

# PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY,  
January 22, 2019

11:31

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

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Eric Guyer
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Joshua Aldrich, Lee Ayers, Dave Carter, Marie Curren, Doug Engle, Eric Guyer, Stu Hansen, Beth Heckert, Barbara Johnson, Danny Jordan, Lorenzo Mejia, Jennifer Mylenek, Tina Qualls, Amber Freitas, Mark Reagles, Nathan Sickler, Aja Stoner, John Stromberg, Bob Strosser, Rita Sullivan, Theresa Howell, Kristen Dekker, Grace Funrue, Dustin Fortado, Dave Gall, Patrick Shed

- Eric Guyer opened the meeting at 11:31
- Opening Remarks: Eric Guyer opened the meeting by stating that the Criminal Justice Commission wants more of the semi-annual updates brought to the PSCC group to get buy-in feedback ideas. He envisions having those presentations added to the agenda in the future.

## Agenda Topics

### MINUTE ADOPTION – OCTOBER

ERIC GUYER, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
No minute adoption.	

### JUSTICE REINVESTMENT AMENDMENT APPROVAL

ERIC GUYER, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
A vote is not required at this time.	

### INTRODUCTION TO THE RESOURCE CENTER

ERIC GUYER, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<p><b><i>Eric Guyer – Executive Director Community Justice</i></b></p> <p>Eric Guyer stated that the Resource Center started because Sheriff Nate Sickler was concerned with people being released in the early am from the Jackson County jail who were sick in their substance use disorder, and who were going out with not much of a chance to succeed.</p> <p>The Resource Center is based on the Clackamas County Model. The guests in attendance today will discuss the role that they play at the Resource Center.</p> <p>Sheriff Nathan Sickler thanked Community Justice for taking on the Resource Center workload and added that it would help bridge the gap between if we get a new facility and until that time comes. The Resource Center will help reduce numbers on forced jail releases and recidivism.</p> <p>Eric Guyer extended his gratitude with each person working together at the Resource Center.</p> <p><b><i>Josh Aldrich – Jackson County Jail</i></b></p> <p>Night releases are being held over until the next morning to send over to the Resource Center. Depending on how many people they hold over night, the number of people being transported to the Resource Center will vary. Statistical research on what the releases are searching for as far as resources has not been collected yet.</p> <p>Eric Guyer stated that finding Community Partners to work together was a challenge. He added that he is appreciative of the collaboration that currently exists at the Resource Center.</p> <p>Judge Lorenzo Mejia asked if everybody being released are going to the Resource Center, and Josh Aldrich responded by stating that only the people being held over from the night before will be transported to the Resource Center, except for bail outs.</p> <p>Nathan Sickler added that with the daytime cap being around 300 and then 315 at night, anyone being released at that 300 number can go to the Resource Center. He informed the PSCC members and attendees that the design of the jail is linear and hard to supervise at certain times. Inmates are up during the day which makes monitoring more challenging and difficult. The cap at night goes up because it is easier to supervise the facility because people are in their beds. If a person is up, it is noticed.</p> <p>Danny Jordan stated that the average length of stay for everyone in the Jackson County jail is 4 days. The community has commented that people in jail need to be put into mental health and drug and alcohol treatment. That 4 day average is not</p>	

enough time to get someone plugged into those resources. Plus, people not yet sentenced are not required to participate in getting aid.

Sheriff Nathan Sickler added that about 80% of our jail population is doing less than a day in jail, and 20% are mostly the Measure 11 offenders that are doing about 180-191 days in jail.

Danny Jordan reminded attendees that even if a person is in jail for 120 days or more, they are not required to participate in any treatments, only once they are sentenced.

Sheriff Nathan Sickler asked what the average daily population is in the jail, and Josh Aldrich responded that there are about 340 a day. Those include people who jail staff are coming into contact with, even if they are not lodged. He shared the fact that there are some people he has witnessed who are nearing their release dates that tear up with fear because they do not know where they are going to go. The Resource Center will provide them with the opportunity to get the resources they need from Community Justice staff who are willing to help.

#### ***Lisa McCurley –Community Justice Transition Center***

Lisa McCurley laid out the Transition Center procedures which are followed Monday through Friday every week by Transition Center staff. People entering the Transition Center are informed upon arrival that there is a new process, and they are embracing it so far. She explained the transportation and Community Service procedures.

Eric Guyer mentioned that on the first day of the Resource Center, mental health services were available for a somewhat defiant person who was transported from the Transition Center to the Resource Center, and he was able to work through the new procedure with a Mental Health Counselor, connect with his Probation Officer, and even returned the next week. Eric said that successes like this one are one of the things that we hope will lead to more of.

Danny Jordan asked what other resources are offered at the Resource Center, and Lisa McCurley responded by saying that Addictions Recovery Center (ARC) personnel are there to assist people with Alcohol and Drug treatment services, the Goodwill is there for employment, job searching and clothing resources, Department of Human Services (DHS) is available to assist with SNAP and TANF benefits, and Health and Human Services (HHS) are present for Mental Health services.

#### ***Dustin Fortado – Addictions Recovery Center, Inc.***

Dustin Fortado summarized the services that Addictions Recovery Center provides and what it is that he does specifically at the Resource Center. Coordinating with the Probation Officer and his employer to set people up with immediate Drug and Alcohol treatment services is important to Addictions Recovery Center and crucial to the success of the person being treated.

