



Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 1:00 pm

Online via Zoom

Attendees:

Director Steve Berger, Washington; Director Jodi Merritt, Polk; Director Aaron Hartman, Klamath; Assistant Director Jeremiah Stromberg, DOC; Denise Sitler, DOC; Division Director Jay Scroggin, Multnomah; Director Jessica Beach, Yamhill; Deputy Director Tanner Wark, Deschutes; Dylan Arthur, Parole Board; Policy/Communications Manager Kathryn Sofich, Multnomah; Director Nate Gaoiran, Josephine; Director Justin Carley, Benton; Director Erika Preuitt, Multnomah; Sergeant Tracy Hubler, Clatsop; Director Tina Potter, Sherman; Director Tony Campa, Lincoln; Coordinator Lee Cummins, DOC; Coordinator Judy Bell, DOC; Cindy Booth, DOC; Director Kurt Symons, Jefferson; Commander Jamie Hepner, Hood River; Director Dale Primmer, Umatilla; Finance/Budget Manager Alicia Robinson, Klamath; Tracey Coffman, DOC; Lt. Kristen Hanthorn, Clatsop; Deputy Administrator Mark Patterson, DOC; Lt. Matt Meier, Marion; Senior Manager Denise Peña, Multnomah; Director Brett Lind, Crook; Senior Manager Stu Walker, Multnomah; Manager Larry Evenson, Yamhill; Supervisor Justin Hecht, Columbia; Betsy Jones, L & E Smith Government Relations; Lara Smith, L & E Smith Government Relations; Director Ryan Downing, Baker; Administrator Larry Bennett, DOC; Nathaline Frener, DOC; Director Malcolm McDonald, Clackamas; Director Travis Miller, Union; Supervisor Kimberly Fulton, Lane; Senior Manager Lisa Lewis, Multnomah; Coordinator Jeff Hanson, DOC; Director Maureen Robb, Linn; ; Lieutenant Jim St. Mitchell, Malheur; Director Mike Crim, Coos; Director Kyle Hacker, Wallowa; Manager Brian Rucker, Yamhill; Director Fritz Backman, Wasco; SAC Director Ken Sanchagrin, CJC; Director Joe Garcia, Douglas

Meeting called to order September 9, 2020

Jessica Beach – Introduction and Greeting

Approval of July 2020 Minutes

- Dale Primmer and Kurt Symons move for approval
- July 2020 Minutes Approved



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Legislative Update

Lara Smith

- Joint Committee on Transparent Policing
 - Had several meetings during the summer
- Five legislative days September 21 through September 25
- September Revenue Forecast
 - Last forecast down \$2.7 billion this biennium
 - 4+ percent the following biennium
 - The governor's office and Department of Administrative Services asking agencies to prepare 20-25% cut list
- Next legislative session begins in February
 - Deadline for bills to introduce is September 25
 - Main focus will likely be agency budgets

Jeremiah Stromberg

- Community Corrections Budget
 - Remove the percentage of cut from the Community Corrections Grant and Need monies
 - Will not affect individual allocation
 - Overall size of the total is impacted
 - May be forced to look at Measure 57 and other funding streams
 - Grant and Need request is \$278 million

Lara Smith

- Supervision Fees
 - Plan is to change statute language "shall" to "may"
- Expanding the Family Sentencing Alternative Program
 - To include primary custodial parents
 - Caregiver, i.e. caring for a person who is disabled or otherwise incapacitated
- Inclusion of Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Class A Misdemeanors to fund supervision population
 - Governor's Office interested in pursuing
 - Jeremiah Stromberg – Additional Information



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- ✓ Reached out to Family Violence Supervision Network (FVSN) and District Attorneys' offices for input regarding types of cases included in the bill
- ✓ Assault 4 is at the top of the list
- ✓ Menacing
- ✓ Strangulation
- ✓ Thoughtful consideration to Violation of Restraining Orders
- ✓ Other case types may be added in the future

Jeremiah Stromberg

- Earned Discharge
 - Add the post-prison population into the eligible pool of individuals who could be discharged
 - Parole Board cases added to probation and local control post-prison supervisions for eligibility
 - Funding would become an incentive-based model; the higher percentage of eligible cases discharged the greater the financial incentive
 - Create a more consistent statewide definition of compliance
- Ballot Measure 110
 - On the November ballot
 - Decriminalize drug crimes and transfers money to Oregon Health Authority (OHA)
 - Some bigger addiction advocacy organization are considering publicly opposing
 - ✓ Think the measure will need fixes

