

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 28TH, 2017

11:30

JUSTICE BUILDING –
JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

MEETING CALLED BY	Beth Heckert
ATTENDEES	Beth Heckert, Bob Kleker, Bob Strosser, Brett Johnson, Dan Penland, Doug Engle, Eric Guyer, Jennifer Lind, Jodi Merritt, Joe Charter, Joe Ferguson, John Stromberg, Lorenzo Mejia, Mark Orndoff, Mark Reagles, Nate Sickler, Stephanie Johnson, Tyler Lee

- Beth Heckert opened the meeting at 11:35 am
- Opening Remarks: Beth Heckert welcomed everyone to the February PSCC meeting.

Agenda topics

MINUTE ADOPTION – JANUARY

BETH HECKERT, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	
The January minutes were not ready to be provided for adoption. They will be included in next month's agenda.	

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION PLAN FOR FY17-19

JOE FERGUSON

DISCUSSION	
<p>Joe Ferguson, the Deputy Director for Community Justice Juvenile provided a presentation on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan (JCP). The JCP funding was originally provided through the State Commission on Children and Families (CCF) and provided directly to our local CCF, provided through Health and Human Services, but was dissolved in 2012. The state replaced it with the Youth Development Division, under the Oregon Department of Education, and with no local CCF the lead agency moved to Community Justice Juvenile Division.</p> <p>The JCP Plan is a formula based grant to the counties and dispenses funding based on the population percentage of 0-17 year olds. Jackson County Juvenile received \$115,000 in funding this year but may be receiving \$90,000 for the next biennium. The funding has gone to help reduce truancy levels with three case managers that help provide services to seventy unduplicated youth each year.</p> <p>For the years 2011-2013, the data shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 28% decrease in academic failure• 14% decrease in truancy• 100% decrease in school dropout• 86% decrease in aggressive, disruptive behavior at school• 52% increase in school attachment• 78% increase of a positive adult in the life of students that can talk to (other than parent)• 24% increase in involvement in extra-curricular activities• 62% increase in effective communication with family member <p>For 2017-2019, the Youth Development Division is focusing on a positive approach to provide a safe environment and supportive relationships. They are recognizing and rewarding positive behavior instead of the negative actions. Only youths that score medium to high on a JCP risk assessment will be provided services. The JCP looks into many areas of the youths' life such as: behavior, family, substance abuse and mental health. This will help case managers to focus on the areas that need services and help them plan for the future.</p> <p>Stephanie Johnson, an OnTrack case management with the truancy project, expressed the case managers will talk with students about interests and activities. They also help students obtain jobs and receive funding to participate in areas like sports. Case managers will also talk to the parents of students to keep them informed. Stephanie identified many students will stay in contact with staff to keep them apprised of their status after they are no longer in program.</p>	

Joe expressed he had to review the plan for the first time since 2008 and it is due by the end of March. The plan needs to be approved by the PSCC before it can be submitted. Lorenzo Mejia moved to support a motion to approve the plan which was seconded by Mark Orndoff; a vote was taken, all were in favor, none opposed. The Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan for 2017-2019 was approved by the PSCC.

JAIL UPDATE

BOB KLEKER / DANNY PENLAND

DISCUSSION
<p>Bob Kleker and Danny Penland provided a jail update. A snapshot of the jail was provided for 2/27/17, the jail population was at 241 inmates even though the bed capacity is 230. Jail staff are working closely with release officers and Community Justice to evaluate inmates to determine release eligibility or movement to reduced custody programs.</p> <p>The Sheriff's Office, Community Justice, and the Courts met to discuss options on how to increase the flow of inmates out of the jail so we more effectively utilized the bed capacity available. A few ideas that have been put into practice are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment courts sending offenders to the work center while waiting for a treatment bed to open • Having settlement conferences on Measure 11 cases in an attempt to shortening the time frame of prosecution of cases. • Change the "No Matrix" to a ten day period at which point they are reviewed to determine whether the "No Matrix" status can be lifted or remain. Bob and Danny talked to judges about using the no matrix on cases that really need to be held until court. • Probation Violations for Post Prison cases have a fifteen day grace period before a Probation Officer (PO) has to serve the offender. Community Justice is working on requiring PO's to serve offenders within 2-3 days so they are eligible to be moved to the Transition Center more quickly. <p>The jail receives about a million a year for the 25-30 federal inmates that are housed there. The Jail is hoping to open the basement by the end of April which will provide an additional sixty beds.</p>

JUSTICE REINVESTMENT SUMMIT UPDATE

ERIC GUYER

DISCUSSION
<p>Eric discussed the Justice Reinvestment Initiative Summit that he attended with Beth and Jodi. He expressed the summit went well and had good speakers, one was from New York. There was talk about a new legislative bill that would change Possession of Controlled Substance (PCS) charges from a felony to a misdemeanor. This modification would eliminate Community Justice's funding from the state, as we receive funding based on felony offenders supervised and these offenders would not be monitored for treatment compliance.</p> <p>Eric mentioned that Jackson County Community Justice is being careful not to use many prison beds and is using less than the average across the state. Eric expressed the money from the JRI will go towards many areas such as residential treatment beds at the Work Center, Resource Center at Community Justice, the Release Assistance Office, Jail Treatment Pod program and potentially a new Probation Officer position. In addition, the funds provide support for a Victim Witness Advocate at the District Attorney's Office and funding for the Children's Advocacy Center and Community Works.</p>

TREATMENT COURT GRANTS

BOB KLEKER

DISCUSSION
<p>Bob Kleker expressed that Jackson County Community Justice is in the process of completing renewal grants for the Recovery Opportunity Court (ROC), Adult Drug Court (ADC), and the Community Family Court (CFC). The grant applications require a letter of support from the Local PSCC to be eligible for funding. Jennifer Lind moved to approve support of the grant applications, motion was seconded by Lorenzo Mejia. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.</p>

Next Scheduled PSCC Meeting: April 25, 2017
Meeting Adjourned: 12:49 pm