



Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 3:00 pm

Online via Zoom

Attendees:

Director Steve Berger, Washington; Director Jodi Merritt, Polk; Director Aaron Hartman, Klamath; Assistant Director Jeremiah Stromberg, 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 Gairan, Josephine; Director Justin Carley, Benton; Director Tina Potter, Sherman; Coordinator Lee Cummins, DOC; Coordinator Judy Bell, DOC; Director Kurt Symons, Jefferson; Commander Jamie Hepner, Hood River; Finance/Budget Manager Alicia Robinson, Klamath; 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; Director Ryan Downing, Baker; Director Malcolm McDonald, Clackamas; Director Travis Miller, Union; Director Maureen Robb, Linn; Lieutenant Jim St. Mitchell, Malheur; Manager Brian Rucker, Yamhill; Director Joe Garcia, Douglas; Director Lodi Presley, Clackamas; Commander Kevin Karvandi, Marion; Manager Kelly Kuklenski, Clackamas; Director Donovan Dumire, Lane; ; Lt. Dan Robbins, Morrow; Director Jake Greer, Lake; Parole and Probation Officer Gina Wilson, Morrow; Manager Karleigh Mollahan; Washington; Assistant Director Joe Simich, Washington; Director Eric Guyer, Jackson; Deputy Director John Watson, Jackson; Program Manager Brittany Whitmire, Jackson; JRI Program Manager Ian Davidson, CJC; Executive Director, Ken Sanchagrin, CJC; Director, Annie Seaholm, Tillamook; Deputy Director, Scott Hyde, Josephine County; Sergeant Dave Denney, Curry; Hank Harris, DOC; Denise Sitler, DOC; Administrator, Larry Bennett, DOC; Kelly Church, Coos County; Director, Erin Welch, Columbia County

Meeting called to order March 10, 2021

Eric Guyer – Introduction and Greeting

- Approval of January 2021 and March 2021 minutes
- Update on HB 2002- the association has officially taken the position that we oppose that bill.



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Criminal Justice Commission

Ken Sanchagrin

- Recidivism
 - He was asked to join the public safety subcommittee, and was asked to present on recidivism.
 - Recidivism rates have gone down in the most recent six-month cohort of probationers.
 - A large focus was on PPS cohorts due to technical changes to the way that recidivism is calculated for the PPS cohort which resulted in recidivism rates increasing. The rates increased in not only the most recent cohort, but it increased across the board since 2013. These discrepancies are attributable to a misalignment of how DOC defined whether an individual was released from supervision vs how the CJC needed recidivism defined.
 - There was not some sort of cause external to the data that was leading to the increase in recidivism. It is not a practice change or anything like that on the ground that is being done to impact the change in data.
 - Discussed Ballot Measure 110 and recidivism. 110 should depress recidivism substantially in CJC's estimation. PCS offenders recidivate most often, so without those in the data, the recidivism should go down.
 - Arrests during COVID has fallen about 14% overall
 - These changes in data are not expected to be seen in the recidivism research until we get into the 2019 cohorts.
 - We have not seen a lot of changes in the data points across the board in the demographic factors, but we have seen changes overall across the entire state population in risk.
 - We have a tight correlation between PSC risk score and recidivism rates, which is good. The uptick in recidivism began around 2008-2009, and that almost perfectly corresponds with that change in risk. That change in risk seems to have accelerated since 2013, which is unsurprising given that JRI idea is to divert prison bound individuals from incarceration and put them on Community Corrections roles.
- HB 2002
 - Expressed concerns as it relates to JRI
 - CJC is making changes in application processes with an emphasis on equity. CJC is encouraging a greater discussion and consideration of equity through the application process and thinking about the possibility of finding programs within Community Corrections that have a greater eye towards equity in hopes that is a way to potentially head off more proposals like HB 2002 in the future.
- SB 48
 - This bill will be heard in the morning of March 18, 2021. It does not have a direct impact on Community Corrections, but since a lot of agencies currently have pre-trial programs, it will indirectly affect you.



