

# PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

## MINUTES

TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 27, 2012

11:30

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

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| <b>MEETING CALLED BY</b> | Shane Hagey   |
| <b>ATTENDEES</b>         | Lee Ayers, Christine Bronson, Doug Engle, Julie Evans, Shane Hagey, Mark Huddleston, Danny Jordan, Bob Kleker, Lorenzo Mejia, Jodi Merritt, Michele Morales, Mark Orndoff, Tim Doney, Beth Heckert, Stacy Brubaker, Curtis Whipple, Tawnya Moore, Vern Thompson, Scott Logue, Corey Falls, Kris Allison, Brian Day. |

- Shane Hagey opened the meeting at 11:35 am
- Opening Remarks: Shane welcomed everyone to the November PSCC meeting. Shane introduced Stacy Brubaker – Jackson County Mental Health and Lt. Curtis Whipple – Medford Police Department.

## Agenda Topics

MINUTES ADOPTION (OCTOBER)

SHANE HAGEY

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b>   |  |
| Shane asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes for October. Danny proposed a motion to formally adopt the minutes, the motion was seconded by Lee Ayers and all were in favor. The minutes for October were formally adopted. |  |

PRESENTATION – CRISIS INTERVENTION  
TRAINING BASED ON MEMPHIS MODEL

STACY BRUBAKER & LT. CURTIS WHIPPLE

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b>   |  |
| <p>Stacy Brubaker from Jackson County Mental Health and Lt. Curtis Whipple from Medford Police Department provided a presentation on Crisis Intervention Training/Team (CIT).</p> <p>The program goals of CIT are to develop a cadre of Crisis Intervention Trained law enforcement officers within all jurisdictions of Jackson County and establish a “system” that provides a partnership between law enforcement and mental health services.</p> <p>The following statistics were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26% of adult Americans can be diagnosed with a mental disorder in any given year;</li> <li>• 6% are disabled by severe mental illness;</li> <li>• Nearly 1/3 of the nation’s 600,000 homeless people are believed to be severely mentally ill;</li> <li>• 1 in 5 children and adolescents may have a diagnosable mental illness;</li> <li>• 60% of jail inmates experience symptoms of a mental disorder.</li> <li>• In 2011 Medford PD responded to 228 cases pertaining to Mental Health Holds – for 2012 this number is up 18%.</li> <li>• In 2011 MPD handled 207 suicide or attempted suicide calls – for 2012 this number is up 21%.</li> <li>• Since 2000 suicides in Oregon are up 21%, Jackson County has a higher than average rate of 23%.</li> </ul> <p>Benefits of developing a CIT will assist in reducing recidivism, increase relationships between law enforcement and mental health providers, provide for more appropriate dispositions with street encounters with mentally ill folks and law enforcement, and reduce use of force incidents.</p> <p>The CIT training will provide police officers with an increased awareness of mental health issues and empathy of mental health consumers. The training will provide instructions to officers in effective techniques utilized when encountering mental health consumers and broaden officer knowledge of resources available within Jackson County. These services and knowledge will assist officers in providing a safer intervention and resolution to calls for service for mental health crises.</p> <p>The CIT training consists of a 40 hour course of instruction that provides the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to clinical disorders</li> <li>• Psychotropic medications</li> <li>• Borderline personality disorders</li> <li>• Substance abuse/dual diagnosis</li> <li>• Legal issues</li> <li>• Suicide prevention</li> <li>• Special populations: elderly; children; developmentally disabled</li> <li>• Site visits (if possible)</li> </ul> <p>CIT training also consists of scenario based training in which the student must complete a series of scenarios taken from</p> |  |

actual mental health related cases. The students are evaluated by mental health professionals and experienced CIT officers.

Discussion developed regarding current efforts of local jurisdictions to provide this training. Ashland Police Department has all but a few officers trained in CIT, Eagle Point is currently looking at bringing in trainers for their staff as well, and Central Point Police Department has recently had Lt. Scott Logue attend the 40 hour training in Memphis.

From discussions, it is clear that various jurisdictions within the County are moving toward providing this training to their officers, but the need for collaboration is still identified. It was suggested that a sub-group of the PSCC be developed in order to work on collaboration and bringing in the remaining jurisdictions to participate in this effort.

The following were identified for the sub-group (others may be included as identified or requested):

- Lee Ayers – PSCC citizen member
- Stacy Brubaker – Jackson County Mental Health
- Lt. Curtis Whipple – MPD
- Chief Vern Thompson – EPPD
- Chief Cory Falls – APD
- Lt. Scott Logue – CPPD
- Shane Hagey – Director, Jackson County Community Justice (PSCC Chair)
- Tawnya Moore – Mental Health Specialist, Jackson County Community Justice
- Michele Morales – Jackson County Health & Human Services
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**Next Scheduled PSCC Meeting:** Tuesday, January 22, 2012 at 11:30 am

**Meeting Adjourned: 1:01 pm**