



Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors

Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 1, 2020, 10:00 am

Online via Zoom

Attendees:

Director Malcolm McDonald, Clackamas; Commander Jamie Hepner, Hood River County; Project Manager Tracey Coffman, DOC; Coordinator Chris Enquist, DPSST; Administrator Larry Bennett, DOC; Director Dale Primmer, Umatilla; Lt. Kristen Hanthorn, Clatsop; Director Kurt Symons, Jefferson; SAC Director Ken Sanchagrin, CJC; Director Steve Berger, Washington; Undersheriff Jeff Wood, Marion; Betsy Jones, L & E Smith Government Relations; Lara Smith, L & E Smith Government Relations; Deputy Director Scott Hyde, Josephine; Program Manager Marci Nelson, Washington; Manager Brian Rucker, Yamhill; Director Ahnie Seaholm, Tillamook; Deputy Administrator Mark Patterson, DOC; Supervisor Abraham Griswold, Benton; Director Jodi Merritt, Polk; Director Maureen Robb, Linn; Director Aaron Hartman, Klamath; Assistant Director Jeremiah Stromberg, DOC; Director Todd McKinley, Grant; Director Eric Guyer, Jackson; Deputy Director John Watson, Jackson; Division Director Jay Scroggin, Multnomah; Director Jessica Beach, Yamhill; Deputy Director Tanner Wark, Deschutes; Director Donovan Dumire, Lane County; Dylan Arthur, Parole Board; Policy/Communications Manager Kathryn Sofich, Multnomah; Patty Cress, Board of Parole; Director Nate Gairan, Josephine; Jon Hansen, DOC; Director Lodi Presley, Harney; Director Justin Carley, Benton; Director Erika Preuitt, Multnomah; Director Tina Potter, Sherman; Director Travis Miller, Union; Director Jake Greer, Lake; Lieutenant Ryan Downing, Baker; Coordinator Lee Cummins, DOC; Coordinator Judy Bell, DOC; Cindy Booth, DOC; Program Manager Marie Curren, Jackson

Meeting called to order Friday, May 1, 2020.

Eric Guyer – Introduction and Greeting

Eric Guyer – Governor’s Prison Release Exercise; 8.5% Exercise; Reform Discussion

- Governor’s Prison Release Exercise
 - Ensure Community Corrections has a voice at the table
 - Appreciate the Governor’s leadership regarding the exercise
- 8.5% Exercise
 - In effect reflects a 17% cut from baseline funding
 - Cuts safety net programs



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- Impact could be reduced funding from the current exercise
- Continue to advocate with our lobbyists
- Continue to promote the importance of the work we do
- Reform
 - Governor's office requested discussions
 - Opportunity to provide a different outlook on what Oregon does
 - Look at policies that will accomplish the goals of reducing costs yet still impact the work we do
 - Supervision
 - What services are provided?
 - How is it funded?
 - Promote and expand what is working

Jeremiah Stromberg – DOC Update

- Releases
 - Governor not considering mass releases
 - Any releases considered individually
 - Public Safety
 - Health Safety
 - DOC working with Parole Board considering medical releases
- 8.5% Exercise
 - Several counties have submitted information regarding direct impact
 - Still decisions to be made
 - Opportunities for lobbying, advocacy etc
 - DOC will submit next week reduction impact
 - Every agency submitting exercise
 - After the May forecast expect to see a special session called
 - Legislature will determine which agencies, which allocations and at what percent they would like to know impacts
 - May result in a series of exercises
 - Reductions will be proportional based on allocation
 - Will this trigger opt out?
- Reform
 - Supervision of Domestic Violence and Sex Offense Misdemeanors



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- Convening a group consisting of some members of the OACCD Executive Team, other directors, JCJ and DOC
 - Send ideas, questions etc to Eric and Jeremiah
 - Goal is to communicate with and report back to OACCD
- Release of inmates who are: awaiting test results, have tested positive, are currently quarantined, tested positive now recovered
 - DOC committed to providing updates regarding screening within the institutions
 - DOC health services connected to all local health directors and will begin preparation at least two weeks in advance of release
 - People who are positive will be released
 - DOC and health services will communicate directly information regarding each individual releasing
- Questions
 - Jay Scroggins: Will 17% apply to CJC in terms of JRI?
 - Ken Sanchagrín: CJC has been reviewing allocations; potential cut to JRI grant up to \$4 million
 - Jeff Wood: What will DOC's ability to share information be going forward?
 - Jeremiah Stromberg: DOC Health Services developing lines of communication with local authorities; DOC's intent is to promote accurate information and solicit help in answering questions

Ken Sanchagrín – CJC Update

- Creative ideas to try and leave pre-existing programs as whole as possible
- Special Court Grants
 - Potential 8.5% cut will be around \$1.4 Million
 - Underspending in Specialty Courts and other creative ideas being considered
 - Beginning of the conversation; not close to implementation
- Application Portal for Covid Emergency Grant Funding
 - Should receive invitation today
 - Received many informational worksheets; used to create application to Federal
 - Application just like application through JRI; through Survey Monkey
 - Receiving information when money will become available
 - Goal is to move it along as quickly as possible
 - Hopefully will be able to backfill some funding
 - Provisional Counties