Eric Guyer stated briefly that the creativity and thought process going into the development of the Resource Center was extensive.

Dustin Fortado added that the people who need treatment services are being scheduled as soon as possible, sometimes that same day or the next day, in order to ensure that their engagement with treatment services is done as soon as possible.

Eric Guyer thanked Dustin for his presentation.

#### ***Dave Gall – Southern Oregon Goodwill***

Dave Gall summarized the services that Southern Oregon Goodwill provides and what it is that he does specifically at the Resource Center. Southern Oregon Goodwill offers a GED program, transportation assistance including gas and bus vouchers, National Retail Certification training, and will also provide interview and work clothing. They have a Job Connection location with computer access with no time limits where people can work on their resumes with staff if needed.

Mayor John Stromberg asked who usually takes advantage of the job placement services that Southern Oregon Goodwill offers, and what are the circumstances of people who are able to take advantage of Goodwill's services.

Dave Gall responded that any circumstances of people between the ages of 16 to 60 years old can go through the Job Placement program at Southern Oregon Goodwill, as long as they are ready and willing to work.

Jennifer Mylenek asked if there are any Parenting and Child Care resources available through the Resource Center.

Dave Gall stated that Southern Oregon Goodwill offers a Family Nurturing program through Department of Human Services and the Family Nurturing Center to provide people with parenting and child care assistance.

Eric Guyer and Rita Sullivan mentioned that not everybody loves to work with justice involved clients. Eric Guyer added that Jackson County is grateful to have partners working in the Resource Center who are called to work with the population with heavier barriers.

***Patrick Shed – Department of Human Services (DHS) Self Sufficiency***

Patrick Shed summarized the services that DHS provides and what it is that he does specifically at the Resource Center. He defined poverty and talked about SNAP and TANF, which is just a few services that he provides in the Resource Center. He will sign people up with these benefits if needed. Funding for childcare is also provided for people who are engaged in job searching. DHS also conducts safety assessments for Domestic Violence victims to help someone with transportation and housing.

Patrick Shed believes that the Resource Center provides a sense of belonging and security.

Aja Stoner asked that when people are actively engaging in treatment, does that also qualifies as part of their job search and plan with DHS.

Patrick Shed answered yes and added that if a participant is on TANF or engaged in Alcohol and Drug Treatment, DHS will conduct an assessment to determine their eligibility and set them up with a plan. DHS Self Sufficiency department works closely with treatment providers to ensure that the participant stays engaged.

Rita Sullivan asked if there is a limited amount of times a participant can come back in and apply for services.

Patrick Shed responded by stating that DHS tries to be understanding when it comes to a participant not following through with their DHS case plans, as there are many reasons why things can go wrong including mental health issues.

Eric Guyer stated that Connie Wilkerson with Continuum of Care was not able to make it to the meeting today, but added that her primary focus is housing.

Continuum of Care, Inc. mission is to enable people who are challenged with mental illness, intellectual disability or other disability, and/or addiction, to rebuild a meaningful life and thrive in the community. They offer recovery support, crisis stabilization and respite, a Veteran's Recovery Support Program, continuous residential support services, community housing placement, diversion services and supported living services.

Eric Guyer mentioned that within the first three weeks of the Resource Center being open there have been 117 clients.

Marie Curren clarified that the Resource Center received 117 intake forms, 98 people used the Resource Center in one way or the other. There were 26 people who spoke to DHS for services, 12 people signed up with Southern Oregon Goodwill, 5 people signed up with the ARC, and 27 received OHP assistance. Grace Funrue, Kristen Dekker and Theresa Howell are OHP Assistants in the Resource Center who can sign people up for Health Insurance. They will soon be trained by Connie Wilkerson with Continuum of Care to do the intake piece for housing assistance.

Eric Guyer thanked the skills trainers and Theresa Howell for getting the Resource Center up and running. He stated that this has been a team effort with a lot of folks willing to work together.

Aja Stoner asked if the Resource Center is open anytime during business hours.

Eric Guyer responded by stating that the Resource Center is fully staffed with community partners from 7am – 9am Monday through Friday, but that the Resource Center is available all day during regular business hours for any justice involved people.

Judge Lorenzo Mejia voiced his concern with what resources are available for both supervised and bench probation individuals. He then thanked Probation and the DUII Coordinator for show causing individuals at the front end instead of the back end where it is then too late.

Eric Guyer responded that Community Justice will be able to work with both the supervised and bench probation individuals.

Mayor John Stromberg shared his impressed observation on the efforts and compassion that is shown in Jackson County to try to help people who are in trouble, and recognizing that it is in everybody's interest to help people get back into society. He mentioned that remarkably the winter shelter in Ashland will now be open 7 days a week and will provide laundry services and case managers. He added that this resource is a pipeline to start reintegrating people into society.

Rita Sullivan said that there is a positive slant going on. She mentioned the Transition Center and how resourceful that location is for justice involved people, and stated that it is an amazing thing to see work.

Eric Guyer thanked everyone for attending.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

**ERIC GUYER, CHAIR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
There were no announcements.	

<b>Next Scheduled PSCC Meeting: February 26, 2019</b>
<b>Meeting Adjourned: 12:16 pm</b>