

**MINUTES**  
Charnelton Building  
151 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 258 – Eugene, Oregon

January 17, 2019  
3:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Paul Solomon, Chair; Byron Trapp, Vice Chair; Jay Bozievich, Dan Buckwald, Donovan Dumire, Nathaline Frener, Denis Hijmans, Richard Lewis, Patty Perlow, Bob Homan for Brook Reinhard, Erin Reynolds, Sarah Stewart, Lucy Vinis, Jocelyn Warren, voting members; Jason Jones, Steve Mokrohisky, nonvoting members; Susan Sowards, LCOG staff

**ABSENT:** Tom English, Karen Gaffney, Vonn Schleicher, Chris Skinner, Debra Vogt

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Leanna Barton, Nathan Biel, Chris Doyle, Heather Edge, Cliff Harrold, Semesedin Kundin, Tami Nims, Clint Riley, Lynn Smith, Denise Walters

**I. Call to Order / Introductions**

Chair Solomon called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Chair Solomon asked those present to introduce themselves which they then did.

**II. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**III. November 1, 2018 Minutes**

Mr. Solomon asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the November 1, 2018 minutes.

**ACTION:** Ms. Perlow moved, seconded by Mr. Hijmans, to approve the November 1, 2018 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mokrohisky entered the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

**IV. Intra-System Communication**

Lane County Sheriff's Department - Vice Chair

Sheriff Trapp announced the County had initiated its budget process, and he added that all indications were that it would be a flat, stable budget.

Lane County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Bozievich announced that it was Legislative season, and he had been spending a lot of time in Salem. He talked about HB 2418, which focused on stress-related illnesses in first responders. Commissioner Bozievich felt that particular Bill needed to be refocused. He also mentioned HB 2620, dealing with Service Districts.

Oregon Youth Authority

Mr. Jones said, at this time, it looked like Oregon Youth Authority's (OYA) budget would be taking some hits later this year. He added that the OYA residential programs were not currently running at capacity, which caused them to suffer funding losses, and could potentially shut some of the programs down. Mr. Jones reported that OYA would continue looking at length of stay (LOS) for revocations; they hoped to change LOS to 90 days or less.

### Health & Human Services - Public Health

Ms. Warren reported there were many conversations happening at the State level involving modernization of health services. She also said Public Health was also focusing on communicable disease control and surveillance, and environmental health threats.

### Youth Services Division

Ms. Frener announced there was an opening for probation supervisor in Youth Services Division (YSD), and that YSD's current probation supervisor was retiring after 34 years on the job. She said they had recently started a Crime Impact class, and there were many kids already going through that program, and there's also a future parent component to the program. Ms. Frener said juvenile crime was down.

### Victim Services

Ms. Stewart announced that Kids' FIRST was hosting a free Unexplained Child Death Investigation training on February 15, 2019. She also said Kids' FIRST served over 700 kids last year, despite the drastic reduction of their space. Ms. Stewart offered that they would close on their new facility on February 5. She reported that Womenspace had promoted one of their staff to Program Manager. Siuslaw Outreach Services received a grant from Three Rivers Foundation for education and outreach.

### Lane County Administration

Mr. Mokrohisky announced that recently the Lane County Board of Commissioners awarded \$2 million in grant funding for Permanent Supportive Housing to the five programs: Sponsors Tiny House Project at Roosevelt Crossing, NEDCO's Polk Street Apartments for youths exiting foster care, Homes for Good's Legion Cottages Project focused on veterans, the Cottage Village Project in Cottage Grove by Square One, and The Commons at MLK for people with severe and persistent mental illness. He also stated there was an upcoming joint meeting of the Lane County Board of Commissioners and the Eugene City Council to hear a consultant report from the Technical Systems Collaborative on public shelter and housing the homeless.

### Lane County District Attorney

Ms. Perlow said the grant-funded DUI Investigator was filing a second report to ODOT on how that project is going; he had successfully brought 23 people wanted for DUIs or DUI-related offenses back into court and had completed follow up on roughly 200 cases since he started.

### Citizen Member

Mr. Buckwald offered a couple of updates on Veteran's Legacy, stating that most of the buildings to be used by the project were close to being completed, and the organization was sponsoring a town hall meeting on February 15, 2019 on living with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

### Lane County Parole & Probation

Mr. Dumire announced that the Department of Corrections (DOC) had recently published a pamphlet on the Community Corrections Act, and Lane County was represented on two fronts in the pamphlet: Lane County's Wellness & Fitness Initiative, and the Reentry Lane (RLAN) program. He announced that on January 24, 2019, from 5-8 p.m., the W. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Carl's Jr. would be hosting a fundraiser where 100% of the proceeds from that timeframe will be donated to Lane County P&P Officer Jenna Nichols and her family who lost their house in early December 2018 to a fire.

### Lane County Public Defender

Mr. Homan announced that recently, the Sixth Amendment Center (SAC) prepared a report on public defender services in Lane County. The report stated that in Oregon, Public Defenders were on a contract system in which Public Defender contractors agree to do so many cases for so many dollars. SAC

recommended the Oregon system for Public Defenders be changed, as it was currently constitutionally sub-standard. SAC recommended one of two things to change Oregon's Public Defender system: make all Oregon Public Defenders State employees or pay Public Defender contractors a set amount per hour for cases.

#### Springfield Police Department

Chief Lewis said there were no service-level changes for their budget. He said the SPD was currently looking at whether or not they could afford CAHOOTS services in Springfield.

#### City of Eugene

Mayor Vinis announced that Eugene City Council had asked staff to create an Ordinance to deal with panhandling. She also mentioned the Highway 99 homeless camp was vacated peacefully, and the residents were moved, without incident, to the new site.

