

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

May 16, 2019  
3:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Paul Solomon, Chair; Jay Bozievich, Donovan Dumire, Tom English, Nathaline Frener, Karen Gaffney, Clifton Harrold, Denis Hijmans, Richard Lewis, Patty Perlow, Bob Homan for Brook Reinhard, Erin Reynolds, Debra Vogt, voting members; Jason Jones, nonvoting member; Susan Sowards, LCOG

**ABSENT:** Dan Buckwald, Sarah Stewart, Lucy Vinis, Jocelyn Warren, voting members; Steve Mokrohisky, Vonn Schleicher, non-voting members

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kristie Mamac, Tami Moloney, Clint Riley, Lynn Smith, Carl Wilkerson

**I. Call to Order / Introductions**

Chair Solomon called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Chair Solomon asked those present to introduce themselves which they then did.

**II. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**III. March 21, 2019 Minutes**

Mr. Solomon asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the March 21, 2019 minutes.

**ACTION:** Ms. Gaffney moved, seconded by Mr. Hijmans, to approve the March 21, 2019 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Election of Vice Chair**

**ACTION:** Ms. Perlow moved, seconded by Ms. Vogt, to elect Jay Bozievich as Vice Chair of the PSCC. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Committee Reports**

**A. Budget Committee**

Mr. Solomon announced this item was being taken out of order because Mr. Bozievich had to leave early for a Lane County Budget Committee Meeting.

**1. 2019-2022 Budget Development Progress**

Commissioner Bozievich offered the PSCC a report on the 2019-2021 budget development progress. He stated the Committee was developing low, medium, and high budget levels, awaiting final numbers from the Legislature for Grant-in-Aid and Justice Reinvestment grant programs. He said he had prepared a supplemental budget proposal for the upcoming Lane County Budget Committee meeting which would allow the DA's office to be held harmless in the next budget year.

Ms. Perlow asked about the current budget proposal, and how it would affect her office's budget for the second year of the biennium.

Commissioner Bozievich answered his proposal was not necessarily a one-time fix for the DA's office. He continued that the money he proposed be taken from the Road Fund was coming from this year's

timber payment, and what he proposed was not just for this year.

2. **Lane County Final Percent from DOC of Grant-in-Aid, Justice Reinvestment Formula Grant, and Other State Criminal Justice Funds**

Chair Solomon reported that Lane County's final percent from DOC was 9.57% of the State's total allocation, which was down from the projected final percent, which was 9.85%. He said that difference represented approximately \$750,000.

**V. Intra-System Communication**

**Lane County Parole and Probation**

Mr. Dumire said his office had been focusing on recruitment, and that his office was currently down five positions. He announced that Casey Jackson from the Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) had recently joined the Parole and Probation team. Finally, Mr. Dumire said that Cynthia Lang, long time staff member of the Parole and Probation office, was retiring effective June 1, 2019.

**Youth Services Division**

Ms. Frener announced that, beginning May 20, 2019, every child that comes into contact with her office will be eligible for the risk assessment process.

**District Attorney's Office**

Ms. Perlow reported that she was hiring new Assistant District Attorneys.

**Oregon Youth Authority**

Mr. Jones said his office was ecstatic to hear their budget advancing through the Legislature is anticipated to keep OYA whole. He offered his office was poised to roll out the Positive Human Development (PHD) program in June 2019.

**Citizen Member**

Mr. Hijmans was complimentary of the good work being accomplished by the Lane County Budget Committee and the positive community outreach regarding the Lane County Courthouse ballot measure.

**Lane County Sheriff**

Sheriff Harrold announced that he had recently been appointed Lane County Sheriff. He introduced Carl Wilkerson, who recently had been made Chief Deputy. He announced the LCSO had strong support from its executive team—with a Captain at the jail, and a Captain at patrol.

**Reentry Services – Chair**

Chair Solomon announced ground had been broken on Sponsors' tiny house project; he offered that construction was scheduled to begin in the beginning of May 2019, but the permitting process was taking longer than anticipated. Chair Solomon said that, after talking with the general contractor for the tiny house project, he was told the total budget for subcontractors for the project came in almost 50% higher than the original job budget.

**Victim Services**

Ms. Sowards, reporting for Sarah Stewart on the community based victim services programs, said the Kids FIRST fundraising event Winetasia, was scheduled for July 27, 2019. She reported that Womenspace had been actively doing new hiring, promoting Kat Harrison to Programs Director and hiring a new Grants and Housing Administrator, and soon, a new Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator. Sexual Assault Support Services had coordinated the Take Back the Night March in partnership with the ASUO Women's Center. Siuslaw Outreach Center was working with county and coastal community partners to establish a mobile Mental Health Crisis Response Team.

### **City of Florence**

Ms. Reynolds expressed support for the mobile Mental Health Crisis Response Team coming together in Florence. She announced the Rhododendron Festival was happening this week, and she thanked LCSO and the Eugene Police Department (EPD) for assisting with public safety in Florence during that event.

### **Lane County Public Defender**

Mr. Homan said his office was awaiting results from Ways and Means because there was a State Bill in the works that could possibly restructure Public Defender Services so they would become State employees. The transition could begin with a pilot county or counties. He offered that same Bill would most likely cap the Public Defender caseload.