Department of Corrections Updates

Jeremiah Stromberg

- Evacuated Mill Creek, Santiam and OSCI
 - Approximately, 1,400 adults
 - Moved everyone into the penitentiary
 - ✓ Currently 3,200 in custody within the facility
 - ✓ For the next days releases will be done out of OSP
- Commutation Process
 - Every other month sending a list of those under consideration
 - ✓ Health services has deemed them highly vulnerable
 - ✓ Within two months "to the gate"
 - Non-person offense
 - Violation free for the last 12 months
 - Community Corrections and district attorneys have the opportunity to weigh in



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- Please use the email notification system as set up
 - ✓ Please use the timelines
- Measure 57 Funds
 - Second round of releasing funds
 - A few counties did not pursue their funds at the beginning of the biennium
 - If you want to expand amount currently receiving, not limited in this second round by your allocation percentage

Denise Sitrler

- Working with Department of Justice on the review of the IGA
 - Significant changes were made to the IGA
 - Program Description Page not needed
- The contract is executed when you sign it
- The project begin date is January, 2020 and goes through January, 2022
- Can reimburse yourself for previous expenses; report during the upcoming reporting timeframes

Larry Bennett

- Endemic Facilities
 - Continue to be Snake River, EOCl, and Two Rivers
 - Continue to have new and active cases daily
- Enhanced Reach-In Program
 - Multi-agency work group focusing on improving release process
 - Goal is to strengthen communication between public safety and non-public safety entities
 - Will roll out in at least two phases
 - ✓ Phase One counties: Washington, Multnomah, Jackson, Lane, Douglas, Clackamas; potentially Yamhill and Benton
 - A “script” is being prepared covering the information non-public safety stakeholders need
- Release Transport Contract
 - Potential for a significant increase in the need for transportation
 - Company contracting with may be overwhelmed
 - May be back to thinking creatively
 - ✓ Bulk may fall to local offices and teams
 - ✓ Have an emergency plan in place



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- Cindy Booth – Additional Information
 - ✓ Capacity issue is OCD “piggybacks” on a contact already in place with Department of Administrative Services
 - ✓ Contractor added additional staff
 - ✓ Fires have created road closures which lengthens the transport

Cindy Booth

- CARES Act Funding
 - Specific to African-American individuals
 - Application process is now live
 - The Contingent non-profit was awarded \$67 million to provide services to individuals
 - ✓ Who are experiencing or have experienced emergency financial need cause by the COVID Pandemic
 - ✓ Who have incurred a loss of revenue
 - ✓ Who are incurring new COVID related expenses
 - Developing information to be made available to African-American AICs releasing by the end of the year
 - Want to make information available to counties
 - ✓ How supervised individuals can apply
 - ✓ Must be done on-line
 - ✓ Financial need test
 - Will send list of prior releases and list of projected releases by county

Parole Board Updates

Dylan Arthur

- Hearings Officer Training via Skype
 - Approximately 25 participants
 - Once scheduled will send emails to directors
 - Future Disposition Hearings
 - Board members think it is a good idea if the Probation Officer is present
 - ✓ Not mandatory
 - ✓ POs will receive an invite to attend via Skype etc
 - Budget Update
 - Lost three positions
 - Court of Appeals Ruling Ben Robert Schmult v Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision
 - Plaintiff challenged the enhanced computer condition
 - Court ruled the wording of the condition is far too broad
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- Working with Department of Justice on language
 - ✓ Still able to provide POs flexibility
 - ✓ Individual specific risk and need

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

Jessica Beach reads update from Chris Enquist

- DPSST assessing their budget
 - Likely to seek additional funding during legislative days at the end of the year or a special session
 - Due to a combination of COVID impacts and pre-existing budgetary shortfalls
 - If unresolved could lead to closure of the Academy in early 2021 until the next fiscal year

Criminal Justice Commission Updates

Ken Sanchagrin

- Continue process of approving provisional counties for justice reinvestment
 - Six provisional counties
 - ✓ Two of which did not apply for continuing, second-year funding; they will apply next biennium
 - ✓ Linn, Umatilla, and Coos Counties were recommended by the Grant Review Committee and then approved by the full commission
 - ✓ Tillamook County was not recommended; following HP 3064 returned to consideration
- Budget
 - Absorbed approximately \$680,000 mainly through vacancy savings and holding three positions open
 - Possible cuts of justice reinvestment
- Executive Director Search
 - Governor's Office wanted to begin interviews this week
 - Hopefully will hear soon where the process stands
- Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant
 - Should have received notice if receiving
 - Approximately two-thirds of contracts have been signed
 - Governor has yet to sign the bill to authorize the use of that money; may delay by a week or so
- Joanna Robert



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- Transitioning from Specialty Court Coordinator to the Department of Revenue

Measurable Contact; Virtual Visit (VV), Count as Face-to-Face or Telephone?

