

# **Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) for Lincoln County**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**September 29, 2017**

**Present:** See Sign In / Quorum Cover Sheet.

### **Welcome and Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- 1) Guy Greco, Council Chair, welcomed council members started brief introductions by each of the council members.
- 2) Meeting Minutes from 7/27/17 were approved.

### **Update/Presentation re Sequential Intercept Mapping:**

Sequential Intercept Mapping is a tool for developing criminal justice and mental health resource partnerships to identify resources and opportunities at each of six “intercept” points, where persons suffering with mental illness come into contact with the community health & criminal justice system.

Bill Hall: Introduction to the Sequential Intercept Mapping program. He discussed the impetus behind the interest in such a program and steps that would be required to implement changes. He discussed the prevalence of SIM programs in the United States and introduced the six intercepts and the resources that play a role in each stage. The long range goal and vision of the program were also introduced.

Steve Sparks: Discussed the methodology of examining the existing landscape and resources with regard to persons suffering from mental illness in the county. He discussed the goals of Jail Diversion, Jail Re-entry Transitioning and Community Treatment Continuum working together to address the issue of keeping the mentally ill from progressing through or even out of the “system”.

Sheriff Landers: Discussed current jail/detention issue with regard to mentally ill inmates and the importance of catching these persons at the Intercept 0 stage, using community mental health resources, prior to introduction into the criminal justice system, to help keep the mentally ill out of the criminal justice system. He also stressed that the LPSCC should be the driving force behind moving SIM in Lincoln County.

### **Update/Presentation re Pre-Trial Justice Training**

Guy Greco: Discussed the training he attended regarding systems to replace money bail. Such systems are currently in use in Yamhill and Clatsop counties in Oregon. The idea behind the program is to create a matrix to determine whether or not the correct offenders are being held. The current system of money bail discriminates against the poor and does not differentiate between

those that are more likely to fail to appear or reoffend while awaiting court. Such a tool could allow the county to release more offenders, increase appearance rates in released offenders and lessen recidivism during pre-trial release. However, to use such a tool, data must be gathered and funding and support must be provided to manage and effect the system. A grant application should be prepared and there is federal money available for these types of programs.

Lesley Ogden: Indicated Samaritan is looking to be a better partner for both Pre-Trial Justice and SIM programs by hiring psych staff and implementing telepsychiatry at the hospital.

### **Eclipse Debriefing**

The general consensus was that the eclipse preparations and plan implementations were a terrific and important “practice session” for emergency management, law enforcement, city and county agencies. Several members noted the terrific cooperation between agencies and resources during the entire process. Lesley Ogden and Cheryl Connell both discussed how their respective agencies both were able to use this opportunity to practice staffing and potentially operating under emergency conditions. Robert Gambino noted that Depoe Bay used only half of its eclipse budget and half of that was spent on permanent resources that give the city a head start for the next big event. Gerald Stanley noted that a big hit was taken by the local businesses, due to the absence of visitors and outstanding preparedness of the local population.

### **Member Updates**

Guy Greco, Defense Counsel: Indigent defense proposal signed yesterday. Program is swamped with cases and the new contract provides enough funds to hire one new defense lawyer. The search for a new attorney is underway, with the hope of someone starting in January.

Dr. Lesley Ogden, Samaritan Hospital: Gave construction update with the good news that as of the meeting date, Newport hospital construction is on schedule. However, Lincoln City will voluntarily delay construction with the hope of attracting construction talent as the Newport project completes.

Tara Williams, Oregon Youth Authority: Noted the Hillcrest facility has been closed and resources shifted to McClaren, which is now the intake for males into OYA. The North Coast youth correctional facility in Warrenton will be closing this weekend and is not being reserved for future use.

Susan Graves, Lincoln County School District: Threat Assessment program was implemented, even absent funding from the legislature. It is now one year old and the initial reports are that it is going very well. The addition of a school resource deputy for Toledo and Waldport means that now all of the schools in the county are covered by law enforcement. Training is underway for the implementation of the School Safety Tip Line.

Cheryl Connell, Lincoln County Health & Human Services: The county’s crisis respite house, which was purchased last December needs remodeling in order to meet state licensing requirements. It is still

unclear if the amount of remodeling needed will require multiple bids. The house will have 5 beds for crisis respite and will also eventually house a mobile crisis team.

Robert Gambino, City Councilor, Depoe Bay: Reported that the City of Depoe Bay is very happy with their relationship with the Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police.

Suzi Gonzales, Lincoln County Community Justice: Submitted grant proposal for JRI funds for the female offender transition home. Submitted grant proposal through JRI this week for \$7 million for downward departure screening, which is designated for personnel, one designated DDA position and one probation officer. This would be implemented with the goal of sending less people through to prison, as Lincoln County percentages are currently too high.

Michelle Branam, Lincoln County District Attorney: Drug court received more money than expected, so it can continue to make progress.

Hon. Sheryl Bachart, Lincoln County Circuit Court: The courts are struggling with the implementation of the requirements recently handed down from the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit that each inmate be granted an additional hearing to determine whether they can appear in court with or without constraints. This created a large amount of additional hearings and paperwork for the court. Judge Bachart also informed that she was part of a committee that will be implementing statewide standards for case progression/timelines. Expect to see this soon.

Lt. Jamie Russell, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office: Discussed the effect of the new inmate shackling requirements on the jail, especially on staffing. It was noted that the court has set up an additional room for video hearings. The jail lobby is currently being remodeled to provide better office space and safer working area for jail reception staff. The jail also recently restructured its supervisory staff by deleting two corporal positions in order to add one sergeant position. The jail currently has one vacancy and the patrol division currently has three vacant positions. She also reminded that the Sheriff's Office, specifically Sheriff Landers, is looking for members to form a citizens' review committee to assist with regard to the levy that is seeking specific dedicated funding for the jail.

Lt. Cari Boyd, Oregon State Police: OSP received some new positions, but no money to fund them. Due to the impact of the fires in Oregon on OSP budget, the office is currently tightening its belt, and currently there is a temporary hold on hirings. It was noted that due to the presence of law enforcement around the state during the weekend of the eclipse, there was not a single traffic fatality in Oregon that Friday through Monday. As soon as law enforcement presence returned to normal, the rate of traffic fatalities jumped right back up. Also, there was a reminder that the new cell phone law goes into effect on October 1, with the note that the third offense is a misdemeanor.

Linda Gast, Domestic Violence Council: Is retiring from her position at Legal Aid. Her position on the LPSCC is as a member of the Domestic Violence Council. The Domestic Violence Council has or will ask for an appointment of another member of the DV Council to the LPSCC. October is Domestic Violence Month.

Gerald Stanley, Mayor, City of Yachats: Mentioned homelessness problem. Will be looking for increased sheriff activity and expects Yachats may be looking at contract with the Sheriff's Office.

Laura Swanson, City Councilor, City of Newport: Newport hired new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Regina Martinez.

Mark Buchholz, Willamette Valley Communications Center: WVCC ran dispatch from Newport during Eclipse event and noted that it was a great learning experience.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) Email Michelle Maresco, [mmaresco@co.lincoln.or.us](mailto:mmaresco@co.lincoln.or.us), if you have items you would like put on the next meeting's Agenda.

**NEXT Meeting will be December 1, 2017 at 10:30am**