#### Citizen Member

Mr. Hijmans announced that he had recently attended the swearing-in ceremony of the new Lane County Commissioners; he said it was a very heartening experience filled with enthusiastic participants.

#### City of Florence--City Manager

Ms. Reynolds announced this was her first PSCC meeting, and she was looking forward to being a contributing member of the body. She said Florence has a Jail and both Public Defenders and Probation Officers are outstationed in Florence.

#### Reentry Services - Chair

Chair Solomon said Sponsors was extremely grateful for the grant award from the county for their tiny homes project, which would feature 90 units. He said that in the Governor's new budget, many public safety entities, such as the Department of Corrections and the Oregon State Police, were fully funded, but Community Corrections was not fully funded, and the Justice Reinvestment Grant Program (JRGP) was also underfunded.

### **V. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Budget Committee**

There was no report from the Budget Committee

#### **B. Behavioral Health & Criminal Justice Workgroup**

Ms. Perlow, representing Lane County Health & Human Services Director Karen Gaffney, discussed the money coming from the Oregon Health Authority to Lane County, in the amount of \$650,000, which had been authorized by the State Emergency Board to be used to lessen the number of people being sent to the State Mental Hospital for their inability to aid and assist in their defense against criminal charges. Lane County was allotted 19 beds at the State Hospital to address Aid & Assist issues, and currently, Lane County was using 40 or 41 beds. She said that a number of those people sent to the State Hospital were found to not be able to aid and assist in their own defense, so they were sent back to the Lane County Jail, and the charges were dismissed. Ms. Perlow reported there were three cabins on the State Hospital campus that could be outfitted to house those Aid & Assist cases. She offered that the \$650,000 was only usable through June 30, 2019, after which Lane County would need additional funding from the State or have to raise the money locally to sustain the project.

Chair Solomon announced that Sponsors recently received a contract through the County to provide five beds for the Aid & Assist population at a fraction of the cost of the State Hospital beds. He also said there was a Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Steering Committee at the State Capitol which had been meeting for the past few months working on legislation to address the 370 (Aid & Assist) population.

Mr. Homan felt this was a huge issue for the County. He said the problem was attorneys had ethical obligations to not represent someone who was unfit to proceed, and they had no choice but to recommend some type of restoration, while the resources to handle the Aid & Assist population was scant, and they never got enough funding from the State to fully implement it, this making it an unfunded mandate.

Ms. Perlow added that Lane County needed a 24-hour crisis center, which would prevent many of these cases from going into the criminal justice system at all.

Mayor Vinis offered that that Shelter Care used to have a crisis center which was not funded through public safety but that funding went away when the State expanded the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) thinking people could then use OHP to cover services.

### **C. Juvenile Committee Report**

Ms. Frener offered the PSCC Juvenile Committee Report. She reported there were community conversations happening around a juvenile emergency shelter, or a juvenile assessment center for youth brought to Youth Services with non-detainable charges. She also reported there was work happening to align juvenile probation services with evidence based practices. Finally, Ms. Frener reported that the Oregon Research Institute had implemented an outpatient substance abuse treatment program, and so far, they were reporting good outcomes.

### **D. Reentry Task Force Report**

Chair Solomon offered the PSCC an update on the Way Home project. He stated the Outcomes Oriented Contracting project is providing 100 units of permanent supportive housing for those who are at moderate to high risk to re-offend, placing them in units at The Oaks and 46 scattered public housing units or Section 8 voucher placements in the community. Chair Solomon announced that to date, the project had received a \$1.2 million HUD/DOJ grant. He also said the project was applying for another federal grant as well, as the U.S. Government had released \$80 million for Pay for Success projects nationally.

### **E. Workplan Workgroup Report**

#### **1. Lane County Public Safety Plan Update**

Chair Solomon and Sheriff Trapp offered the PSCC an update and Power Point presentation on the Lane County Public Safety Plan completed by the Workplan Workgroup.

Ms. Perlow announced that, through JRG funds processed through the PSCC to her office, they were at capacity for attorneys currently.

Ms. Frener said that for Youth Services, the local option allowed them to keep 16 detention beds, and 16 treatment beds.

Mr. Dumire said Parole and Probation was currently underway with Phase II, having succeeded at specialized caseloads, and developing a mental health officer position.

Chair Solomon offered that Reentry Services had added 54 housing units, increased transitional housing by 17 beds for both men and women, and added a substantial number of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) groups provided at Sponsors and the Lane County Jail, as well as other improvements. He offered the biggest thing to happen in the Oregon public safety world in the past couple of years was eligibility for additional populations for the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Chair Solomon added that the future of the ACA was a constant concern.

Chair Solomon asked Mr. Dumire if assessments for persons on supervision were paid for.

Mr. Dumire said that was correct, and Lane County P&P currently had 30 slots for that purpose.

Ms. Stewart said for Kids' FIRST, needed a suitably-sized facility for Phase II. She added since 2014, their assessments and services had increased by roughly 25% while they lost access to part of their facility space. They had not been able to increase staff or space appropriately to keep pace.

Chair Solomon clarified that this was a living document that would continue to be updated as time passed.

**ACTION:** Mr. Hijmans moved, seconded by Ms. Perlow, to approve the Lane County Public Safety Plan as written and recommend it to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Public Safety Program Highlight: Justice Involved Women's Initiative**

Mr. Dumire and his staff offered the PSCC a report and Power Point presentation on the P&P Justice Involved Women's Initiative.

Chair Solomon asked if this Initiative was in partnership with Homes for Good.

Mr. Dumire said that was correct.

**VII. Grant Update**

Ms. Sowards offered the PSCC a grant update.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Chair Solomon adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

*(Recorded by Rodney Cimburke)*