

Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) for Lincoln County

Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2017

Present: See Sign In / Quorum Cover Sheet.

Welcome and Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- 1) D.A. Michelle Branam welcomed council members.
- 2) Meeting Minutes from 5/26/17 were approved (with note that there was a quorum reached at that meeting). Connell moved to approve and Swanson seconded. Votes were unanimous to adopt.

Justice Reinvestment 2015-17 Carryover Funding:

1) Lisa Norton (My Sisters' Place Executive Director):

The letter requesting funding for new flooring in the shelter was discussed. Lisa Norton explained briefly that My Sisters' Place sees a little over 100 people a year at their shelter. They are at capacity nearly almost all of the time. To pay for the replacement of the flooring would be a serious deficit. She has already accessed private foundation money to do other necessary upgrades to the shelter. If they don't replace the flooring now, it will cost much more later, as moisture is seeping below the existing flooring and causing dry rot, especially in the kitchen and bathroom areas. They are looking at commercial grade flooring that would last 25 years – a one-time ask for funds. The floor quote attached is actually not the correct quote (she wants sheet flooring; not tile flooring). As long as they have the existing tile in, there is potential for more moisture / dry rot problems in addition to the kitchen and bathroom issues. MSP asked, therefore, for a Not to Exceed amount of \$33,000.

2) Paul Schrader (Children's Advocacy Center Director):

The letter requesting funding to support an administrative assistant to bill insurance and handle intake, scheduling, and client information in order to change how they provide direct services was discussed. The request was for \$40,126.50. The center does forensic interviews, specialized medical evaluations, family support, advocacy, and counseling services and funding for these from state and federal grants has decreased in the last few years from 60% of the budget to 30% of the budget. The Center has run a deficit and is now trying to address this by focusing on moving towards a medical model where a medical professional is available at least half time. Having the child medical exam done at the center by someone trained to look at signs of child abuse is better than having it done in ER at the hospital and allows the center to bill medical insurance for these exams. The medical billing is critical to getting some stable money in. In order to accomplish this, an administrative assistant would be needed. Matching funds to complete funding for this position would be applied for in the first 2 years of the position. The

Center meets all 4 of the JRI goals (some long term and some immediate impact, like public safety and holding offenders accountable).

3) Suzi Gonzales (Lincoln County Community Corrections Director):

All of the Carryover money, about \$243,000, is being requested to partially purchase a house for women's transitional housing to address the women getting out of prison. Community Justice would use other funding to staff it and do any remodel or work on it. Our county is sending more women to prison than the baseline. Someone last LPSCC meeting suggested looking at women's transitional housing. This house that was recently located will accommodate 6 women. She put a contingent offer on it. The \$243,000 won't cover the total expense, but she would cover the rest with her budget. The programming would be the same as the males, but the housing would be different. It is zoned residential and in Newport on SE 1st near Fogarty. In the next JRI funding she will be asking for another part time position but she has money in her own budget to hire another tech if that falls through. There is not enough money in her current budget to buy even half this house without this one time money, but she has money to staff it and repair it. The group discussed the request.

4) Sheriff Landers:

Asked if a vote could be taken after making a motion on adopting one of the proposals. Sheriff Landers made a motion that this LPSCC make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to use all of the 2015-17 Justice Reinvestment Carryover money to purchase a Female Transitional House identified by Community Corrections. Laura Swanson seconded. 14 of the 16 voted to adopt the motion. It passed.

2017-19 Community Corrections Plan

1) Suzi Gonzales:

Every 2 years she has to have a detailed plan of how she will use her state funds for Community Corrections. She includes other pieces of her overall Community Corrections in the plan, even if they are not using the state funds. For instance, the County agreed to fund a ½-time Domestic Violence Probation Officer, which could not be funded with state funds because most DV cases are misdemeanors.

2) Chief Enyeart moved to approve the Community Corrections 2017-19 Plan.

Sheriff Landers seconded. Votes were 100% to approve.

2017-19 Justice Reinvestment Plan

1) Suzi Gonzales:

The 2015-17 JRI money was used for operations of the current transitional center. A probation officer oversees those living there. The reason we have the carryover is because the operations of that center didn't get up and running until much later than anticipated. Her 2017-19 JRI Proposal will be that we continue that funding for operations of the men's transitional housing. If the group wants to look at giving our victims services non-profits 13% instead of the minimum 10%, she can look at including that in her application that is due 8/31/17. The group discussed 13% or higher (15%) going to our victims services non-profits.

2) Michelle Branam:

We can make suggestions of what percentage we would like to go to Victims groups at this meeting, but those groups will have to apply for the funds. So it may be that the LPSCC Grant Subcommittee will make the call on how to split those funds between victim services non-profits based on these discussions today.

3) Bill Hall:

Made a motion that this committee supports up to 13% of the 2017-19 JRI money going to victim's services non-profits. This would tell the Grant Subcommittee that it can be in the 10 to 13% range based on final applications and evaluations (due 8/31/17). Sheriff Landers seconded. More discussion ensued regarding 13% versus 15% and what those amounts would be to each victims group per year and how high we could go with that percentage of set aside from the grant money. 11 voted to adopt the motion, 3 voted no, and 1 abstained. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Email Anna if you have items you would like put on the next meeting's Agenda. We will try to fit what we can in and if we can't get to your item, will put it on the next Agenda.
- 2) The Grant Subcommittee will need to meet and resolve the final numbers for the 2017-19 Justice Reinvestment Proposal before due date of 8/31/17.

NEXT Meeting will be September 29, 2017 at 10:30am