Chair Solomon asked, if the bill Mr. Homan mentioned did go into effect, when would the subsequent changes actually be realized.

Mr. Homan replied that no one was able to give his office a solid timeline as of yet.

Judge Vogt wondered if a fiscal impact study had been done on this proposed legislation.

Mr. Homan said the current and tentative answer to that question was \$50 million.

### **Springfield Police Department**

Chief Lewis said that SPD had finished its budget process, and for the first time he remembered in ten years, SPD was not holding positions open but rather they would be trying to fill those positions. He added that SPD was currently down approximately nine positions.

### **Health and Human Services – Mental Health**

Ms. Gaffney said her office had been spending a lot of time recently on the intersection between behavioral health, homelessness, and the criminal justice system. She announced that the joint elected officials gave HHS the go-ahead to implement Housing and Homelessness Systems Transformation. Ms. Gaffney said it was her belief the County Budget Committee would approve a \$1 million allotment for improvements in Lane County's Behavioral Health Crisis System.

### **Lane County Circuit Court**

Judge Vogt announced that Lane County Circuit Court's Drug Court was celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She said that Governor Brown had recently appointed Judge Josephine Mooney to the Oregon Court of Appeals, and Judge Mooney would be leaving Lane County Circuit Court at the end of May resulting in a judicial vacancy.

Chair Solomon wondered about the historic timeline of such appointments.

Judge Vogt said it varied greatly.

Finally, Judge Vogt announced the Pacific Northwest Crab Boil was on Saturday, May 18. She said the selected charity for this year's event was Kids' FIRST.

### **Citizen Member**

Mr. English announced the advent of the Spreading Kindness Campaign in Lane County. He offered the goal of the campaign was to make Eugene and Springfield Cities of Kindness. Mr. English said the campaign was running between now and November 2020. He said he would be following up with the Lane County DA's Office and the LCSO.

Commissioner Bozievich exited the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Chair Solomon asked if there were any updates on the courthouse levy.

Judge Vogt offered that Mr. Hargreaves would be on KPNW on Friday, May 17 to discuss the levy further.

Ms. Gaffney exited the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

**VI. Committee Reports** (continued from above)

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

There was no Behavioral Health & Criminal Justice Workgroup report.

**C. Juvenile Committee Report**

Ms. Frener reported that recently a group in the Salem-Keizer area of Marion County had developed a threat assessment system regarding school safety, and that group was invited down to Lane County to present the system to the Juvenile Committee.

**D. Reentry Task Force Report**

There was no Reentry Task Force report

**E. Workplan Workgroup Report**

There was no Workplan Workgroup report

**VII. Public Safety Program Highlight: Sponsors Mentorship Program**

Ms. Mamac offered the PSCC a report and Power Point presentation on the Sponsors Mentorship Program.

Mr. Dumire offered that the Sponsors Mentorship Program was one of the only viable options to address antisocial peers for persons returning to the Lane County community from prison or jail.

Ms. Perlow asked if the participation numbers in the Mentorship Program were historical, or were they representative of new participants only.

Ms. Mamac said it was only new participants.

Chair Solomon asked Ms. Mamac if she would talk about gender in regards to the higher number of women volunteer mentors applying to the Program.

Ms. Mamac said there was evidence that women are more willing to donate their time to causes such as the Mentorship Program. She added that over the past three years, the Program had been able to recruit more men for volunteer positions.

Ms. Reynolds asked if the Mentorship program included all of Lane County.

Ms. Mamac replied the Mentorship Program served Eugene-Springfield and surrounding areas. She said a couple of years ago, the Mentorship Program began a grant funding relationship with the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF), and the latter helped to fund travel expenses so mentors could still reach their mentees even if they have since moved out of the Eugene-Springfield area.

Chief Larson asked where the Mentorship Program recruited mentors.

Ms. Mamac said the program attends Rotary Club and Lions' Club meetings, and other service clubs in the area. She said the Mentorship Program usually had a table at local events, such as the Wildflower Festival.

Mr. English asked if the Mentorship Program spoke to religious congregations.

Ms. Mamac said they did.

Mr. Dumire pointed out the Sponsors Mentorship Program had volunteer mentors, while most like programs had paid mentors with caseloads.

Judge Vogt exited the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Sheriff Harrold exited the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

#### **VIII. Legislative Update**

Chair Solomon offered the PSCC a legislative update.

Mr. Homan pointed out that since the state mental hospital was overcrowded, people found unfit to stand trial were no longer being transported there. He said the current backlog of the aforementioned people was 53 individuals, statewide. Mr. Homan said the State has not complied with an existing mandate to transport those persons to the state mental hospital within seven days of their trial, and instead they end up in county facilities.

Ms. Perlow said there were two pending lawsuits on the matter.

Mr. Homan said the Lane County Public Defender's Office had filed a contempt proceeding against the State, vis-à-vis the latter's noncompliance with the aforementioned mandate.

Ms. Moloney offered that tele-evaluations to determine fitness to stand trial were now being done from inside the Lane County Jail, and that was helping the process to move along at a better pace.

#### **IX. Grant Update**

Ms. Sowards offered the PSCC a grant update.

#### **X. Adjourn**

Chair Solomon adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

*(Recorded by Rodney Cimburke)*