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- Making decisions on second year of funding; process postponed three months
- Question
 - Jake Greer: Regarding Jeremiah Stromberg’s presentation, will Eastern Oregon be represented in workgroup regarding reform?
 - Eric Geyer: There is not representation from rural Eastern Oregon at this time; conversations will take place off-line regarding viewpoints; important the entire state is represented

Dylan Arthur – Parole Board Update

- Requests for medical releases
 - Over 1,000 received covering approximately 500 AICs
 - Board focusing on two of the Buckets DOC generated for the exercise; specifically Buckets Three and Four
 - Bucket Three
 - DOC medical has completed their portion on seven individuals in Bucket Three
 - Forwarded to the Parole Board for consideration
 - Release Services working with Community Corrections for potential release plans
 - Bucket Four
 - Originally contained 60 names
 - 23 of those individuals will be reviewed by DOC medical to determine if they meet current, severe medical illness requirements
 - ✓ Those found to meet the standard will be forwarded to Community Corrections for potential release plans then to the Parole Board for consideration
- Questions
 - Jessica Beach: Of those severely, medically-fragile individuals, will they be considered for release if they will be homeless, require respite etc?
 - Dylan Arthur: Release planning is definitely a big piece; the board will not release severe medical conditions “to the street”
 - Patty Cress: Most likely candidates for early, medical parole are those releasing to a family member; DOC has a partnership with Adult and People with Disabilities (APD) who will do an assessment of potential candidates
 - Dylan Arthur: Candidates will have to be currently suffering severe, medical condition; Covid diagnosis alone will not immediately qualify them



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- Cite-in-Lieu
 - Seeking volunteers for small work-group
 - Notify Dylan of interest and he will forward information to John Daily
- Questions
 - Erika Preuitt: Are we putting an equability-lens on releases? Resources being provided for individuals to self-quarantine? Resources being provided to families?
 - Jeremiah Stromberg: Health services response is very individualized; much falls on Community Corrections services; DOC does not establish the components; DOC relies on Community Corrections and local health services
 - Dylan Arthur: Response to Malcolm McDonald question regarding time frame for field investigations; Community Corrections will have time to do their due diligence

Lara Smith, Betsy Jones – Legislative Update

- At the time of lock-down a joint taskforce was appointed
 - Created a legislative concept
- May Revenue Forecast
 - Down as much as \$2 billion
- Special Session may be called after May primary and forecast
- Democrats in particular asking next package funds allowed to “backfill” holes in budgets and not only Covid expenses
- Trump has said he will not bail out Blue States and definitely not sending money to states with Sanctuary Cities or Sanctuary States
- Speaker has named new committees
 - Biggest changes on Judiciary and Ways and Mean Public Safety

Chris Enquist – DPSST Update

- Question
 - Eric Geyer: Use of DPSST Campus as potential housing resource for adults in custody as safe and individual room.
 - Chris Enquist: Will get everything cleared for that; consider it open for all 36 counties; will do transportation back and forth.
- If not receiving update emails from the director’s office contact Chris
- Current plan for the academy
 - Week of May 4th move towards restarting Class 397



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- Slowly bring back other three classes that were in session at time of shutdown
- General academy enrollment caps will go down
 - Individual rooms
 - Stagger lunches
- Restart for the Academy for all new classes late June or July
 - Parole and Probation approximately six weeks later; August or September
- 8.5% along with current shortfall will not impact P&P Class 81
 - Will wait to see impact on P&P Class 82
- Question
 - Jessica Beach: Will all those registered for Class 81 be allowed to participate or will number be cut in half?
 - Chris Enquist: Class will probably remain as enrolled at 22 or 23; a couple agencies may have pulled staff

Judy Bell – Department of Corrections

- Assistance to working remotely
 - Ability to print anything from DOC 400 directly to PDF and it is sent directly to email
 - Working on producing Sent Once; updated monthly and sent first of each month
- Duplicate records
 - Emails sent to all clerical April 2019 and April 2020 along with the directors
 - Please encourage staff to read and respond to email
- FSN meeting
 - 31 counties of 36 participated

Tanner Wark, Maureen Robb – Regional Reps

- Tanner Wark: Discussed how each county is handling meeting with the offender population differently, i.e. meeting outdoors, social distancing etc
- Maureen Robb: Some offices are open, some closed. No offices currently doing fieldwork
- Jessica Beach, additional comments: Yamhill currently not doing fieldwork; reached out to counties who are completing fieldwork; may be a good way to begin opening operations and will provide visibility in the community; local jail refusing to lodge warrants and detainees; process in place to address those thought to be a danger to themselves or others; considering an electronic process for cite-and-release

Eric Geyer – Closing remarks

Meeting adjourned 11:22 am