

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 23, 2012

11:30

JUSTICE BUILDING –
JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

MEETING CALLED BY	Shane Hagey
ATTENDEES	Lee Ayers, Christine Bronson, Doug Engle, Tim George, Danny Jordan, Bob Kleker, Lorenzo Mejia, Jodi Merritt, Mark Orndoff, Mark Reagles, Don Skundrick, John Stromberg

- Mark Orndoff opened the meeting at 11:40 am
- Opening Remarks: Mark welcomed everyone to the October PSCC meeting. Mark introduced Christine Mason - Executive Director and Ed Burns - Deputy Director of the Addictions Recover Center.

Agenda Topics

MINUTES ADOPTION (AUGUST)

SHANE HAGEY

DISCUSSION	
Mark asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes for August. Bob Kleker proposed a motion to formally adopt the minutes, the motion was seconded by Lee Ayers and all were in favor. The minutes for August were formally adopted.	

MENTAL HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE - UPDATE

MARK ORNDOFF

DISCUSSION	
<p>Mark and Jodi provided a brief update on the Mental Health Sub-Committee. The client staffing process has been further defined and streamlined for improved effectiveness. It was determined that once a release is obtained Tawnya Moore, Mental Health Specialist with Community Justice, will work with each client and will develop an MDT specific to the client and their identified resource needs. The full PSCC Mental Health sub-committee will be utilized as a briefing and problem solving committee that will meet quarterly and will receive updates from Tawnya and the community partners as to the progress of the program clients and address any identified needs or barriers that have been identified through the MDT process.</p> <p>Tim has provided Jodi with an updated list of individuals who have had contact with Medford Police two or more times for a mental health protective custody hold or who were referred to mental health services 2 or more times. There were approximately 68 clients that met the criteria listed above through MPD's reports; these 68 clients were then cross-referenced with Community Justice clients to identify those currently on supervision. Only 8 of the 68 clients are identified as currently being on supervision with Community Justice. Since we are in the early stages of this process, it was determined that we should initially focus on the clients who are on community supervision with Community Justice and then expand to clients not on community supervision. The identified clients' probation officers were contacted and asked to obtain the necessary releases for the 8 clients so that an MDT can be developed.</p> <p>Jodi provided a brief update on client #1; the client seems stable with medication and housing. The client has been attending court on a regular basis and is reporting to the assigned probation officer as directed. Mark provided an update on client #2 expressing that the client is doing well.</p> <p>Danny asked what the overall feeling was about the status and progress of the program, Tim responded that he felt good about the program and was pleased with client #1's progress and the collaboration between all agencies involved.</p>	

PRESENTATION – WILLIAM H. MOORE
CENTER – SOBERING CENTER

CHRISTINE MASON & ED BURNS

DISCUSSION	
<p>Christine Mason and Ed Burns from the Addictions Recovery Center provided a presentation about the William H. Moore Center. The Center provides sobering, crisis respite and transitional housing services.</p> <p>The program's funding is obtained from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55% Jackson County; • 37% Veterans Administration; • 7% Client Fees; 	

- >1% Providence Grant;
- >1% Services Reimbursement.

The 55% of funding provided by Jackson County can be further broken down to include:

- 22% Beer / Wine tax;
- 2% City of Ashland;
- 15% City of Medford;
- 10% Jackson County Community Justice;
- 51% Jackson County Health and Human Services.

54% of expenses for the program are for staffing of the Center with 91% of the personnel costs specifically allocated to the sobering unit. This portion of the facility is required to be staffed 24 hours a day / 7 days a week and consists of sobering technicians and medical oversight staffing costs.

Some of the challenges identified with the Moore Center is the need for:

Sobering Unit

- Increased medical expertise on site
- Mental health services
- Transportation for clients upon release
- Intervention services for clients

Transition Home

- Capacity
- Employment
- Safe and permanent housing

From October 2011 to September 2012, the sobering unit has had a total of 2,061 clients admitted. 932 of these clients were admitted to the unit more than once.

Sobering unit referrals are identified as:

- 46% Medford Police Department;
- 18% Emergency Room;
- 14% other law enforcement (not including OSP, Sheriff and MPD);
- 10% OSP; 9% Sheriff's Office;
- 3% self admits.

Sobering admits based on substances are identified as:

- 87% alcohol;
- 6% Methamphetamine
- 4% Prescription
- 1% Opiates
- 2% Other substances

Due to the limited capacity of the sobering unit, the facility has a tendency to fill up quickly at peak periods. When the facility is full, staff contacts local law enforcement to notify them of their capacity issues. At this point law enforcement has no other remedy for those individuals who would otherwise be lodged at the sobering unit. This leaves the officers with the need to either 'baby-sit' the offenders until they can be safely released or lodge them into the County Jail that is already fighting space capacity issues.

Danny identified that sobering services is not a State mandate and that Jackson County has identified this as a priority service within the community. As such, the Council began a discussion about the limited capacity of the sobering unit. It was identified that Jackson County could easily use approximately 40-50 sobering beds however, the main barriers continue to be money and space availability. It was estimated that the daily bed cost rate for the sobering unit would be approximately \$25/day compared to the State's determined average daily bed rate of \$105/day. Providing for increased sobering bed space would provide a cost savings as well as decrease to the County Jail's lodgings and capacity issues.

Alternatives and options are being explored however there are still capacity and money issues that are limiting this ability. Currently the Jackson County Transition Center is exploring the option of utilizing some of their space to provide sobering services as an overflow for the ARC's sobering unit. The Transition Center is still in the exploration stages of this project.

Further remedies are currently being explored and include: contacting local jurisdictions to discuss the capacity issue, potentially changing the funding stream for the sobering unit to a pay for use scenario, creating new revenues and creating new community sobering options.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 1:05 pm