



Yamhill County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council

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May 17, 2023 - 4:03 P.M.

I. OPENING AND ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Russell Mark opens the meeting. Notes the meeting is being recorded.

Voting Members Present:

Russell Mark; Jessica Beach; Brad Berry; Perrin Damon; Matt Scales; Anne Falla; Branden Dross; Lindsey Manfrin; Michael Videtich; Tim Svenson; Cecilia Martinez; Jason Henness; Lindsay Berschauer; Judge Ladd Wiles; Retired Judge Collins

Non-Voting Members Present:

Greg Westbrook; Brian Rucker; John Lynch; Larry Evenson; Jamison Goetz; Kit Johnson

Guests Present:

Tom O'Connor; Jessica Payne; Karla Fry; Cassy Polen

Voting Members Absent:

Judge Cynthia Easterday

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Russell Mark recommended minutes from March be approved as presented.

Motion to accept as presented by Jessica Beach, seconded by Lindsay Berschauer. March minutes approved unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None heard.

IV. CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION SPECIALTY COURT 2023-25 PHASE I GRANT APPLICATION VOTE TO RATIFY

Jessica Beach presented on the three different Specialty Courts that Yamhill County supports with the grant funding provided by the Criminal Justice Commission. Court Coordinated Services or the Mental Health Court, Adult Drug Court, and the Juvenile Drug Court. Health and Human Services, Jason Henness, has been the point person previously in completing these grant applications. The Department of Community Justice is taking over in that role starting this biennium. Jessica wanted to highlight, Yamhill County has one of only four, Juvenile Drug Courts in the state.

Jessica asked to ratify the Executive Team decision to apply for these grants.

Motion to accept and ratify the Executive Committee's decision by Russell Mark, seconded by Brad Berry. Motion passed unanimously.

V. CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION (CJC) JRI 2023-25 PHASE I GRANT APPLICATION PRESENTATION AND DASHBOARD DISCUSSION

Jessica Beach gave a brief background on the JRI programming goals and outcomes. She gave an update on the process and the legislation that is in process to extend the JRI funding streams that were due to sunset this year. The narrative asked us to review and address the CJC data dashboards on racial disparity. We are also still working on the capacity building grant to create an Equity Action Plan. Phase I application is due June 25, 2023. Phase II application is due September 13, 2023.

Motion to approve the phase I grant application to the Criminal Justice Commission by Chief Matt Scales, seconded by Anne Falla. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom O'Connor from Transforming Corrections provided a presentation and analysis of the Criminal Justice Commission's data dashboards. These data dashboards address prison usage statewide as well as for the individual counties within Oregon. There are many different dashboards that provide comparisons of different crime categories, prison use and how they relate to Yamhill County. Tom also reviewed the disparity dashboard for Yamhill County. Currently the dashboard is reporting all racial groups are trending at or below parity. The dashboard also shows there was much more of an issue in the past, however, the trend since 2013 has been positive and coming into line with the goal of parity. Recidivism was also reviewed within the data dashboards; Yamhill County is lower than the state but mirroring the trends of the state.

District Attorney Brad Berry went through when we first received the data to verify the cases that caused Yamhill County's sudden rise. A few of the cases were ineligible for downward departure due to circumstances and a few others were heinous sexual offenses that were sentenced to a substantial prison sentence.

VI. DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION LPSCC MEMBERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Jessica Beach wants to invite any members of the LPSCC who may have interest to the Equity in Community Corrections Training hosted by The Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors, Oregon Department of Corrections and the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. It will feature T.K. Floyd Foutz and Latricia Tillman. The training will be held June 9, 2023, from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM at The Salem Convention Center. Yamhill County has been allotted 5 seats at the training so anyone who would like to attend will need to register by letting Jessica know.

VII. INTRODUCTION TO NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPRESENTATIVE

Chair Russell Mark introduced our newest voting member, the City Administrator from Lafayette, Branden Dross. Mr. Dross is new to Oregon, from Kansas and has a wealth of experience and will bring a valuable perspective to LPSCC.

VIII. LPSCC VOTING MEMBERSHIP VACANCIES UPDATE

Three Lay Citizen positions are vacant if anyone knows of someone who would be interested. The City Mayor or Counsel Member. (Filled by City of Dundee Mayor, David Russ). Chief Scales investigated Linfield and they do not have a very robust criminal justice program. He sent an email to George Fox, and it has not been returned. Judge Collins remembers a faculty/professor from Western Oregon University was part of the voting membership at the time it was created because of the breadth of their community justice programming.

IX. ROUND TABLE

Jessica Beach wanted to inform the voting membership, that we will need to change the July meeting date to July 19, 2023, to get the LPSCC's approval of the CJC Justice Reinvestment grant application prior to its approval by the County Board of Commissioners. Jessica or Cassy will send out the invitations prior to the meetings.

Russell Mark will be meeting with some other LPSCC groups to get a better understanding of what they do and how they use their time to improve the criminal justice programming.

Jessica asked that we resume in person meetings at the Yamhill County Annex with a hybrid option for those who cannot be there in person.

X. AJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM. The next LPSCC meeting date will be July 19, 2023, at 4:00 PM in person at the Yamhill County Annex Building.

Minutes: Cassy Polen