are responding to clear gang affiliation or display of affiliation (i.e. gang fights involving multiple offenders against one victim that is identified as gang related; repeat graffiti offenses; display of gang colors/paraphernalia.) Julie expressed from conversations with other school principals that it is the general feeling that gang activity has decreased within the current school year. Judge Mejia expressed that there was an increase in tagging around South Medford recently and asked if the school identified those individuals. Julie expressed that the perpetrators of the tagging/graffiti have not been connected to the schools, therefore referrals have not been issued for the latest tagging incidents.</p> <p>SRO Mike Jackson from MPD expressed that since Medford Police Department has partnered with the Medford School Districts there has been an increase in education among faculty and the schools have taken a stance on gang activity which has provided for a degree of suppression. SRO Jackson expressed that MPD is currently providing education to students through the GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program. This program provides 6 weeks of curriculum for Elementary Schools and 13 weeks of programs for the Middle Schools that are taught by MPD officers. This program is an evidenced based program, though local results have yet to be seen. Thus far, MPD has taught 25 classes in which the officers have been able to get to know the youth and have been able to provide assistance to those youth through relationship development. SRO Jackson also expressed that the SRO's within the Medford School Districts are engaged with social media (Facebook, Twitter, MySpace) and have been able to intervene with cyber bullying. SRO</p>	

Jackson was asked about drugs within the schools and expressed that they do utilize the drug dog periodically to do sweeps of the parking lots and the locker areas. He stated it was rare that they actually find something but they have identified an issue with Marijuana within the schools due to the ease of access to the students (parents with Medical Marijuana cards etc.). SRO Jackson expressed that the after school programs, such as Kid's Unlimited, have been a great resource to the community in engaging the youth and providing them with opportunities and access to after-school programming.

PRESENTATION – JUVENILE RELATED ISSUES  
COMMUNITY JUSTICE JUVENILE  
DEPARTMENT

JOE FERGUSON

**DISCUSSION**

Joe Ferguson from the Community Justice Juvenile Department expressed that the Juvenile Department hand tracks the youth on supervision through the use of the Department of Justice gang registration forms. Currently there are 34 youth that have been identified through self admission as being gang affiliated. These individuals are mostly Hispanic and have identified as being a part of either the Norteno or Sureno gangs. Community Justice is a participant in a local Gang Task Force in which they are working on conducting a Community wide gang assessment. This assessment will assist Jackson County in applying for and potentially obtaining grant funding for gang related issues. Joe identified that there has not been a huge increase in the number of youth on probation over the years. The Juvenile Department currently has three primary programs: Probation, Residential Program, and Detention.

- Probation: Currently there are 11.5 Juvenile Probation Officers that average approximately 25 youth per caseload. The probation department utilizes a risk based system to determine youth supervision. Case planning and goal setting is a key component of the supervision design with the department. The department provides intake assessments to approximately 100 youth per year. The probation department provides evidence based groups and skill building curriculum for the success of the youth.
- Residential Program: This program is a short term treatment program which provides 15 beds to male youth with a minimum stay of 120 days. This program includes a variety of assessments and treatment programming, which includes family based interventions.
- Detention: The Juvenile department consists of 2 – 20 bed detention facilities. Currently not all 40 beds are being utilized and due to the average bed usage the detention beds are available as follows: Monday – Thursday 24 beds are available and Friday – Sunday 32 beds are available. This design was developed to provide immediate intervention to delinquent/violating youth so that they could serve a sanction on the weekends and be able to attend school during the week.

Joe also spoke about the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) and the availability of beds in the youth correctional facilities that are operated by the State. Currently there are 19 beds available to Jackson County at these youth correctional facilities and Jackson County is operating at capacity.

**Next Scheduled PSCC Meeting:** Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 11:30 am

**Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 pm**