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- SB 48 is a place holder bill asking CJC to study pre-trial release. An amendment will be put in for that bill and that is what will be heard on March 18, 2021. It will make some process changes and propose some new tools for courts to use in the pre-trial process.
- If the bill goes anywhere it will likely result in fewer individuals being held on bail and more individuals being let out on a form of unsecured bond, or through other pre-existing mechanisms that are already occurring.
- The big question is that if we have more individuals on pre-trial release, what do we do about potential pre-trial supervision.
- CJC is trying to work behind the scenes to see if there are additional funding streams that we could get that would run through JRI to supplement what JRI already funds for pre-trial so agencies that do not have pre-trial programs can implement them.

REALD (DOC Project)

Larry Bennet

- DOC has delivered vaccines. About 70% of AIC's are vaccinated
- Vaccine section has been added so their status can be seen by counties the AIC's are releasing to.
- If the AIC has not received the 2nd dose by the time they release, then please reach out to public health about getting that second dose.
- Counties should be seeing fewer and fewer AIC's releasing that need to be quarantined.
- The plan is to get the Johnson and Johnson vaccine since it does not require a booster. This has not occurred yet, but it is the plan if they can get the vaccine.
- DOC is still continuing to cover the transportation costs.

Lee Cummins

- Bringing the REALD project to the OACCD for consideration on agencies participation.
- REALD came from HB 2134 in the 2013 session which requires OHA and DHS to adopt by rule uniform standards for the collection of data on race, ethnicity, preferred language and disability.
- DOC has decided to join this project as of a result of being able to exchange health information with these agencies and to also help evaluate equality, race, ethnicity, disability for AIC's.
- DOC approved this groups charter on March 2, 2021.
- DOC will be developing some automation to capture this information in the CIS system so support staff can enter this information in the system.
- Will send this out via email so each individual agency can decide whether or not to participate.



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DOC Updates

Jerimiah Stromberg

- Commutations
 - John Hansen sent out two letters to each department.
 - DOC will continue considering those deemed vulnerable.
 - Person on person crimes will continue to be considered for individuals who are deemed vulnerable by our health services.
 - Anyone who is eligible for 120 trans leave will no longer be eligible for commutation any longer.
 - It will apply to those eligible for 30 and 90-day trans leave.
 - In regards to firefighters. The governor is only looking to commute one year off the end of their sentences. She is including those that committed person crimes if they were on our firefighting crews this last year. Since only a year is being commuted off of the end of their sentences, we will see commutations occurring many years down the road.
 - When weighing public safety responses, please pay attention to the dates as to whether or not it's a release that's occurring now, or if it is occurring in the future. Also, DOC is asking that the counties take into consideration that these are the individuals who were instrumental in fighting the fires that devastated our state this year. The governor is attempting to use this as an incentive-based response. They have to have met the other criteria within DOC and that they have to had good behavior otherwise.

Parole Board

Dylan Arthur

- Commutations
 - The Parole Board has forwarded two revocation of commutations recommendations to the governor's office. One was denied and one is currently under consideration.
 - Parole Board has received more clarification on what they are looking at to consider revocation, which are:
 - How much time do they have left, and could they return to custody
 - For those shorter commutations that were 2 to 3 months out from their release date, she is less likely to return, especially since the Parole Board could sanction though revoked, them up to the time that they would have had remaining to return to DOC custody
 - She has her office also looking at the nature of the crime, and whether the crime is identical to the one that sent them to prison in the first place.
 - If a person is on a normal PPS case, and there is a new law violation involved, then continue to make the revoke recommendation, but also understand that if a person is only going to return to DOC custody for 2 or 3 months, then it is highly likely that the board is just going to end up doing a revocation and do that time locally.



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- SB 41 and SB 42 passed out of the Education Committee
- SB 835 has been referred to judiciary

SOSN Updates

Malcom McDonald

- In a couple of weeks, a new sex offender supervision specialist online training will begin.