Jodi Merritt

- Virtual Visits
 - Add some type of code into the system to record?
 - Field Automation Users Group (FAUG) team is in support
 - Originally, pre-COVID, the Contact Standards Group did not feel the Telephone/Offender Combination would be a measurable contact
 - ✓ Because of pandemic should there be further discussion of including it in measurable contact so it can be met in CCRs?
 - Contact standards are current suspended because of the pandemic
 - ✓ Once reinstated how will that impact both legislatively and internally
 - Proposed Definition of Measurable Contact: Contacts with justice involved individuals that are demonstrative of compliance with OAR and IGA; support public safety and aim to provide opportunities to affect behavioral change
- Motion to Accept the Definition FAUG has Proposed for Measurable Outcome
 - Tanner Wark moves for a vote
 - Maureen Robb seconds
 - Motion passes
- Motion to add a code for OVV as a Measurable Outcome to address current virtual outcomes
 - Tanner Wark moves for a vote
 - Kristen Hanthorn seconds
 - Motion passes
- Motion to Add a Code into AS 400 to add OTV as a Measurable Outcome to Capture Virtual Telephone Contacts
 - Aaron Hartman moves for a vote
 - Tanner Wark seconds
 - Motion passes
- Motion to Continue Current Practice of O and T to signify a Telephone Contact but not include as a measurable contact
 - Aaron Harman moves for a vote
 - Tanner Wark seconds
 - Motion Passes



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P/P Uniform and the Future Discussion

Jay Scroggin

- Law Enforcement Reform Ideas in Front of the Legislature
 - Law Enforcement “...looking a certain way”
- Balance of officer safety and how we look in a community

Sex Offender Supervision Network (SOSN)

Malcolm McDonald

- Virtual Static, Stable, and Acute Training
 - Late October or November
 - Will provide more information

Case Management

Larry Evenson

- First virtual meeting in July; another planned for the end of October
- Discussion about the LSTM IRR
 - Results sent to directors
 - 30 counties participated; average score is missing 3.7
- Booster training
 - Focus on the totality of the interview
- Case Planning training will be virtual and two days
 - Available October or November

Family Violence Supervision Network (FVSN)

Denise Peña

- First virtual meeting in August



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- Modified Virtual DV Academy
 - May schedule a series of webinars

Supportive Housing Workgroup

Kim Fulton

- No updates

Field Automation Users Group (FAUG)

Jodi Merritt

- No additional updates

Mental Health Supervision Network

John McVay – Not present

- No updates

Pretrial Justice Network

Jessica Beach

- Meeting planned in November; no additional updates
- National Association of Pretrial Service Agencies (NAPSA)
 - First virtual conference beginning September 14

A&D Taskforce

Nate Gairan

- Discussion regarding IP 44 and Measure 110
 - Secretary of State provided a Financial Impact Statement
 - ✓ Nate will provide a copy if not yet received



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Community Corrections Advocacy Network (CCAN)

Steve Berger

- No Updates

Oregon DOJ BIP Advisory Committee

Steve Berger

- Continuing to meet
 - Looking to expanding membership
 - Seeking more diverse representation
- Focusing on updating OARs specific to batterer intervention program
 - More consistent with the legislative changes
 - ✓ More inclusive of same sex partners
 - ✓ Gender specific treatment programs

Electronic Files

Steve Berger

- Moving toward creating electronic files

Jay Scroggin

- Started a few weeks ago with the Sex Offender Team
- Established what must go in electronic file
- Support and administrative functions will scan some items
- PO can scan and add what they like
- Will provide printed files or PDF as needed, i.e. cases transferred to other counties

Malcolm McDonald



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- Working with Technology Services Division on a process

Statewide Office Operations Network

Judy Bell

- Violent Person File (VPF)
 - VPF is created by the FBI
 - Can be entered by a variety of law enforcement agencies Community Corrections
 - Guidelines exist to determine whether someone qualifies to have a VPF created
 - Whether agency enters in LEDS is discretionary
 - Whether/when deleted is discretionary
- Entering Gender Type
 - SOON looking for guidance
 - How to enter within the parameters and date available now
 - Jessica Beach to discuss with Executive Team

Next meeting date and time to be determined

Meeting adjourned