

YAMHILL COUNTY
LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL
Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Present: Jessica Beach, Brad Berry, Tim Svenson, John Collins, Ronald Stone, Larry Evenson, Silas Halloran-Steiner, Theo. Urton, John DeMay, Russell Mark, Dana Carelle, Scott Paasch, Ted Smietana

Guests: Pauline Metoxen, David Wall

Next Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Community Corrections Annex

John DeMay, acting LPSCC Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Announcements

Jessica Beach announced that with the departure of Ian Davidson as LPSCC Coordinator, the minutes from the last meeting on April 11th have been lost. Jessica and Ted will attempt to locate and post the minutes. The audio recording of the meeting is available on the County website. Jessica Beach also announced that Ted Smietana will be the LPSCC Coordinator through the Association of Oregon Counties grant, through 9/30/19.

Public Comment

David Wall commented on the gates on some public roads in Yamhill County. He pointed out that these gated roads could have implications for both access and regress in the event of a fire.

Pauline Metoxen expressed thanks to the Sheriff and his staff for peacefully resolving a recent incident involving an individual with special needs.

Reassignment of Justice Reinvestment Investment (JRI) Funds

Jessica Beach presented regarding her proposal to reassign \$45,000 in JRI funds that had previously approved to fund a Hatfield Scholar to assist with pretrial data collection. Ms. Beach proposed that \$10,750 be allocated for Automon pretrial database purchase, \$11,000 for a possible interface between Automon and ATIMS, \$10,000 fund transfer to Yamhill County Information and Technology for their technical assistance, \$3250 in contingency funds, and \$10,000 for a stipend for the LPSCC Coordinator. Judge Collins expressed his support for acquiring the Automon system. These amounts total the \$45,000 originally planned and

allocated for the Hatfield Scholar. Ms. Beach further explained the Automon system, remarking that it is being used in several counties in Oregon, and that reviews to date have been positive. She further remarked that Automon includes a court date reminder system that uses text messaging.

The membership voted, and the proposal was approved with 9 affirmative votes, including a positive vote from Commissioner Olson via e mail.

Justice Reinvestment Strategy

Theo Urton commented that he had recently met with Ms. Beach and Mr. Smietana who provided a thorough explanation of the Yamhill County strategies with Justice Reinvestment funds, which aided in his understanding of the approaches used to date.

Mr. Urton then gave an overview of the State Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Initiative. The initiative is intended to further divert individuals with behavioral health issues from jail incarceration, and/or minimize their exposure to the criminal justice system. Issues regarding commitment to psychiatric facilities will also be explored. The initiative has a state steering committee, who will be making recommendations to the Legislature regarding programs and funding needs. Silas Halloran-Steiner commented that he was very familiar with the Initiative, and that he is currently serving on the state steering committee.

Department Reports

Health and Human Services

Silas Halloran-Steiner gave an update regarding Project Able, which is a program designed to provide an alternative to placement of individuals in acute hospital beds. Mr. Halloran-Steiner that the program has achieved positive results to date, including substantial cost avoidance to acute placement.

Juvenile Detention

Scott Paasch notified the Council that a new .5 FTE mental health specialist has been added to Detention, and that having that specialist available has been a very positive experience for both youth and staff. He also added that Detention is currently offering four different programs for the youth in detention, and that all of his staff have recently completed trainings on various mental health programs and trauma informed approaches.

Juvenile Probation

Dana Carelle reported to the Council that all juvenile probation officers have completed training on C.O.V.E. (**Coaching Options** that are **Versatile** and **Effective**). Ms. Carelle explained that this training is being provided by Tom O'Connor and his associate, and that she has been extremely pleased on how well her staff are doing with this approach, and that it is proving to be a very effective approach with youth.

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Svenson updated the Council regarding the legislative session that begins soon. He reported that he is a member of the Oregon State Sheriff's Association Statutory Committee, and that many (over 40) bills are slated to be introduced regarding juvenile related issues.

Department of Community Justice

Jessica Beach commented that her department has recently been dealing with many staff vacancies, including the Parks Manager, two adult probation officers, two adult support staff, and one juvenile probation officer. Recruitment and hiring is in progress, with many of the positions already filled.

Circuit Court

Judge Stone remarked that he is retiring from full-time service on 12/31/18. New Judge Jennifer Chapman will be sworn in on 1/11/19. Judge Stone further notified the membership that Judge Chapman will be taking over the mental health court, and that Judge Easterday will become the new Presiding Judge.

Next Meeting

Jessica Beach commented that the next LPSCC meeting would normally be scheduled to occur on February 13, 2019. However, that is the date of the yearly Justice Reinvestment Summit. All members were encouraged to attend. Due to this, it was agreed that the next meeting will occur on **Wednesday, March 13, 2019.**

Ms. Beach also proposed that the Council consider modifying its meeting schedule, moving to quarterly meetings. John DeMay moved that Ms. Beach and Mr. Smietana bring a proposal regarding the meeting schedule to the March meeting.