Legislative Updates

Lara Smith/Betsy Jones/Eric Guyer

- The testimony today was very strong.
- SB 497 is the bill that we are pushing through Senator Gorsek and trying to get \$7 Million of funding over the first biennium which would allow for supervision of misdemeanor Assault IV- Constituting DV, Menacing-Constituting DV, and Sexual Abuse 3. It really comes down to right sizing community corrections and making sure that we are supervising the people who pose a threat to our community. We are using supervision as a tool where we know it makes a difference, which in DV and SO supervision definitely makes that difference.
- SB 3112 will be looked at tomorrow at the Legislator meeting. SB 3112 is a cannabis bill, and it primarily looks at cannabis around supervision. It wouldn't really change anything because we are already under those conditions as it stands. The biggest push would be around what it could potentially do to us in terms of workload around expungement.

Case Management

Larry Evenson

- Met last week and are re-doing the LS/CMI IRR video because there were too many discrepancies in our scores when we did it as a network. It will push out the IRR until the fall.
- There is a subgroup working on a WRNA booster for the recent WRNA IRR that just occurred, and we are looking at a cut off score of 8.
- There is a Behavior Change Plan training that is still being worked on. Jeff is scheduling with individual counties to try to do some kind of onsite or a hybrid version of that training.



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Supportive Housing Workgroup

Donovan Dumire

- There has been no real movement in this group.
- They are looking at working with local supportive housing in Lane Co and providing more of an update about the trend around the world rather than statewide.

FAUG

Jodi Merritt

- An email was sent out about the last office visit designator, and a survey monkey was sent out. The results show that the FAUG and OACCD delegates both felt that the TV and VB designator should update the last office visit section. This is being brought back to OACCD to see if this can be moved forward.
- OACCD agreed to have this move forward.
- FAUG is also working on the treatment module with the assessments and eval code.
- Next meeting is in May.

Pretrial Justice Network

Jessica Beach

- They met, and continue to meet quarterly, which are being done virtually
- Next Meeting is May 27, 2021
- Main agenda items at the last meeting were:
 - Portland State University provided an update on phase 2
 - Phase 2 dug more deeply into trying to understand the meaning of the data in phase 1.
 - Odyssey has the capability of a new dashboard system called E-Stats, and has a great deal of pre-trial data. There is a call reminder piece that is being added, and there are some counties that are piloting that program.



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A&D Taskforce

Nate Gairan

- The strategic plan recommendation has been submitted to the governor's office. This subcommittee is now resting until next year when this is due again.
- The Public Affairs Subcommittee continues to meet on a monthly basis.
- Nate is now on the Ballot Measure 110 Implementation Committee in the Courts/Law Enforcement Subcommittee
 - Today they discussed an amendment about retroactive type of engagement for the PCS cases. The concern is that the Ballot Measure 110 advocates are pushing to have cases pre-February 1st to be retroactively dismissed. This sparked a very lively discussion.
 - Discussion of audit information as it relates to Ballot Measure 110 removing recidivism language and replacing it with "re-referrals, re-engagement, or re-citations". IT was requested to remove that language from the addiction recovery centers and then place the recidivism language into the implementation part.
 - Up to about 38 amendments and it is attached to SB 755 which is up to hearing on the 25th.

CCAN

Steve Berger

- They will be looking at checking in with survey monkey for some input from PO's and case management staff.
- The topic of restitution collection specific for victims has come up again, and they are looking for some feedback from the field as to what is working, tips, and training needs. They will check with the DOC and see if an email distribution can go out.
- The workgroup is looking to put together a tool kit on how to help and how to facilitate communications with victims around restitution and to know what to expect.

DOJ BIP Advisory Committee

Steve Berger

- No updates



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SOON/FSN

Judy Bell

- FSN met January 28th and meet again in April.
- SOON met in February and meet again in April.
- There has been discussion in the “sex field” in OMS and DOC. They originally recommended that the field be filled in based on the individuals biological body parts. This recommendation was misinformed, so more discussion around this topic is occurring and a new recommendation will be brought forward to OACCD.
- They want to know if Jaime should come to the next OACCD to give a training on Transgender.
- OACCD agrees that a training should occur so the best decision is made.

Meeting adjourned